

Communication from Public

Name: Pauline Nazareno

Date Submitted: 03/22/2021 10:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0147-S27

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Pauline Nazareno, a teacher based near South Park. I strongly support the moratorium on enforcement of sidewalk vendors. LA City Council voted to legalize street vending with the intention to end the criminalization of poor working people of color and to support more economic opportunity for the thousands of vendors who rely on this work. This was a direct result of the efforts by my students who saw firsthand the effects of criminalization of vending on their families. However, multiple barriers have made it nearly impossible for most food vendors, like many of the parents of my students, to become permitted under the program. Only two months after the program launched, the city was shut down due to the pandemic. County health permits are extremely costly and the current economic crisis has made it even more difficult for vendors to have the resources to pay for these permits. Even if vendors did have the resources, health code compliant carts don't exist for most foods. Hundreds of street vendors have officially registered their businesses and received their state seller's permits, but they still can't obtain county health permits because code compliant carts don't exist or cost over \$20,000. Vendors shouldn't be penalized for not having permits that are nearly impossible to obtain while having all of the other necessary requirements. And citing them with costly tickets during this economic crisis is setting them up for long-term economic hardship and pushing them further and further away from the hopes of vending legally. As I think of those very students who have stacked odds against them during this pandemic, I urge you to support the moratorium on enforcement for vending without a license until the COVID-19 State of Emergency is over, 6 months thereafter, and until the equipment that vendors need to be fully permitted is more affordable and attainable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mari

Date Submitted: 03/23/2021 03:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mari and I urge you all to support Agenda Item #7 // Moratorium of Enforcement & Citations for Street Vending without a License. Our street vendors need opportunity & investment, NOT tickets, especially during this pandemic- citing them during this time for not having permits, which are already costly & nearly impossible to obtain, is not only unfair, but also reinforces racist practices that penalize poor working BIPOC folks for being poor. It also only increases economic hardship & pushes them further away from vending legally. Give vendors a real chance by supporting the moratorium!

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Name: Yoshira Ornelas Van Horne

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Comments for Public Posting: If small businesses must have correct licenses to sell food, the street vendors should have the right permits as well.

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Name: Cassidy Hart

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Name: Abdulkamal Abdullahi

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Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Morehead

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Name: Brittani Nichols
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brittani Nichols of CD4 and I strongly support the moratorium on enforcement of sidewalk vendors. The way you all treat vendors is another of your classic empty gestures. You claim you open a permitting process only for it to be nearly impossible for anyone to get permitted. At the same time you're supposedly standing up for some of our most vulnerable community members and small business owners, you allow Mitch to continue targeting vendors and banning them from Hollywood Blvd. while he tries to turn them against one another out of the public eye. You allow Bob to try and sneak through further criminalization, using the ADA as a shield. LA City Council voted to legalize street vending with the intention to end the criminalization of poor working people of color and to support more economic opportunity for the thousands of vendors who rely on this work. However, multiple barriers have made it nearly impossible for most food vendors to become permitted under the program. Only two months after the program launched, the city was shut down due to the pandemic. County health permits are extremely costly and the current economic crisis has made it even more difficult for vendors to have the resources to pay for these permits. Even if vendors did have the resources, health code compliant carts don't exist for most foods. Hundreds of street vendors have officially registered their businesses and received their state seller's permits, but they still can't obtain county health permits because code compliant carts don't exist or cost over \$20,000. Vendors shouldn't be penalized for not having permits that are nearly impossible to obtain while having all of the other necessary requirements. And citing them with costly tickets during this economic crisis is setting them up for long-term economic hardship and pushing them further and further away from the hopes of vending legally. I urge you to support the moratorium on enforcement for vending without a license until the COVID-19 State of Emergency is over, and 6 months thereafter, and until the equipment that vendors need to be fully permitted is more affordable and attainable.

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