

Communication from Public

Name: Lex Roman

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:52 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, We need your action fast during this COVID-19 crisis. Many of us on the ground have seen how many people are struggling to make ends meet in this city. This crisis has and will make things significantly worse. Here's what I'd like to see: 1) Enact the ten demands of the Services Not Sweeps Coalition: <https://servicesnotsweeps.com/coronavirus-demands/> 2) A public list of all the available handwashing stations and bathrooms 3) Walk in supply centers for people without permanent housing where they can get emergency supplies 4) Clarity on how the city plans to support our everyone who has lost their job or has had to reduce hours We need your leadership now. Many of us spend our unpaid time trying to help our vulnerable neighbors. We are relatively used to operating without City and County support but during this time, when work is scarce, when wallets are slimmer, when no public spaces are open--we need your assistance. We need your action. Thank you, Lex Roman

Communication from Public

Name: Na Young Ma

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council member Mitch O'Farrell, I am the owner of Proof Bakery in Atwater Village. We understand the need for the City and Mayor Garcetti to protect the city from the spread of the coronavirus, but the impact of these mandatory closures is an extraordinary burden on small businesses and the restaurant service community at large. Yesterday our sales were 40% lower and it is only day one of the closure. Our employees are asking us if we will be closing. They are fearful of the uncertainty of their paychecks. Of course we provide sick pay and additional PTO hours that our business believes in, but that will not be enough if the closures will last beyond two weeks. We need your help and support from our local government to survive this emergency together. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Na Young Ma

Communication from Public

Name: 1933 Group

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need the cities help. Having no income and forced to pay rent and utilities will put many businesses out. We need your help to get some relief. Thank you, Dimitri

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lippman

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a wine bar in the community of Echo Park in Councilman O'Farrell's district. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our bar has been forced to close. We've had to freeze all our billing and release all our employees who have been loyal soldiers to the company for the last 4 1/2 years of our business. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. We are a small operation and everything we have is invested in our business. There needs to be a rent and utility forgiveness during this time for hospitality businesses both in operations and in build/out (pre-opening). And we can not depend on the our landlords to offer rent pauses at their our discretion, we need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you, Michael Lippman
Owner/Bar Bandini

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Dietz
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:05 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I have a restaurant, S?go, located at 4634 Hollywood Blvd. Since the Coronavirus pandemic, our restaurant sales have been decimated. The recent forced closures are now crippling our business, and making it uncertain whether we will be able to reopen. Continuing paying rent and utilities will force us into bankruptcy. We need help. It's not just rent and utility forgiveness we need; we need government help in the form of grants. A lot of talk has been going around about loans, but restaurants already operate at tiny margins, and with so much uncertainty about what the dining landscape will look like when we are allowed to reopen, there's no guarantee we will have the profits to repay a loan. We need our local government to take dramatic and quick action to protect us during this state of emergency. I know there are a tremendous number of factors at play at this time, and I'm sure your office is overwhelmed. Thank you for taking the time to help us.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Rucker

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:05 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I have a restaurant in the community of DTLA located at Grand Central Market Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Jaime Morales Velazquez

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:09 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, My cousins and I have a coffee shop in Highland Park at 5629 N Figueroa street. In order to promote the health and wellness of our community we want to abide by government guidelines. But we also need your help to continue afloat. We have rent and utilities to pay. But most importantly we have individuals that depend on us for a living. For this reason we are requesting the help of our local governments during these trying times caused by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Sue Milliken

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:11 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To my City Council Office, I own a restaurant in the community of DTLA located at 445 S. Figueroa, LA, CA, 90071. 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: Michel Lippman

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:15 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a bar in the community of Glassell Park in Councilman Cedillo's district that is at it's tail end of constrcutioin. Since the Coronavirus pandemic all our workers, shipments and Government permit/licensing has come to a halt. We've had to push back our projected opening date and we're concerned our project budget will not sustain till that time. We are a small operation and everything we have is invested in our business. We have been paying rent on the space yet there needs to be a rent and utility forgiveness during this time for hospitality businesses both in operations and in build/out (pre-opening). And we can not depend on the our landlords to offer rent pauses at their our discretion, we need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you, Michael Lippman Owner/The Grant

