

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I own two small restaurants: one in District #4 and one in District #13. The second one was in operation for only 3.5 months. I have 35 employees at one restaurant and 65 employees at the other. The majority of my employees are very part-time, working less than 20 hours a week. We have always complied with paid sick leave -- when an employee is, in fact, sick and unable to come to work. Right now, there IS no work. This is a mandatory closure. We are not generating any revenue right now. There is no money in the bank. Independent restaurants like mine simply do sit on piles of cash. I paid myself \$35,000 a year for over two years, so I'm no mogul. Restaurants are a business designed to pay last month's bills today. So since this closure, you cannot imagine the lengths I have gone to in the past 10 days — with two businesses not in operation — to ensure that my staff of 100 employees would receive a paycheck today that would clear for their final week of work. Even with donations, I am still in the red. If by law under ITEM #4, you demand that we pay TWO weeks' worth of sick leave to all 100 of my employees — well, you will surely be looking at a city that you will not recognize: All of the businesses that you love and support will all be gone. You will have forced all of us to vanish and self-destruct in bankruptcy. The families you say you care so much for: They will not have jobs. Ultimately, what our employees want is for us to have the fighting chance to re-open again. So all of us can have jobs again. Restaurants are a challenging business to explain. All of us want to try help to help the council members better understand our business, so you can better help us. We trust that you have our best interest in mind.