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Comments for Public Posting: Save life For the wet MARKETS

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Name: Huu Lac
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Name: Tien
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 06:52 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I have quite a lot of clients go there and recommend me to the market in LA. I was impressed with the cleanliness and cooperation of the employees and the cashier. They're really friendly and caring! I've been going there ever since then. It's convenient and pretty inexpensive compared to the meat that we buy in the supermarket. Who knows how long the meat'd been in the freezer and how many hands had touched the meat! Luckily, we live in LA so we can just grab some fresh chickens on the way home from work. I'd love to support our small businesses in our community. Thanks for your time.

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Name: Thomas
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 04:21 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sir or Madam: We understand that you are planning to close down those poultry markets in Los Angeles Area, as you know those markets are not only providing fresh food , convenient, and decent prices, better yet they are employment for at least 10 people. Thanks

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Date Submitted: 08/13/2020 11:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Against the Motion - Save Live Markets I ask for Councilmembers to reconsider and think of those who will be affected. This issue is not as simple as banning the live markets.

Against Motion 20-0425

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing this to express why I am against this motion and do acknowledge the arguments of those in support of this. However, there are certain aspects that must be considered before finalizing a decision that will affect thousands in LA county.

The push to end LA live wet markets was catalyzed by the recent COVID outbreak that began in Wuhan, China at a wet live market, selling “exotic” animals such as bats, snakes, etc. It was due to this incident and fact that many people began to be aware that there are live wet markets in LA county as well. It is possible due to the media and frenzy of the outbreak, people do not have a clear definition of what a wet market is. From a [study](#), they define “a typical wet market [as a] partially open commercial complex with vending stalls organized in rows; they often have slippery floors and narrow aisles along which independent vendors primarily sell ‘wet’ items such as meat, poultry, seafood, vegetables, and fruits.” It’s important to note that not all wet markets sell “exotic” wild animals. From this definition, wet live markets in LA county differ in many degrees, which I ask for the councilmembers to be aware of. Many live wet markets in LA county are poultries, selling only chicken, and are separated from each other in their own business facility. This separation makes it smaller and easier for businesses to meet the health standards in comparison to a larger facility, like a factory farm. All workers are also licensed and required to meet the state and federal health standards, which may differ from China’s standards. All facilities are inspected by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, designed to prevent the spread of disease and inhumane treatment of animals. In some ways, a smaller facility such as these can be safer in terms of virus outbreaks in comparison to larger facilities, such as the June COVID case in a meat processing plant.

Many argue for humane treat of animals, some of these same people are meat consumers and practice willful ignorance. The core of its argument is that the killing and consumption of animals is inhumane. In reality, there is no ideal “humane” way to satisfy both sides. There are instances where these LA live markets are more humane than factories, such as the selling of halal meat, where butchers use extremely sharp instruments to prevent prolonging of any suffering (in industrial slaughterhouses, animals can be electrocuted, shackled, or gassed). This ethic argument seems more about the aesthetic as people are unable to confront the fact where their meat is coming from.

Now, it is important to refer to the thousands who will be affected by this motion. LA wet markets are a source for affordable cheap fresh food option for many in the county. Most of these customers are minorities, which make up almost half of the population of LA county. There are also restaurants who purchase their ingredients from these markets to provide fresh and affordable food to their customers. In simple economics term, a decrease in supply and consistent demand will only increase prices for food that will affect those who may already struggle to make ends meet. These markets also provide non-education required jobs to LA county citizens, who work full-time to provide for their family. A ban to these markets will force hundreds to become unemployed in an economy with an inadequate amount of jobs for the increasing unemployment due to the outbreak.

Before the councilmembers push for this motion, I once again ask for you to reconsider the points I made and not ban live markets outrightly. Based on the opposing side’s arguments, the selling of “exotic” animals can be understandably considered more strictly, however, the selling of “normal”

meats such as chickens should be once again reconsidered before being part of this motion. I also plead for Councilmembers to connect with those who will be deeply affected by the motion as we are all citizens of LA county.

Sincerely,

An LA County Citizen

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Name: Allan Agudo
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 11:34 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: We need our local Poultry stores for fresh chicken. No extra hormones or Steroids.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't close my Halle market I'm just

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Name: Mohamed mahdy

Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 11:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close my market

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Name: Leticia Aguilar
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 12:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: don't close the poultry

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 12:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: don't close my life animal market

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Name: Anas Housni
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 01:18 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: For religious reasons, wet markets should be allowed to remain operational and continue providing fresh meat in a controlled clean environment. In my opinion, if wet markets were shut down then people would operate out of their own houses and having services be controlled by the city is safer than having people do it illegally in their homes.

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Name: Sound Mounir
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 01:25 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: With wet markets being shut down this takes away a constitutional right of us being able to provide food for our families. You speak of democracy but yet you take away our rights to purchase anything that we want to buy. By shutting down wet markets your closing off an entire section of products that we could purchase. Many of us need fresh meat to be able to feed our families, and with that being taken away it will result in a drop for the economy.

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Name: Abe
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 01:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I believe the choice to shut down wet markets is foolish since a major source of food comes from wet markets. This will cut off a big food supply and make getting food even harder than it already is now. We need the markets to be operational so we're able to get fresh poultry. I love this country because there's so many choices that I can go for when it comes to providing for my family but having an entire group being sectioned off is a huge blow to the economy.

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Name: Rayhana Housni
Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 01:42 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a Muslim woman who was born and raised in this country having wet markets that respect the halal rule of my religion, it allows me many choices for me to buy food. If what markets are shut down that is 50% of the food that I buy gone, and it will be severely detrimental to anyone who eats meat on a regular basis. Even excluding not being able to buy food, what about everyone who will be losing jobs, and going homeless? We already have too many people that are homeless and adding on to that number is going to be very bad for LA county.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't shut down . I drive about 2 hours to come and get their chickens.

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Name: Angelina

Date Submitted: 08/14/2020 02:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We really appreciate having the market in our neighborhood since its convenient and support our community. Thank you