Communication from Public

Name: Jared Stanfield

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:23 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mr. Huizar, I am writing you today because I am concerned that we will be delayed even further in our attempts to get the necessary permits we need from the City so that we may begin construction of our venue at 330 South Broadway. We are currently in the last stages of finishing our permitting process with LADBS. As you are well aware of, obtaining permits from Building can be a daunting process and now with the current situation, we may be delayed even further from starting construction. This is very upsetting for us as we are so close to the end of this process. If this does happen, our business will be in critical danger of failure. We are already paying rent with no revenue coming in and if we are delayed, our funds will be exhausted and we will be forced to close before we were even able to open. Not only will our project not opening be a unmitigated disaster for us, it will put at least 30-50 local jobs, both payroll and independent, at risk. In this dire time, los angeles will have to recoup its loss tax revenue once this pandemic is over, helping to get small businesses opened as soon as possible will help in the aftermath. We need the help of our local Government to step in and provide assistance. If we are able to start construction, we will make sure to do our part as citizens and make sure to never have more than 10 people at our site at all times. We are dedicated to our vision of bringing entertainment and adding to the colorful and diverse community that is DTLA. We just want the chance to do so.

Communication from Public

Name: Silvana Naguib

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Silvana Naguib and I'm a supervising staff attorney at Public Counsel. My team is funded by Measure H dollars to provide legal services to people experiencing homelessness and people at imminent risk of homelessness. One of the main things we do is practice in eviction courts, representing low-income and working poor clients in unlawful detainers. Our clients are at great risk of homelessness even with our representation, because they do not earn nearly enough money to comfortably survive in Los Angeles. Los Angeles needs a complete moratorium on evictions, now. Defending against an eviction imperils people's health. The courts have closed, but only for three days thus far. In order to benefit from the mayor's directive and prove that their failure to pay rent is due to COVID-19, tenants will still have to go to court and advocate for themselves. Over 90% of tenants do not have and cannot afford counsel. Even for the fortunate few that do have counsel, like our clients, the operation of law firms and non-profits are severely hamstrung by this crisis. These tenants will have to go to court and try to prove their case. The mayor's order may provide some protection from eviction, for some number of tenants, but it provides no protection from the health hazard of having to go to court. Telephonic appearances are not possible. The unlawful detainer courtrooms are not equipped with the Court Call technology that other many other Superior Court courtrooms use for remote appearances. I was at the Compton courthouse yesterday to appear in three eviction matters. There was a line outside the courthouse hundreds of people long. Even in a separate line for attorneys and jurors, I waited for an hour to get in, in 50-degree weather and occasional drizzle. As I finally approached the security screening, I spoke to a woman approaching the door from the general-public line. She was there with her five children, ages 3-12. She had been waiting in line for two hours. I was packed in the elevator with ten people to go to the 5th floor. Everyone had to ride the elevators, two of which were broken down. No one is permitted to use the stairs. In the courtroom, I sat side by side in the jury box with landlords' attorneys, most of whom are over sixty. Tenants were sitting cheek-to-jowl in the audience. Despite signs in the hallway encouraging litigants to practice social distancing, it was not possible, because there were simply too many people who needed

to be in the courtroom all at once. There were tenants in the courtroom using walkers and wheelchairs. One man was visibly unwell and told the judge he was 84 years old. He stood flanked by his adult children and asked for a continuance. The landlord's attorney objected, asking the judge to enter judgment against him immediately. Under the very best of circumstances, it is extraordinarily difficult to prove an affirmative defense to an eviction. Asking tenants, the overwhelming majority of whom do not have counsel, to show up to court and argue for their right to stay housed is unconscionable. The unlawful detainer courts are not safe. Landlords can wait. Yes, this crisis will take an economic toll on them. The economic toll will be spread across our society, as businesses from the mom-and-pop corner stores to multi-billion dollar corporations take a massive hit. But all this economic wrangling, over who owes who money and whether their failure to pay was justified or not, can wait. All filing of evictions, posting of eviction notices, entries of judgment against tenants, and execution of pre-existing judgments, must be suspended immediately. Everyone must be protected from the health hazard of going to court to defend themselves, and the health hazard of homelessness.

