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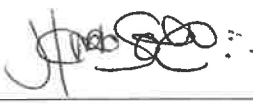
Street vending is part of the fabric of Los Angeles' culture, and is vital to the immigrant working families who support themselves by feeding our City.

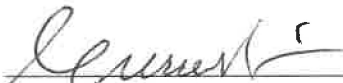
In September 2022, the Governor signed Senate Bill 972, a landmark piece of legislation, championed by street vendors and their allies to make it easier for vendors to sell food throughout the state. The bill, authored by Senator Lena Gonzalez, reduces barriers and streamlines the process of applying for health permits, which, for most street vendors, have been practically impossible to get. And because they are unable to get their County health permits, they are also unable to get sidewalk vending permits from the City. As of earlier this year, the City has only allowed 204 of 10,000 food vendors in all of Los Angeles to legally provide for their families.

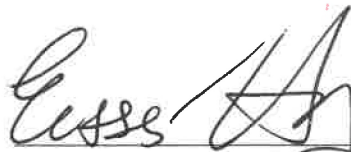
While SB972 was a huge victory, it will take significant time for the LA County Department of Public Health to update their permitting processes, manufacturers to catch up to the new design requirements, and commissaries and alternative commissaries to be built up for food vendors to utilize. Vendors and their families cannot wait, and should not be penalized for drawn-out administrative, design, and construction processes. In the meantime, the City of Los Angeles should start the process of formalizing and legalizing food vending on our streets by issuing provisional sidewalk vending permits to food vendors who are waiting to apply for their county health permits.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct Streets LA, in consultation with other Departments as needed, the City Attorney and the County of Los Angeles, to report within 90 days on the potential creation of a new Provisional Sidewalk Vending Permit for food street vendors who are currently waiting to apply for their County of Los Angeles Health Department permit due to SB972, including additional recommendations for easing the administrative burden on vendors, the length of time of the provisional permit may be needed, potential costs, and any legal analysis the City should consider.

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