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Fwd: CF 13-1493 comments

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John White <john.white@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:54 PM

To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: **Aaron Aulenta** <info@nohobid.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Subject: CF 13-1493 comments

To: john.white@lacity.org

Hi,

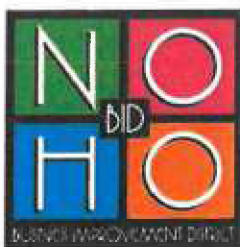
Attached are written comments for CF 13-1493.

Thanks.

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John A. White
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December 12, 2016

Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Chair, Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee
Councilmember Curren Price
Chair, Economic Development Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: C.F. 13-1493- Support for Coalition to Save Small Business position

The North Hollywood Business Improvement District (NoHo BID), a member of the Coalition to Save Small Business, submits this letter to support the Coalition's position on the current sidewalk vending program being proposed in the City of Los Angeles. The NoHo BID appreciates the amount time and effort provided in this draft policy. The draft policy recognizes the importance of brick and mortar businesses and property owners.

The following are what works in the current Sidewalk Vending proposal:

- Requiring sidewalk vendors to have the consent of adjacent business and property owners, this provision is essential. The cities of Boston and Portland are examples of successful sidewalk vending programs where vendors must obtain permission from the businesses and property owners where they vend.
- Requiring permits and liability insurance for sidewalk vendors that indemnifies the City, BIDs, and property/business owners.
- There are tremendous costs that come with creating, maintaining and marketing BID Districts, programs and activities. Thus, it is important to allow businesses and property owners to allow or not allow vending with a 20% threshold.
- Requiring sidewalk vendors to provide trash receptacles.
- Requiring sidewalk vendors operating in BIDs to pay additional fees to support BID services

The following are some additional points that need more work in the proposal:

- Local communities and BIDs need the ability to decide the level of sidewalk vending they want (or don't want) in their communities and BIDs.
- More information on how to fully fund the effective administration and enforcement of a sidewalk vending program.

Thank you for your consideration on these comments.

Sincerely,

Aaron Aulenta
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Fwd: Proposed Sidewalk Street Vending

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From: **Susan Bursk** <susan@centurycitycc.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Subject: Proposed Sidewalk Street Vending

To: "john.white@lacity.org" <john.white@lacity.org>

Cc: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>

Hi John,

Hope all is well. Although I had wanted to attend the meeting today I am not able to. If you would be so kind as to submit the attached letter to the L.A. Public Works Committee meeting today, which is taking place in City Hall's Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m. I would greatly appreciate it.

I will also be forwarding another letter shortly from the Century City BID Association.

Many thanks,

Susan

Susan Bursk | President & CEO | Century City Chamber of Commerce

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December 9, 2016

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200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee:

RE: Item No. 13-1493 Proposed sidewalk vending permit system and related regulations.

I am writing on behalf of the Century City Chamber of Commerce, which represents between 45 and 50 thousand employees who work in Century City as well as many businesses, who are concerned about the above proposal.

We are a very large city spanning over 500 miles with diverse populations and cultures, and one size does not fit all. We support areas in the City of Los Angeles that are in need of sidewalk vendors due to resources that are lacking, and/or there are not enough service providers for those communities.

However, in our community rents are extremely high, and taxes, inspections and insurance is mandated (which includes office space, and restaurants).

The majority of the employment base in Century City work Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. five days a week. There is a Farmer's Market on Thursdays, which cuts the revenue for the retail outlets up to 20%.

There is also major construction projects currently taking place in our small community (such as the expansion of the Westfield Mall, the recent closure of the Century Plaza Hotel, and subway construction of the extension of the Purple Line which is scheduled to start sometime next year) which has, and will, reduce accessible sidewalks.

Although there are a number of proposed restrictions/requirements that

are being considered for the sidewalk vendors, there is also concern on enforcement. Currently the Bureau of Street Services does not have the peoplepower to oversee the numerous issues and enforcement that is taking place today, let alone add hundreds of street vendors that is being proposed.

As you consider proposals for street vendors, please also consider the health of the local business community and provide a mechanism to evaluate where street vending is an asset to a community and where it will erode the local economy and quality of life.

Street vending may be appropriate in many areas of the city, but not in all communities, such as Century City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Susan Bursk

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President & CEO
Century City Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Councilmember Paul Koretz

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OPPOSITION TO STREET VENDORS

December 7, 2016

CF 13-1498 Sidewalk Vending Policy

Honorable Members of the City Council,

We oppose the sidewalk street vending practices in the Tuxford Street Corridor, and would urge you to NOT SUPPORT A HASTE RUSH TO LEAGALIZE STREET VENDING IN OUR COMMUNITY , as well as the entire City of Los Angeles.

The street vendors not only cause an irritant to the neighborhood, they cause a disruption of foot traffic on the sidewalks as well as creating unsafe motor vehicle traffic situations on our city streets. As a block Captain for the Tuxford Area Corridor, I have witnessed many of these unsafe actions on this major thoroughfare, including the death of a Street Vendor not too long ago.

The practice of street vendors in our area will directly effect the number of customers that patronize the stores and businesses in the Tuxford Corridor. Making it difficult to enter the businesses to obtain the goods and services that they desire. Ultimately effecting the bottom line of each business. This will make it more difficult to do business in our store, one that has been a well established support to the residents and businesses of the Sun Valley area since 1968.

I urge you please not to support a haste rush to legalize street vending in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this,



Rick Power
Owner of Master Auto Parts
Block Captain of the Tuxford Corridor
Member of the Community Council

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Fwd: No on CF 13-1493

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From: **Angie Guzman** <2929aguzman@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 9:15 AM
Subject: No on CF 13-1493
To: John.White@lacity.org

Mr. White,

I have attached my comments regarding CF 13-1493 and ask that they be included in the official record today at the hearing on the matter of the proposed Street Vending Policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Angela Guzman

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John A. White
Legislative Assistant
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December 12, 2016

TO: John White, legislative assistant

NO ON CF 13-1493 Sidewalk Vending Policy

Mr. White,

Kindly accept and record my comments regarding the above referenced item as follows:

The proposed policy recommended for City Council Action is not beneficial for the City of Los Angeles. Generally, street vending consists of the sale of food items or other organic materials, such as fruit, flowers, etc. There are other street vendors who sell clothing, furniture and other items, as well...on the street! Health and safety hazards alone are enough to deter the practice. Lack of restroom facilities, including running water for washing hands and toilets for waste refuse, is of major concern to customers who purchase (food) items from street vendors.

Decriminalizing violations of LAMC 42.00, et seq will send the wrong message for anyone performing an illegal activity. Turning a blind eye to the enforcement of any law on the books encourages deceptive practice and paves the way for lawlessness. There are already too many unenforced laws on the books now! The good citizens of Los Angeles do not deserve to be punished. This policy is derisive and will create untold problems within the city, in communities and in neighborhoods.

Allowing permits for street vending is ridiculous. The agencies, bureaus, departments and personnel involved for this policy would be engaged for countless hours to plan, implement and enforce this tactic. ***It's a waste of taxpayer dollars!*** The existing businesses are hurt by street vending: clientele decrease, profits fall and it is not a healthy environment – you can take that both ways!

I am opposed to this so called Sidewalk Vending Policy, CF 13-1493, and will encourage others to support that position in this matter.

I respectfully submit these comments as my own, as a private citizen. Sent via email to John White at John.White@lacity.org.

Angela Guzman
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