

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Ahkiam

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 05:11 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Thank you to the leaders in the LA City Council for their consideration of the social and economic well-being of our fellow Angelenos as well as our collective public health. I am in strong support of immediate protections for renters and workers economically impacted by COVID-19 being discussed at the March 16th council hearing. These protections should include: - Eviction/foreclosure moratoriums, including for small businesses and extended to those economically impacted, not only those directly infected with COVID-19, - Sanitation (handwashing stations, vermin control, dumpsters, etc.) and temporary housing for houseless people, including protections like allowing people to sleep in their car and an end to 56.11 enforcement that makes sheltering-in-place/social distancing impossible, - 14 days/80 hours of sick time for all workers, - Adequate time for hand-washing - 30 minutes across a day's work, - Right of recall to their jobs for laid off workers, - Retention of workers if a company is sold, - "Just cause" termination protections, including protections for those who must take time off to care for themselves or sick family members, and - Exploration of cash assistance programs for those who can't access unemployment insurance such as street vendors and freelancers - an estimated 1 million in LA County work in the informal economy. Sincerely, Lauren Ahkiam

Communication from Public

Name: Lien Ta

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I own a restaurant called All Day Baby in the community of Silver Lake located at 3200 W Sunset Blvd and another restaurant called Here's Looking At You in the community of Koreatown at 3901 W 6th St. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Francesconi

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have 3 restaurants in the community of Echo Park located at 1538 Sunset Blvd - Bar Flores, Lowboy, and Adamae. And 1 in Little Tokyo in DTLA located at 366 2nd St - Wolf & Crane. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. 50+ of our employees, Angelenos, will all be on unemployment by day's end. Everything we have is invested in our business. Our cash flow is 6 weeks long. Continuing rent, insurance and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you for considering how large and important an industry this is to the character and success of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Zak Fishman

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I have a restaurant in the Little Tokyo neighborhood of DTLA in councilmember Huizar's district. The recent Corona Virus pandemic has hit us hard and without strong support from our local government us and many other restaurants will almost certainly go out of business. We need local government to step in and help anyway they can, but most importantly by working with landlords to extend rent periods. Other helpful areas would be sales tax extensions, utility payment plans etc. Thank you for your consideration!

Communication from Public

Name: Micah wexler

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear councilman Huizar My restaurant, Wexlers deli is located in the historic Grand Central Market. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard and we have been forced to close completely for business. I have had to furlough my staff and do not know when we will be able to reopen. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. Everything we have is invested in our business. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. I am hardly the only one in this position. We need help badly. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. We have always been there to support and serve our community and now we need the community to support us. Thank you, Micah Wexler

Communication from Public

Name: Kristel Arabian

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:26 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a small business that works with restaurants in the Los Angeles community. Since the Coronavirus pandemic my business and our local restaurants have been hit very hard. The recent forced closures are putting restaurants and now my business in financial ruin. I will not be paid for thousands of what's owed to me for 2020 and I will not be working on any future projects for the foreseeable future Everything I have is invested in my business. Continuing rent and utilities will force restaurants to bankruptcy. Then my business will go into bankruptcy. I'm now working pro bono with any and all restaurants in need of my help. They need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Octavio Olivas

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I own Ceviche Project a restaurant in Silver Lake located at LA County. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard dropping sales significantly. I voluntarily close the restaurant last Friday. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. Everything we have is invested in our business. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Please help & take action! Best, Octavio Olivas Ceviche Project

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Baxley

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 10:47 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I own The Teragram Ballroom and The Moroccan Lounge, two popular live music venues near downtown Los Angeles. We are well known in the music industry, and well loved by music fans and musicians worldwide. The recent forced closures of nightclubs and music venues have created unsurmountable challenges for my businesses, which we cannot overcome without help from local representatives. We cannot survive weeks or possibly months with zero income. There is no way we will make it. We employ scores of people, all of who are applying for Unemployment benefits at this very moment. The economic fallout of this Closure is astounding, nothing like we've ever seen in our lifetime. I am begging all local representatives to assist us in any way possible. Our financial obligations of rent, utilities, Insurance, taxes, subscriptions, licensing fees, outstanding bills, salaries, and other expenses to keep a business alive with zero income presents an impossible financial predicament. We will die if these closures are not lifted soon. Otherwise a massive Infusion of relief capital must be available to businesses like ours. You are witnessing the beginning of the greatest recession in recent history. I was operating bars in New York during 9/11 and in LA during the financial crisis of 2008; this time is far more scary, nothing like I've ever seen. Action must be taken immediately. Sincerely, Joe Baxley

