

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I own a restaurant in the community of Silver Lake located at 1620 Silver Lake Blvd. In light of the Local, State and National States of Emergency surrounding the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), as well as Mayor Garcetti's executive order essentially closing all bars and restaurants but for takeaway service, we are forced to temporarily suspend restaurant operations. For many of us, the damage and the closure could be permanent due to the extreme financial hardships that small businesses like restaurants uniquely face. Everything we have is invested in our businesses. Continued rent costs, insurance fees, and city-dictated service and utility bills will force many in our industry to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to small hospitality businesses and help to protect us, and our workers, from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us? Thank you, Heather Sperling, owner, Botanica restaurant