

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda Villanueva

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 03:24 PM

Council File No: 17-0981

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Brenda Villanueva. I am a member of the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (LA DAPA). I'm here to ask the PLUM committee to reconsider moving forward Council File 17-0981, otherwise known as the Restaurant Beverage Program. As an alliance, we are concerned that with this program's accelerated process, it is taking away the much needed community input. Community input on where these alcohol licenses are placed is extremely important and taking that away allows for the communities to be overrun with alcohol licenses. This is why we are here to ask to include community input into the applicant process and allow them to have their voices heard throughout a restaurant seeking approval through this program.

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Name: Donna Heydar

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 03:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Donna Heydar. I'm here to ask the PLUM committee to reconsider moving forward Council File 17-0981, otherwise known as the Restaurant Beverage Program. As many of you know, LA has trouble with the overconcentration of alcohol licenses, and this program will only increase this issue. Although the Restaurant Beverage Program is only subjected to restaurants, the accelerated process will allow restaurants to enter an already crowded city consumed by alcohol licenses. Therefore, we are here to ask that you reconsider moving forward the Restaurant Beverage Program and take into account our concerns.

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Name: Jorge Castillo

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 03:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jorge Castillo, I am the advocacy director at alcohol justice and a member of the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance. We oppose item 9 because there are too many unresolved social justices, historical, regulatory and enforcement issues associated with alcohol licensing and conditional use permitting. According to our research and the CDC the cost of alcohol to LA city and county is 2 billion dollars a year and 6 people die each day from health and violent harms associated with alcohol each day. Alcohol sales give a negative return to LA City residents. This ordinance is subsidizing the restaurant industry at tax payers' expense and ignores public health. However, if this ordinance moves forward, we recommend making the sensitive use portion of the RBP stronger. We want to thank the city planning department for engaging community in the development of this ordinance.

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Name: Silverio Pelayo

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 03:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Restaurant Beverage Program which seeks to fast-track alcohol licensing in the City of LA poses many public health dangers to the neighborhoods throughout the city. Research has shown that over-concentrated areas tend to experience higher crime rates and more public health concerns such as public nuisance, DUIs and petty crimes. Although the program is primarily focused on restaurants, bringing in additional alcohol licenses into an already over-concentrated city doesn't allow for the communities' well-being to better itself.

Communication from Public

Name: sandy logan

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 01:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Sandy Logan. I am a member of the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (LA DAPA). I'm here to ask the PLUM committee to reconsider moving forward Council File 17-0981, otherwise known as the Restaurant Beverage Program. As many of you know, LA has trouble with the overconcentration of alcohol licenses, and this program will only increase this issue. Although the Restaurant Beverage Program is only subjected to restaurants, the accelerated process will allow restaurants to enter an already crowded city consumed by alcohol licenses. Therefore, I am here to ask that you reconsider moving forward the Restaurant Beverage Program and take into account our concerns.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruben Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 01/18/2022 05:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Restaurant Beverage Program under the guise of helping small restaurants to survive by fast tracking liquor licenses to them is a total farce. This is just helping the liquor the liquor industry increase the the number of liquor outlets by using small restaurants as liquor outlets in the communities of color. It's an insidious plan that allows more liquor licenses in low income communities by circumventing the community input process that is already in place to protect our communities. It was disappointing to hear the council members on the PLUM committee supporting this under the guise of helping the restaurant economically. I heard how this is going to help Los Angeles continue to be the foodie capitol of the world by serving liquor at restaurants and absolutely no mention of improving the quality of the food served or improving their customer service to attract more clients. Also, the elected officials spout out how this helps the restaurants economically during the COVID pandemic but no mention of the negative health impacts over-saturation of alcohol outlets has on our communities. They make a ridiculous argument that you help alleviate the problems of one disease by helping to promote another disease that is alcoholism.