Communication from Public

Name: zachary pollack
Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 11:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I own two restaurants in your district: Alimento in Silver Lake and Cosa Buona in Echo Park. I am aware that there are many industries affected by COVID-19, but we restaurants are on the front lines and with little to no reserves (as virtually all of us have none), all of us are in SERIOUS trouble right now. We have been forced to close for the common good--which I wholeheartedly support--but so far it seems there is little relief in sight for employers. Unabated rent costs and city utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help, now more than ever. I can say without exaggeration that many of the restaurants that closed today will never reopen. Period. But if there is not some legislation to ease the acute burdens on our industry right now, it will be not just a plurality but a majority of restaurants that never see another service. These are trying times for all of us, but sadly, my industry does not have the powerful lobbies of others. Can I count on your support?

Communication from Public

Name: Josef Centeno

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 11:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I own 3 small restaurants in Downtown Los Angeles. I opened my first restaurant on the corner of 4th and Main in 2011 and have been proud to be a part of the Los Angeles restaurant community since. In light of the unprecedented States of Emergency surrounding the novel coronavirus outbreak, 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. As a small business owner the damage and the closure could be permanent due to the extreme financial hardships that businesses like restaurants uniquely face. Everything I have is invested in my businesses. Not to mention the 94 people I employ who count on my business, and the countless purveyors and businesses that my restaurants help to support. Continued rent costs and city-dictated utility bills will force me to bankruptcy. I'm asking for our local + federal governments to help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. We need help, or many of us won't make it back. Thank You, Josef Centeno Baco Mercat Bar Ama Orsa & Winston

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 11:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I own a restaurant in the community of East Hollywood located at 4648 Hollywood Blvd and 4666 Hollywood Blvd as well as Downtown at 317 S Broadway. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need our local and federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from mass closures, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us? Thank you for your part in helping to bring our city back to life after all this. Kindly, Sara Kramer

Communication from Public

Name: Carole Iida

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 11:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I own a restaurant in the community of Palms in Los Angeles located at 3455 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2020 11:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please please please!!!! We need assistance!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Kyle Glanville

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:03 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To the council office, I am one of the owners of Go Get Em Tiger. We are a local success story who have built 8 cafes in and for Los Angeles and we are on the verge of opening our 9th in Culver City. We operate at Grand Central Market (under the name G&B Coffee), at the Music Center, in the Arts District, in the new ROW DTLA development, in East Hollywood on the border of Los Feliz, in Highland Park, and in Larchmont Village. Our shops are vibrant community hubs serving our own roasted coffee, housemade pastry and breakfast and lunch. In 2014 the New York Times called our iced latte "The Best Iced Latte in America" and the LA Times recently wrote a feature on our business. While we have had success, we have built this company brick by brick, and the recent closures imperil the future of our business and the livelihoods of our team. Making payroll and rent and covering other basic bills with little or no income is an impossible thought. Picking up the pieces when the pandemic has past is also impossible to imagine. I'm writing because we need help from the city, the county, the state and our country to ensure my business and many others like it are not sunk by the outbreak. I appreciate your consideration. In good health, Kyle Glanville / Go Get Em Tiger

