

Communication from Public

Name: Kindra D Meyer

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 07:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Planning And Land Use Management Committee Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair Councilmember John S. Lee, Vice Chair Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky Councilmember Imelda Padilla Councilmember Heather Hutt Re: Agenda Item # 15 - Support for 20-1074-S4 Revised Al Fresco Ordinance, Opposition To Newly Added LADCP Recommendation # 2 Dear Committee Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Committee Members, I, Kindra Meyer, am writing to express our continued support of PLUM Agenda Item 15 CF 20-1074-S4, specifically for the recommended alternative City of LA AL Fresco Ordinance labeled: Exhibit A to City Planning's 11/2/2023 Supplemental Report as written. I am in opposition to Recommendation #2 in the Department of City Planning's letter dated November 27th, 2023. I'm writing as a patron of Open Face Food Shop, a wonderful locally owned small business in West Adams who will be forced to shut if this ordinance passes as nearly all of their dining space is on a patio of their small lot. This restaurant is more than just unique and incredible Danish/Californian cuisine, it is a huge part of the community and means a great deal to me and my partner personally. Mark and Lina are two of the most hard working, talented people I've encountered, and managed somehow to weather the pandemic and support local growers and give back so much the past few years. The thought of them losing this business, and our community losing this wonderful space because of a parking spot is heart breaking. I urge you to recognize the uniqueness each business has, and the impact this decision could make. And also to take into consideration how important these safe spaces to dine outdoors still are, as someone who is high risk of Covid (which still, is a health danger for many like myself). The alternative ordinance listed as 'Exhibit A' was crafted in collaboration and compromise with the community it is built for. It does not completely reflect the realities of what customers expect from a dining experience, yet we needed to find a way to work with city partners on what is fair and equitable for all Angeleno restaurants. The addition of at least one parking space is NOT equitable. By requiring just one parking stall, we will be burdened with a much longer, more complicated, and more expensive permanent permit process. Further, you cut off the availability of patio space for restaurants on smaller lots. Many

buildings exist today without parking requirements. State bills such as AB 2097, currently in effect, reflect the direction we must go to cut down carbon emissions to save our planet. If we must put the parking burden on anyone, it shouldn't be on the fragile shoulders of the small business community. Thank you for hearing the voice of the Independent Hospitality Community. We are dedicated to serving our community by working with government agencies on reasonable progress. The food service business community suffered more job losses than any other business type, changing how we must forge ahead to survive. Making processes like these easier to navigate will give us confidence that our elected officials are listening and serving us, so we may ALL be the best active citizens in our city. Thank you, Kindra Meyer

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Name: JS

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 07:17 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Art District Community Council LA

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 02:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: The Board of the Arts District Community Council LA would like to address item 15 for December 5th Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting. Alfresco Dining While our Board and Community is in support of creating a permanent Al Fresco Dining ordinance, not all communities and businesses are the same. We oppose any amplified or ambient music that spills into the public right of way. If "ambient/background music" can be heard from across the street, it is no longer background. The public has a right to quiet enjoyment and as mentioned in several opines by the Planning Dept, is discretionary at best. The Arts District community has a long history of shutting off music at 11 to support the residential uses in the neighborhood and to respect other businesses who prefer to utilize their music indoors. We are also in a unique area that amplifies sound because of our choice in building materials. We suggest that the outdoor music portion be removed from this ordinance until a more thoughtful solution can be worked out that does not included adding undue burden to the already taxed LAPD and LADBS and the communities themselves. The City has not been able to staff existing enforcement orders let alone a slew of potential new ones. There is already enough animosity in the world to deal with, adding the aggravation of rude and noisy neighbors should not be included in the mix at this time. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