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Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Kaplan

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have two restaurants in the community of Echo Park located at 1356 and 1360 Allison Avenue. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. Everything we have is invested in our business. We do not have months and months of money in the bank to cover our expenses. We are also trying to continue to employ and cover health insurance for our salaried employees but will be forced to lay them off without some relief. 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, Courtney Kaplan and Charles Namba Tsubaki/OTOTO

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Eisner
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:57 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, I have a bar called Block Party in the community of Highland Park located at 5052 York Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90042. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our bar has been hit hard. Yesterday I had to lay off almost my entire staff. It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. These people are like my family and they also live in our community. 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 into bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature. Please for the love of God, everything I have ever worked for is on the line here. I live in this community as well. Please help us. Sincerely, Jason Eisner Block Party Highland Park 5052 York Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Hunter Pritchett
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 09:58 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am the Chef/Owner of Atrium restaurant in Los Feliz. While I wholeheartedly agree with the sweeping mandates of closures for public safety, these policies have and will continue to decimate the hospitality business. We are an industry that has provided support to all levels of society and now are begging for legislative reciprocation from our local, state, and federal government. We need rent relief for our employees and our businesses We need tax relief for our employees and our businesses We need cash assistance for our employees and our businesses We need universal healthcare

Communication from Public

Name: Esmeralda Perez

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:00 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a restaurant in the community of Orange located at 1705 Flight Way Tustin, CA 92782 and in Filipino Historical Town 3107 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. 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 states of emergency by acts of nature. We will need financial help in this trying times.

Communication from Public

Name: Miguel Camnitzer

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:04 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Unhoused people are receiving no official information from government workers (not Sanitation or LAHSA) about COVID-19 and how they can protect themselves. We need information distribution on a large scale. We need to dramatically increase the number of hygiene stations at encampments. We need to make sure restrooms are open (libraries, parks). Care+ sweeps must end immediately. People should not have to move their tents during this crisis. We need a rent freeze and eviction moratorium without any sort of means testing to make sure that more people do not end up on the street.

Communication from Public

Name: Jared Meisler

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:12 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a bar in the community of Silverlake located at 2611 Hyperion Ave and LA located at 370 N La Cienega Blvd. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our bar/restaurant has been hit hard. 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 states of emergency by acts of nature. Sincerely,
Jared Meisler

Communication from Public

Name: Kye's Montana, LLC

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:30 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I hope you are all well, healthy, and in strong spirits during these unprecedented times. I have a fast casual restaurant in the community of Santa Monica, located at 1518 Montana Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. We will not be able to recover from the recent forced closures. I am a small business owner and everything I have is invested in this business. This situation will force us to bankruptcy. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature. We work hard and provide a valuable service to our community and would like the opportunity to continue doing so, once this situation stabilizes. Thank you for your consideration and aid. Kindest Regards, Jeanne Cheng

Communication from Public

Name: Paddy Aubrey

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:41 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: During this shutdown mandated by the city our neighborhood restaurant and bar has lost 70% of our revenue and temporarily laid off 70% of our staff. But shutting down bars and restaurants has an enormous ripple effect. Our vendors, landlords, employees. Our employee's landlords. As it becomes harder to pay rent it becomes harder to pay sales tax, what do we do about that? So many people feel the economic pain of this shut down. But more than that, so many of our staff lives paycheck to paycheck and I'm worried about the health of my employees and their families. I don't have an answer for you. All I can say is I appreciate the leadership of Mayor Garcetti. Leadership assuages some of our anxiety. I hope we can get through this sooner rather than later.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathaniel Muñoz

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a restaurant in the community of Echo Park located at 2112 W Sunset Blvd Ste K in the Mohawk Collective. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. 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. Our hourly staff has already been forced into unemployment and we are doing whatever necessary to help support them. We want to make sure that we can sustain this drastic call to action so we all have a business to come back to when it passes. We need your help.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Belkind

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:52 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Ryu, I have a bakery in mid city, Located at 7807 Beverly Blvd, 90036. Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic, our business has suffered an immense loss. While we continue to operate as a take-out business, the forced closures of our wholesale accounts, which account for 80% of our revenue, are driving us toward financial ruin. We have no cash reserves and we are avoiding layoffs as long as possible. I fear we will be forced to shut down operations by the end of the week. We need help. We need our local government to protect us during this state of emergency. I urge you to work with public utilities, landlords and banks to offer relief to businesses and workers facing immense uncertainty.