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Frizzell
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:07 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council of Los Angeles, I have a restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles civic center/bunker hill since 2006. The Coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating effect on my business and my employees. The forced closures have put me on the edge of financial ruin. Everything my wife and I have is invested in our Restaurant. It is ours and our four children's only source of income. Continuing rent and utilities for our home and for our work will force us into bankruptcy protection. We need help. We need your help. We need for you, our local government, to protect us and aid us during this state of emergency weather caused by acts of nature or the decision politicians have made to mitigate said acts. We need your protection from evictions, credit reporting from vendors and the like. we should have a hard date we can reopen by no matter what. I also believe there should be a moratorium on new businesses and old businesses being sold to opportunists at rock bottom prices after the crisis, for 2 years. So that we the hospitality industry are protected from people who may want to take advantage of us in our time of need. We need you to aid us. With money. Money to stay afloat. Money to pay our staff. Money to reopen. These moneys should not be in the form of loans but instead grants. Most of us will be in debt for many years from this political decision. We don't need more loans for businesses that we don't know when or if we are going to be able to open. When this crisis subsides, what kind of city do you want as Angelenos? One with a vibrant entrepreneurial hospitality industry? Or a city only for the rich and poor? The faster we get open, safely, and the more of us left that can open; the faster the whole city will recover. I pray you do right by us whose dreams and futures you've taken into your hands with these closures.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:17 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: So far we as a community are currently suffering tremendously from the coronavirus and this only the beginning. How long does the city plan on keeping businesses closed for and what will our government do to help subsidize everyone's income, rent, mortgages and so on? We all need answers and help ASAP!

Communication from Public

Name: Tito Hernandez
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:20 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I work in a bar in the community of Hollywood. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Montano
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:21 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member Cedillo, I am the Chef/Owner of Otoño here in Highland Park at 5715 N. Figueroa at the Frank's Camera Building. I'm writing you tonight to express my concern for our local restaurant and bar community. I closed my doors yesterday and had to lay off my entire team of 31 hardworking, incredible people. A lot of my team live in Highland Park and their lives revolve around the local business and their place of work. The damage to my business from the mandate can be permanent unless we can find some kind of aid to support us through this crisis. With rent coming due and utilities to pay, we fear we will be forced to file bankruptcy and not be able to recover from all of this. My staff have bills, families, and rent to pay as well. I'm asking that you represent me, my team and my peers in the restaurant and bar community in Highland Park and ask for aid for our workers and our small businesses. We love our community and love being part of the growth and development of Highland Park, we don't want this to take the wind out of our sails, instead we want to be able to come together with our community and our local officials and focus on solutions. Thank you for your time and thank you for the work you do for Highland Park. Please keep me and my 31 employees in mind, we are putting our faith and trust in you to help us. God bless! And thank you! Teresa Montano
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Communication from Public

Name: Cinthya

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I work at a restaurant in the community of Hollywood located LA- CA. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

Communication from Public

Name: megan gaver

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:29 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hi I manage a nightclub and restaurant in Hollywood. I'm writing to seek your assistance in supporting the measures to help our industry in this emergency time. The closures that have been recommended have impacted and will continue to impact our businesses substantially. Tens of thousands of people rely on the hospitality industry and the business that we generate to sustain their lives and survive. We need help from the city and state to help us in the temporary and in the long run to keep our doors open, and to continue to be able to pay our bills and staff. Please take into consideration the importance of our industry and all of the people who rely on it. Thanks so much.

Communication from Public

Name: Liat
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:35 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I work at a concert venue in the Hollywood located at 1642 N Las Palmas, Los Angeles 90028. 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, clubs, concert venues, and restaurants but for takeaway service, we are forced to temporarily suspend operation. However, for many of us, the damage and the closure could be permanent due to the extreme financial hardships that small businesses like clubs uniquely face. Everything we have is invested in our businesses. Continued rent costs and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us? Please, please share! Thank you so much

Communication from Public

Name: Evan Bernardin
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:45 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am writing to ask for your support at tomorrow's town hall meeting. Specifically, I'm asking for you to please do whatever you can to protect employees that work in the nightlife and hospitality industries. An entire industry is collapsing which is leaving hundreds and thousands of people out of work. We need your help in getting some kind of assistance or legislation in place that will protect us in these hard times. I have no idea how I will be paying my rent at the end of the month. I am very troubled and would love to see something happen at tomorrow's meeting that lights a fire in the city council to take action in protecting our once thriving industry. Thank. you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name: Stan Weightman Jr