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Communication from Public

Name: Mott Smith

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 01:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Support If Amended Dear Committee Chair Harris-Dawson and Members: The Council of Infill Builders applauds the City for the Al Fresco Ordinance (CF 20-1074-S4). But we are disappointed with the LADCP's recommendation #2 regarding mandatory ADA parking. We urge the City to revise the language so that ADA parking spaces only be mandated when other parking spaces are provided. Our suggested approach aligns with the letter and spirit of the ADA by promoting equal access without creating unnecessary safety hazards or logistical complications. Key points: 1. Single Path of Travel: ADA guidelines (ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 4.3.2) call for a single, accessible path of travel whenever possible. The current draft ordinance's requirement for separate paths (sidewalk and parking area) diverges from this principle, potentially leading to unequal access. ("The accessible route shall, to the maximum extent feasible, coincide with the route for the general public." Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 4.3.2) 2. Pedestrian Safety: Nonprofit Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) notes that 2022 was the deadliest year on record for pedestrians and cyclist in Los Angeles – with 18-20% more deaths than in 2021. Turning-related car crashes were the second-highest source of pedestrian deaths and injuries. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 puts "safety" as its number-one foundation. The draft Al Fresco ordinance should make safety better, not worse. Specifically, it should allow for the elimination of driveways that encourage cars to turn and cross pedestrian paths of travel – not require them. 3. Spatial Feasibility: Good urban design principles demand efficient use of limited space. The parking requirement in the existing draft ordinance disproportionately impacts smaller properties. 4. Economic Impact: Even limited parking mandates create economic burdens that disproportionately impact small businesses. The language of the draft Al Fresco ordinance will create months of unnecessary regulatory process that will increase financing requirements by tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars. This will severely limit access to the benefits of the Al Fresco ordinance to only the best capitalized businesses on the largest properties. This cannot be the City's intent. 5. Legislative Precedent: Numerous cities around California and the nation are abolishing parking mandates.

The State is moving in this direction as well, as evidenced by AB 2097, which eliminated parking minimums near transit to encourage more sustainable urban development. The proposed AI Fresco language would be a step backwards with respect to sustainable planning policy. We appreciate your efforts in navigating these complex issues and hope to see a revision that benefits all stakeholders in Los Angeles. Thank you for your consideration. I am available for further discussion or clarification. Best regards, Mott Smith Chairman, Council of Infill Builders



Via Email

December 4, 2023

Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair

Councilmember John S. Lee, Vice Chair

Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky

Councilmember Imelda Padilla

Councilmember Heather Hutt

Re: Agenda Item # 15 – Support 20-1074-S4 Al Fresco Ordinance if Amended

Dear Committee Chair Harris-Dawson and Members:

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We appreciate your efforts in navigating these complex issues and hope to see a revision that benefits all stakeholders in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available for further discussion or clarification.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mott Smith', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mott Smith
Chairman, Council of Infill Builders

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Name: Robert Fleming

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 03:51 PM

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Owner Capri Club

Communication from Public

Name: Cristina Pachano-Lauderdale

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 02:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in regard to the possibility of a parking stall requirement for all restaurants on their premises. In theory this is a great idea, but unfortunately it could negatively affect small businesses that rely on outdoor dining to keep their doors open. Please reconsider this decision as small businesses are what keep our communities together. Thankyou

Communication from Public

Name: Mark

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 02:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: I am a native Angeleno and over 20 year resident in City Council district 10. I fully support PLUM Agenda Item 15 CF 20-1074-S4, specifically for the recommended alternative City of LA AL Fresco Ordinance labeled: Exhibit A to City Planning's 11/2/2023 Supplemental Report as written. I am in opposition to Recommendation #2 in the Department of City Planning's letter dated November 27th, 2023. The parking burden it places on the smallest of businesses in the community is unreasonable. Thank you for your attention, Mark

Communication from Public

Name: Katharine Noon

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 02:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident in City Council district 10 for over 20 years. I fully support PLUM Agenda Item 15 CF 20-1074-S4, specifically for the recommended alternative City of LA AL Fresco Ordinance labeled: Exhibit A to City Planning's 11/2/2023 Supplemental Report as written. I am in opposition to Recommendation #2 in the Department of City Planning's letter dated November 27th, 2023. The burden the parking requirement places on the smallest of businesses in the community is unreasonable and, in many cases, severely damaging to those businesses. Thank you for your attention, Katharine Noon

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Jimenez

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 10:29 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Currey

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 03:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The new measure to require small restaurants to add parking back to their outdoor dining areas is outrageous. It will close down my favorite restaurants that barely hold on as is. Los Angeles is better when it prioritizes small businesses and people utilizing outdoor space.

Communication from Public

Name: Brad W

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 05:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: We want and need al fresco dining in Los Angeles. Not all small businesses can accommodate parking requirements such as this. Businesses will lose outdoor tables to parking spots. Please rethink this initiative and keep LA al fresco.