

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Ilishah

Date Submitted: 06/02/2025 02:49 PM

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), 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, Eli Ilishah Hungry Hospitality Group, LLC

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Name: Kevin Townsend

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Subway restaurant

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Name: Bob Grewal

Date Submitted: 06/02/2025 03:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council: I hope this message finds you well. As a local restaurant owner in Los Angeles, I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed Costly Restaurant Ordinance (Council File: 19-0229). Running a family-owned restaurant has always been more than just a business for me; it's a labor of love and a commitment to our community. However, the recent \$20 minimum wage law for fast food workers has already placed an immense strain on my operations. In order to cope with these increased costs, I've had to make some incredibly difficult decisions. Regrettably, I've had to close four of my stores, resulting in over 17 dedicated employees losing their jobs. The proposed ordinance would only exacerbate these challenges. It seems to overlook the reality that large corporations can absorb such costs far more easily than small, family-owned businesses like mine. If this ordinance is adopted, I will be forced to raise food prices even higher—something that feels unfair to our customers who are already struggling with the high cost of living—or face the heartbreaking decision to shut down entirely. Moreover, this ordinance feels unnecessary. The newly established statewide Fast Food Council is designed to address issues like training and workplace protections. It seems premature and redundant to impose additional regulations at the city level before giving the statewide council a chance to demonstrate its effectiveness. I respectfully urge you to consider the impact this ordinance would have on small businesses like mine, our employees, and the communities we serve. Please reject the Costly Restaurant Ordinance and allow us the opportunity to continue serving our community and supporting our local economy. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,
Bob Grewal

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Sincerely, Raj Basra