

Communication from Public

Name: Amir Kohandani

Date Submitted: 05/14/2025 08:41 AM

Council File No: 19-0229-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council: As a proud local restaurant owner in Los Angeles, I strongly oppose the Costly Restaurant Ordinance (Council File: 19-0229-S2), introduced by Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez. Local restaurant owners are already struggling to cope with the state's \$20/hr minimum wage law for fast food workers and the City's affordability crisis. To cope with the significant wage hike, I've regrettably had to raise prices, lay off workers and/or cut worker hours. This costly Ordinance doesn't impact billion-dollar corporations, it hurts family-owned local restaurants like mine, my employees and the communities we serve. If adopted, I will have no choice but to raise my food prices – at a time when LA families are already struggling with affordability – or shut down altogether. Not only would the Costly Restaurant Ordinance make it even more difficult to run my small business, it's also unnecessary. The newly established statewide Fast Food Council is already charged with addressing issues like training and other workplace protections. It makes no sense for the City of LA to adopt this costly and unnecessary ordinance that would hurt local restaurants before the statewide Fast Food Council even has a chance to work as intended. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to please REJECT the Costly Restaurant Ordinance. Thank you. Sincerely, Amir Kohandani Subway

Communication from Public

Name: Arry Yaghmai

Date Submitted: 05/14/2025 08:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I own and operate one local restaurant in Councilmember Nazarian's district and am writing to express my strong opposition to the Costly Restaurant Ordinance (Council File: 19-0229), introduced by Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez. This ordinance unfairly targets woman-owned local restaurants like mine – yet again – at a time when we are already struggling under the state's new \$20/hr minimum wage. Nearly 60% of California's restaurants are minority-owned, and 50% are owned by women. Our local restaurants are essential to the communities that we serve, but rising costs due to the \$20/hr minimum wage have forced many of us to make tough choices, such as raising food prices and cutting worker hours. The Costly Restaurant Ordinance would create additional unnecessary costs that unfairly targets minority-owned local restaurants – once again – and would further increase food costs for families already struggling. Please protect woman-owned restaurants and reject the Costly Restaurant Ordinance. Best, Arry Yaghmai

Communication from Public

Name: Cesar Zaragoza

Date Submitted: 05/14/2025 08:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I'm a proud Latino restaurant owner in Councilmember Nazarian's district, and I'm writing to urge you to oppose the Costly Restaurant Ordinance (Council File: 19-0229). This unnecessary proposal unfairly targets local minority-owned restaurants like mine and jeopardizes our ability to survive. Before becoming a restaurant owner, I worked as a kindergarten teacher and in youth gang prevention. Supporting my community has always been central to who I am. However, the sharp increase to a \$20/hr minimum wage has forced me to raise prices and reduce worker hours, limiting my ability to give back. Now, this costly ordinance threatens to add even more financial pressure, pushing me closer to having to shut down or pass additional costs onto families who depend on affordable, convenient food options. Not only would the Costly Restaurant Ordinance make it even more difficult to run my small business, but it's also unnecessary. The newly established statewide Fast Food Council is already charged with addressing issues like training and other workplace protections. It makes no sense for the City of LA to adopt this costly and unnecessary ordinance that would hurt local restaurants and our communities before the statewide Fast Food Council even has a chance to work as intended. Please protect local Latino-owned restaurants and REJECT the Costly Restaurant Ordinance. Cesar Zaragoza

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Name: Chris Muradyan
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Name: Clara Shin

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Name: Frank Azizollahi

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Communication from Public

Name: Jason DeMayo
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I hope this finds you well. I'm Jason, a franchisee of Mr. Pickle's Sandwich Shop. Restaurants are shutting down left and right, and any added costs will only push more of us out. A lot of people don't realize that franchised restaurants are small businesses —many assume, "McDonald's is huge; they can afford it!" But in reality, the vast majority of us are independent owners already struggling to stay open. That's why I strongly oppose the Costly Restaurant Ordinance (Council File: 19-0229) introduced by Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez. We're already doing our best to handle California's \$20/hr minimum wage and LA's affordability crisis. I've had to raise prices and cut hours just to stay afloat. This ordinance won't hurt billion-dollar corporations—it will crush family-owned restaurants like mine, our employees, and the communities we serve. If it passes, I'll have no choice but to raise prices even more or close for good. On top of that, this ordinance is unnecessary. The new statewide Fast Food Council was created to address workplace protections and training. Why push a costly, local policy before the state's system even has a chance to work? I urge the Council to reject this ordinance—it's bad for small businesses, bad for workers, and bad for LA. Thanks for your time and consideration. Thanks, Jason DeMayo Hungry Hospitality Group DeMayo Restaurant Group

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Name: Jesse Singh

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Name: Lee Su

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Name: Leon Wu

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Name: Linda Read

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Name: Manfred Lam

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