Communication from Public

Name: Dustin Lancaster

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 11:20 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a total of 11 bars and restaurants in the communities of Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Highland Park, Chinatown, Arts District, Historic Filipinotown and Sherman Oaks. Since the Coronavirus pandemic, our establishments like so many others, have been hit incredibly hard. The recent forced closures are not only going to put us in financial ruin, but also destroy the lives of the 188 employees we have laid off. 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 states of emergency by acts of nature. Desperately, Dustin Lancaster
www.establishmenteast.com

Communication from Public

Name: John Hensley

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 11:47 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Office, My name is John Hensley and along with my wife, Sandra Cordero, we have a restaurant in the community of Woodland Hills - Gasolina Cafe - located at 21150 Ventura Blvd., 91364. As you might imagine, since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit exceptionally hard. Frankly, we are standing at the precipice of financial ruin. The restaurant industry is one that operates on extremely narrow profit margins. The most successful of us in this industry are so by the mere fact that we survive. Many, if not all of our employees live paycheck to paycheck, and frankly, many of them make more weekly than we do as the business owners. This is not unique in our industry, this is a fact of owning and operating a successful restaurant. This is all to say that this pandemic, with continuing rent and utilities, not to mention operational costs, will force us into bankruptcy. We need help, and we need it desperately and immediately. We need our local government's protection during these states of emergency, by acts of nature. On a personal note... We opened Gasolina Cafe five years ago, and since that time we have become more than a restaurant to our customers, we've become an extension of their home. We've have seen mothers to be become mothers introducing us to their newborn children. We have witnessed the beginnings of great loves that now call each other husband and wife. This is all to say that we have been fueled more so by what we mean to our Gasolina community than purely the bottom line of profit margin. We are not alone, nor are we unique. There are many small businesses like us in Woodland Hills and beyond that could share the same stories with you. This is an opportunity for greatness, to show what leadership is in a time of crisis. I will stand beside you and fight the good fight, not just for my wife and young daughter, but for every person out there who's taken the courageous step in starting their own business and who has scraped and clawed and bled for the greater good of serving their community while providing for those closest to them. We need relief and we need it now. We are a small business. Every day is a fight. And, now our doors are closing ever more by the inch as I write this. Please, I implore you, our City Council, help all of us in our community stand strong to keep them open. Do not hesitate to contact me at anytime to discuss the specifics of aid that we and every other small business in the

community need. We are in this together, and we need leadership and aggressive action providing relief now more than ever. Wishing you all the best, John Hensley, Sandra Cordero, and the Gasolina Cafe family

Communication from Public

Name: CHRIS ADAMS

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:13 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Office, I have a restaurant in the community of Arts District in Downtown LA located at 2406 E 8th St LA, CA 90021. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. 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 states of emergency by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Joaquin D Reyna-Donaldson

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 12:28 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a restaurant and bar; The Holloway located at 1320 Echo Park Ave Little Joy Cocktails located at 1477 Sunset Blvd. in the community of Echo Park. Since the Coronavirus pandemic both our restaurant and bar have been hit hard. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Olin

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I have a wholesale bakery in North Hollywood located at 10844 Chandler Blvd. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our business has been hit hard. The recent forced closures of most of our wholesale restaurant accounts are now putting us in a devastating financial situation. Everything we have is invested in our business. Making payroll, mortgage and utility payments is now impossible and we have had to lay off many employees. We all need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature. Please institute protective measure for our employees and for businesses like ours during this difficult time. Thank you, Lisa Olin

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 02:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Cedillo, I have a tea room/restaurant located in Chinatown at 970 N Broadway Ste 112, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Coronavirus pandemic has hit us hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us to a financial difficulty. Everything we have is invested in our business and any sort of business slowdown hurts us deeply. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you so much, Samuel Wang and Lydia Lin Steep
LA