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:47 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: We are on the precipice of a catastrophic economic crisis, the likes of which our generation, and perhaps the Nation, has never seen. Our small business survived the Great Recession of 2008, but despite our resilience, it is already clear that without action from the government, we're unlikely to make it through this time. When we survived a financial crisis brought on by the recklessness and lawlessness of the financial sector, we and many of our customers were collectively suffering, and we had to find ways to adapt to work within those realities. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation is very different. Many people seem mostly concerned about how to pass the time in isolation, either on leave, or adapting to working from home. But for those of us in the hospitality business, our restaurants and cafes don't exist in a vacuum. When our leaders tell us we must close for the greater good and safety of our communities, we do, but we do so knowing that we may never be able to reopen, without a real and expansive commitment from the government. Decisive action was taken by Gov. Newsom to extend UI benefits, so workers who are laid off or furloughed have less time to wait to receive assistance. But we need much more. Suspension of mortgage/rent/loans, a move toward a UBI - some of the most necessary actions may need to happen at a Federal level, but we can't assume the White House will do the right thing, or move quickly enough to save the economy. We need our local and state representatives working together, understanding the urgency of the situation, and doing everything in their power to help save our city, and California, from an economic collapse that would destroy the small business community, which is the heart of our economy. We talk about flattening the curve of the pandemic, so that our hospitals aren't overwhelmed, but we also have to buffer our small businesses and workers, so that when the health of our nation recovers, our business community is still standing, and still able to support ourselves, our employees, and our communities.

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Name: Karla Subero Pittol
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:49 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Office, My name is Karla Pittol, I am a chef now working for a restaurant consulting firm based in DTLA that puts small businesses first and helps them open their doors in this very difficult town. I know it's tough because I was entering escrow on a space in 90026 for my own restaurant, a passion project that is on a severe pause right now for the same reason the rest of my sisters and brothers in the hospitality industry are hurting, BAD. I went from having three jobs, to a few hours of one that will surely get cut soon. I relied on ALL those jobs for income and now they are just gone, same for so many people I know. COVID-19 is the reason for a lot of fear that will be leftover even after the virus is contained. My restaurant peers are banding together coming up with solutions to feed people, while trying to stay safe and survive economically in a situation that is beyond anyone's control. Help needs to come from above. Customers are not the solution right now, everyone is vulnerable! Restaurants and hospitality businesses - especially considering the mandated closures - need the bills to freeze. A freeze on rent, utilities, suspension of loan and debt payments, some sort of a bailout package designed for and industry that employs a large and very important part of the workforce. I hope you will think of your favorite restaurant when taking this into consideration. Thank you for reading, Karla Subero Pittol

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 01:55 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Members!!! Please help our small businesses in LA!! I work at SOUND nightclub located at 1642 N. Las Palmas Ave. which was mandated to suspend operations temporarily due to the novel coronavirus outbreak. Since we will not be open for business it potentially could lead to bankruptcy because of the city-dictated utility bills. We as employees do NOT want that to happen!! Please help us!!! We as Angelenos live off our tips and our night jobs to help pay our OWN bills and we need help!! I moved to LA a week ago with a hope and a dream and have been scraping by to make ends meet I'm sure just like my fellow citizens, we need relief from our Council. Please support us and small businesses everywhere!

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 07:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear all members of the City Council office, We have a business in Downtown LA that serves the restaurant industry in LA and is reliant on restaurants and hospitality businesses in order to stay solvent. Since the Coronavirus pandemic, our business and industry has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us on a path towards financial ruin. Clients have stopped paying and canceling our projects. Everything we have is invested in our business, and relies on the financial health of the restaurant & hospitality sector. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We, and our industry need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Please support all the men and women, young and old, who have dedicated their lives to serving others. We thank you for hearing our please for help. Be safe and be well, Jeff.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 07:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I own a restaurant in the community Kali restaurant located at 5722 Melrose av. 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. However, 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 and city-dictated utility bills will force us to bankruptcy. We need your help. We need for our local + federal governments to pay attention to us and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

Communication from Public

Name: Lydia Clarke

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:03 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, I am proprietor and cheesemonger pf dtla cheese and the cheese cave in claremont. We have closed our shop in the historic grand central market and gone curbside in our claremont shop, both of the decisions were heartbreaking and possible will put us out of business. We had to do this for the safety of our employees and community. We operate on an already micro budget and this is devastating. We need help. We need our local government to protect us during this state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you Lydia Clarke

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Negin

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:15 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council, I own 2 bars in CD-13, located at 5125 Hollywood Blvd & 2906 Sunset Blvd. Yesterday I had to lay-off my entire staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Mayor Garcetti's executive order closing all bars. Since we are primarily a front-of-house establishment, we are not able to keep our staff on as we do not offer to-go services (and our CUP does not allow off-site sales). For many of us, the damage and the closure could be permanent due to the extreme financial hardships, razor thin margins, and burdensome regulatory conditions that mom and pop small businesses like restaurants uniquely face. Everything we have is invested in our businesses. We are there working everyday. Continued rent costs and city-dictated bills will force us to bankruptcy. Our employees need your help. They can't go get another job because all the businesses in our industry are closed, and many won't reopen. We need your help. Our community has stepped up showing support, but now it's time for our local + federal governments to step up and help to protect us from this kind of State of Emergency, so clearly out of our control. Can we trust that you will support us?

