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Additional Information:

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Councilmember Jose Huizar and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
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### Re: NCs and stakeholders to have further input on Street Vendor regulation (Council File 13-1493)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. We appreciate the Council's interest in and the need to decriminalize and regulate street vendors in Los Angeles but request that the City Council instruct the Economic Development Committee to expand the community hearings to all geographical areas of the City and, specifically, to include the ninety-six Neighborhood Councils in the process.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council previously recommended decriminalization and regulation of street vending on July 4<sup>th</sup> of last year. We are pleased that the Council has moved ahead to legalize this form of micro-economy.

As discussion has grown about the issue and street vendors have moved into areas where they have not operated in the past, generating frustration and complaints from new sources, it has become clear that there is a need to expand the number of public meetings to educate both the public and the vendors and to come up with effective regulations which work for all concerned.

Since concerns and impact varies between the various areas of the City and even within communities, especial care should be taken to obtain input from Council District and every Neighborhood Council.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council therefore recommends that the Economic Development Committee expedite expanded hearings and, concurrently put together a committee including input from vendors, residents and the City to come up with parameters for a Citywide street vending ordinance with the intent of decriminalizing vending on city sidewalks and parkways for the estimated 10,000 food and non-food street vendors, increasing public safety and economic activity, and protecting the public with proper health and safety and enforceable nuisance provisions.

Sincerely,

Monica Alcaraz, President  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council