Communication from Public

Name: Lincoln Carson

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 02:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council member Huizar, I am the Chef and owner of Bon Temps restaurant located in the Arts District as well as an Arts District resident. (Bon Temps and my residence is located at 712 S Santa Fe Ave, Los Angeles 90021.) Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard and forced to cease operations, putting close to 70 people out of work. We need real action taken by local, City, State and National government. We need sales and payroll tax payments suspended. We need unemployment benefits for our employees to start immediately. We need help with rent and utilities and we need this help ASAP. Our businesses will not recover otherwise and there is zero opportunity to put people back to work without action taken by you now. Sincerely, Lincoln Carson

Communication from Public

Name: APL Restaurant
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 02:30 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council office, I have a restaurant in Hollywood, CA located at 1680 Vine St. (The Historical Taft Building). Our restaurant is currently suffering due to the Coronavirus pandemic. My Chef and I are working hard to stay afloat with minimal take out orders, but to be honest, asking us to continue to pay rent will bring us financial worry. We do not want to close our business due to the untimely crisis. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during this time. We ask for anything you can do for us. Thank you and stay healthy!

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Mentaberry
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 02:55 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Huizar: I am aware that you have been leading the revitalization effort in Downtown LA. For that, businesses and citizens alike appreciate your efforts. As you know, small businesses in that area took a leap of faith in hoping that the vitality which they would bring to that area would result in a better image for DTLA. To establish a business in an area undergoing a renaissance is always a challenge. And those who have done so are now suffering. VDTLA, located at 515 W. 7th St, Los Angeles is a restaurant which has continued to build its business brand. By bringing a unique dining experience to the public, this restaurant has continued to build a positive vision for itself and for Downtown LA, as well. New clientele have discovered the area, and business has been on the upswing. However, the Coronavirus pandemic and resulting mandatory closures have had a disastrous effect on VDTLA. The financial implications of potentially weeks of closure will most certainly have the effect of bankrupting VDLTA, as well as other businesses in the area. All available resources have been invested in this business. Costs of doing business - rent, utilities, etc. - continue daily while the business is closed. There are no other resources available to us. VDTLA NEEDS HELP. Please encourage/demand that local government protect and provide resources for VDTLA and other small businesses in the area during this state of emergency. This crisis alone, if lengthy enough, can take DTLA back to its former status, resulting in closed storefronts, abandoned restaurants, and hundreds of workers on the street with little opportunity for employment. Please help. I am writing this on behalf of my daughter, Margaret Mentaberry, who serves as Director of Sales, Guest Relations and Brand Partnerships at VDTLA and who lives in DTLA, along with the visionary owners and exemplary staff at VDTLA. Thank you for your support and concern. Mary Mentaberry

Communication from Public

Name: Tina van Merkesteyn

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, I work at Bon Temps restaurant in the Arts District, located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. Since the Coronavirus pandemic made itself our restaurant has been hit hard and we have ceased operations and are not currently working. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now. Sincerely, Tina Van Merkesteyn

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Fabian

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 03:01 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council Member Huizar, I work at Bon Temps restaurant in the Arts District, located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. I have had the honor of working my dream job and stepping stone in my career as the restaurant's Event's Director. Since it's opening in June 2019, Chef Lincoln Carson and his team have been on every best restaurant in Los Angeles list, been nominated for a James Beard, and the only new restaurant in Los Angeles to have Ben asked to participate in Coachella's VIP dining experience. Since the Coronavirus pandemic made itself impossible to remain open, our restaurant has been hit hard and we have ceased operations and are not currently working. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now. I want to be able to resume creating amazing memories for the community for years to come. I was just in the middle of planning a wedding of a lovely couple who had their first date at our restaurant. Please, the hospitality industry needs you right now. Sincerely, Sara Fabian

Communication from Public

Name: freddy braidy

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

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I have a restaurant in the community of Hollywood Hills located at 1999 Sycamore Road. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. 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 states of emergency by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Limosnero
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 03:35 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Council Member David Ryu, I am an employee of Bon Temps, a restaurant in the Arts District located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. I am writing you today with concern that the Coronavirus pandemic has hit the restaurant industry tremendously. Dozens, including myself, are not currently working due to recent forced closures. Resulting, my family and i are in danger of extreme financial hardship. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government immediately. I hope with your help, we can get our voices heard. In advance, thank you for your time. Judy Limosnero Limosnerojudy@gmail.com 831-258-9692

