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Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring St,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Item No. 4 - 7: Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP)

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the California Restaurant Association (CRA), and the thousands of restaurants in the City of Los Angeles, I would like to express our strong support for items 4 - 7 on the Friday, May, 27th City Council meeting agenda which set the boundaries for the Restaurant Beverage Program in council districts 3, 5, 10 and 11.The Restaurant Beverage Program will allow eligible restaurateurs to serve alcohol through an expedited administrative clearing process as opposed to the current process of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit which is timely and expensive. The RBP will shorten the time required to obtain all necessary city approvals from months to weeks, and it will also reduce the overall cost of an alcohol permit from an estimated $13,000 to $4,000.

Additionally, the RBP outlines a set of criteria that restaurateurs will need to abide by in order to be eligible for the program. That criteria takes into account public safety and community needs. Some of the criteria that restauranteurs will need to abide by include:

- Only full-service restaurants are eligible to participate (bars, liquor stores, entertainment venues and fast casual restaurants are not eligible),
- Limitation on hours of operation,
- No live entertainment,
- Camera surveillance,
- Alcohol service training for all staff,
- Low noise levels and many more regulations.

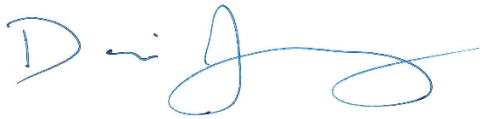
With the decimation of the restaurant community due to COVID-19 and the government shutdowns, restaurants are in dire need of your assistance. Prior to the current state of emergency, restaurants were the largest employer in the state of California with over 1.4 million employees. At the height of the pandemic approximately 900,000 of those workers were furloughed or unemployed due to the closures. No doubt, the City of Los Angeles accounted for an enormous number of those jobs. In order to accelerate the recovery process of the restaurant community in Los Angeles, restaurants continue to need assistance from the city to keep their doors open. Implementing the Restaurant Beverage Program will expedite the recovery of existing restaurants and potentially expedite the opening of new restaurants that were in the process of opening before the pandemic.

The Restaurant Beverage Program has been in the making for over 4 years and it has gone through many variations and has been vetted by various stakeholder groups as well as city departments, city council

committees, and the Public Works Commission - all who have given the program their stamp of approval. This is the final step before implementation.

For these reasons, we urge a YES vote on items 4 - 7 to create the Restaurant Beverage Program boundaries in council districts 3, 5, 10 and 11 and allow restaurants to survive and continue to be part of the fabric of the local communities that they serve.

Sincerely,



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Comments for Public Posting: It is time to end the eviction protections. Everything is open. You guys are accepting the public to attend the meetings in persons, you guys are attending social gatherings and promoting social events with the masses. Concerts are back at full swing, why the eviction protection to tenants. The ordinance was established in March of 2020 at the peak of the pandemic for everyone to stay home and avoid getting covid. Now your own actions are not doing what the ordinance was established for. As it matter of fact you are violating the same ordinance that you established and therefore this will be challenge in court. House is key will offer payment for unpaid rent to tenants who qualified and applied before march 2022 and how about April 2022 and forward who is paying the rent if tenants can not afford to pay '"Because of covid affecting my income" You think that in one year they will paid for all the months that they didn't pay when they could. How are the landlords paying property taxes then you need to create an ordinance for all landlords affected by covid tenants to no pay taxes. How are the landlords maintain for their income properties if no income. The only ones affected financially by covid are the landlords. STOP THE EVICTION PROTECTION ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. This is not a socialist city. Your actions are creating division and fights and crime. If you are going to pass or extend the moratorium where are your facts? Where is your data? It makes me believe that you guys don't even have education. Stop the abuse of power. I'm also contacting the federal government to end this abuse of power.