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Wells
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:25 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: This is a crisis. For us and our friends in hospitality, it's our livelihood. We are not funded by any investors, this is every cent of our past, present and future to feed a community and employ people on razor thin margins. This loss of business and lack of aid, relief, and support is an existential threat to our business and an entire industry. This is life or death for thousands of people in our industry. Our cooks and dishwashers and servers and night cleaners don't have a backup plan. As hard as we try and as much as we can pay them, most entry level kitchen folk work more than one job. And now the rug's been pulled out. There's a deep bench of purveyors and people and companies that support restaurants and hotels. Farmers, ranchers, salespeople who work almost exclusively on commission, people who service dish machines, plumbers... all losing a huge portion of their income at best. We don't want 70% of the US to get sick. We also don't want anyone to lose their homes over this. We want to do the responsible thing to support health and not contribute to the spread of a pandemic AND we need rent relief, support for our employees, and ourselves yesterday. We just laid out the biggest expenditure of our collective careers YESTERDAY to pay income tax, in addition to the obscene payroll and unemployment taxes, on top of worker's comp insurance, combined with insurance to cover everything on earth, except of course this specific event. We need some help for the people that make this city work, and unemployment isn't going to make a dent. Please consider rent relief, unemployment compensation for tipped employees, commercial rent relief, and financial assistance for small business. People are going to be homeless, foodless, and sick. Tyler and Ashley Wells All Time Restaurant

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I support restaurants in the communities of Silver Lake, Downtown, Arts District, Hollywood, Los Feliz and surrounding areas. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurants have been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting everyone in financial ruin. Everything we have is invested in this business. Continuing rent and utilities will force everyone to bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature. Please help.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Quant

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:30 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Office, I have a retail store, LoQ, in the community of Highland Park/Glassell Park located at 2857 West Avenue 35, Los Angeles, CA 90065. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our retail store has been hit hard. The recent forced closures and social distancing are now putting us to financial ruin. Everything we have is invested in our business. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you, LOQ LLC

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Wells

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, My husband and I own All Time restaurant on Hillhurst Ave in Los Feliz. This is unprecedented and is a crisis. For us and our friends in hospitality, our livelihood already depends on thin margins. We are not funded by any investors, this is every cent of our past, present, and what's looking to be a terrifying future. The loss of business without any financial aid, relief package, or support threatens the entire industry. Our cooks and dishwashers and servers and night cleaners don't have a backup plan. We don't want 70% of the US to get sick. We want to abide by the most prudent of cautionary measures to prevent the spread of this pandemic. We want to do the responsible thing to support health and not contribute to the spread of a pandemic We also don't want anyone to become homeless or fail out of society; there is a way to supply support from our leaders and we need rent relief, support for our employees, and ourselves, yesterday. We just laid out the biggest expenditure of our collective careers YESTERDAY to pay income tax, in addition to the obscene payroll and unemployment taxes, on top of worker's comp insurance, combined with insurance to cover everything on earth, except of course this specific event. Not covered in any way. We need some help for the people that make this city work, and unemployment isn't going to make a dent. Please consider rent relief, unemployment compensation for tipped employees, commercial rent and mortgage relief, and financial assistance and stimulus for small business. We are trying to provide for the community, our people, and ourselves. We need leadership and meaningful economic action. People are going to wind up homeless, foodless, and sick. Tyler and Ashley Wells

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a restaurant in the community of Highland Park located at 5629 N. Figueroa Street. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures and take out only measures are now putting us to financial ruin affecting our employees as we navigate these uncharted waters. Everything we have is invested in our business. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We need help. Our local government should protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature with support and relief. -
Alexandro Morales