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Lemus

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 03:36 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I work at Bon Temps restaurant in the Arts District, located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. Since the Coronavirus pandemic made itself our restaurant has been hit hard and we have ceased operations and are not currently working. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now. Sincerely, Stephanie Lemus

Communication from Public

Name: Kenny Arbuckle

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 05:40 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council Member Huizar, I work at Bon Temps restaurant in the Arts District, located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. Since the Coronavirus pandemic made itself our restaurant has been hit hard and we have ceased operations and are not currently working. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now.
Sincerely,

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Shepherd

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 07:06 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council office, I work for a restaurant in the community of Hollywood, located at 5955 Melrose Avenue. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting many employees out of work. Continuing rent and utilities will force the company to bankruptcy and it will be hard to re-open when the pandemic ends. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. Thank you,
Alyssa

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Hogensen
Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 07:43 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I am a baker at Lincoln, a restaurant in Pasadena located at 1992 Lincoln Ave. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. Effective tomorrow, we will be closing completely for at least two weeks. We tried to do to-go only but we weren't making the sales necessary to keep our doors open. As an employee, I worry for myself and my coworkers who depend on our wages and tips to support ourselves and our loved ones. I also know that the decision to close was a difficult one for our owner to make and that she made a hard short-term choice in the hope that we will survive in the long-term. That survival is precarious and uncertain. The recent forced closures are now putting our industry at grave risk. Everything owners have invested in their businesses. Continuing rent and utilities will force them to bankruptcy and will cause me and my coworker to lose our current and perhaps future employment. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these state of emergencies by acts of nature. I ask that you do whatever you can to help our industry. Feeding and caring for people in the happy and sad moments of life is at the heart of what we do. It is a human industry, and a true one. Now we need the support of others who have pledged to serve their constituents in times of need. Please help us to survive. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Toscana Restaurant

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:29 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I have a restaurant (for 30 years) in the community of Brentwood located at 11633 San Vicente Blvd. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy. We need help, our employees need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Nerano Restaurant

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:35 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I have a restaurant in the community of Beverly Hills located at 9960 S Santa Monica Blvd. Since the Coronavirus pandemic our restaurant has been hit hard. The recent forced closures are now putting us to financial ruin. Continuing rent and utilities will force us to bankruptcy, not to mention what it will do to our employees. We need help. We need for our local government to protect us during these states of emergency by acts of nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Stanton Hill

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 08:35 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned about the fallout in the restaurant business specifically. They work with tight margins and will many definitely go out of business. The ripple effect economic impact on those out of work will be extremely severe. I am curious what tools/ proposals are being considered to mitigate this inevitability.
Regards, Stan

Communication from Public

Name: Pam Marton

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:06 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Council Member Bonin, Since the Coronavirus pandemic has caused a citywide shutdown, Bon Temps restaurant located at 712 S Santa Ave has been hit hard and we have ceased operations and are not currently working. Prior to closure we had been on every best new restaurant list in Los Angeles, the newest restaurant to hit the top 25 of 101 Essential Restaurant in the Los Angeles Time, been invited to participate in Coachella's VIP dining experience, nominated for a James Beard award for outstanding pastry, and on the verge of huge success after only opening in June 2019. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now. Sincerely, Pam Marton

Communication from Public

Name: Julian E. Canto

Date Submitted: 03/17/2020 10:24 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I work at Bon Temps restaurant in the Arts District, located at 712 S Santa Fe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90021. The manifestation of the Coronavirus pandemic has hit our restaurant hard we have ceased operations and are not currently working. Sadly, this is not a unique condition; exhibit 3-4 in Los Angeles County and City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Boards's, "2015-2019 People, Industry, and Jobs" finds 320,530 food service and drinking place employees in the county. Making the hospitality industry the largest employment industry in the county. Aspiring to be an employer and business owner with standards to the highest of expectation in this industry takes scrupulous, arduous hours with complete and total dedication. The recent forced closures are now putting us in danger of extreme financial hardship with no certain work on the horizon. We in the hospitality industry need help and meaningful action taken by local and state government now.