

Communication from Public

Name: Daneen

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 10:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: I support small restaurants with limited to no parking. They should not have to provide a parking spot, especially if it takes away from limited outdoor seating for patrons, as is the case with many smaller Al fresco dining establishments. This would cause many of these restaurants loss of revenue or even closure, which would be devastating to some of the up and coming neighborhoods where small businesses are growing the economy.

Communication from Public

Name: Swerissen theo

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I wholeheartedly support the idea of outdoor dining. However, I believe there's a crucial aspect missing from the proposed ordinance: ensuring the sanitation and cleanliness of the ground/sidewalk/parking lot areas. Our sidewalks aren't expansive like those designed for dining in Europe (Europe water cleans every day, major production). The current practice of simply sweeping sidewalks isn't adequate for dining purposes. This doesn't meet the hygiene standards necessary for safe outdoor dining. There's an urgent need for a standard of cleanliness akin to that maintained indoors. Sidewalks often face issues of urination by homeless individuals and animals, leaving behind unsanitary conditions. Their overnight presence leads to filth, bugs, fleas, lice etc. and potential health hazards. A comprehensive cleaning regimen involving bleach water power washing, akin to what's required indoors, is imperative. The deplorable state of the outdoor dining area at the food court on Ocean Park in Santa Monica (30th and Ocean Park) serves as an unsettling example. We cannot endorse outdoor dining that replicates such unhygienic conditions. I advocate for a paramount focus on cleaning standards outside to be included in this ordinance, replicating the same pristine cleanliness observed indoors for outdoor dining spaces. Sincerely, Theo Swerissen

Communication from Public

Name: Bert Gay

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: The parking space requirement has the potential to adversely affect small restaurants in particular, which provide so much of the variety and dynamism of the LA restaurant scene. Please reconsider a more nuanced approach to this rule; one that will have less detriment to small businesses, and will continue to allow these institutions that provide so much of the local flavor of our food scene to flourish.

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Name: Sarah Wiltfong
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:07 PM
Council File No: 20-1074-S4
Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter. BizFed supports the Al Fresco Dining ordinance, with concerns on the parking requirement and ambient noise limitations.

12/5/23

Councilmember Harris-Dawson, Chair
Councilmembers Lee, Yaroslavsky, Padilla, and Hutt
Planning & Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Agenda Item # 15 -Outdoor Dining/ L.A. Al Fresco- CF: 20-1074-S4

Chair Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers Lee, Yaroslavsky, Padilla, and Hutt,

We are contacting you on behalf of BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation. We are an alliance of over 240 business organizations who represent over 420,000 employers with 5 million employees in Los Angeles County. We are writing to support the Al Fresco Dining Ordinance, with concerns for the parking requirement and the requirements on ambient music.

First, we want to thank the staff of LA City planning for their diligent work coordinating with the business community to find a workable permanent Al Fresco dining ordinance.

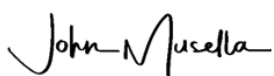
While we support the overall draft ordinance and encourage its passage, we still have significant concerns with the inclusion of the parking space and the decision to limit ambient music outdoors.

Parking Requirement. Requiring at least one parking space will cause a significant burden on our small and minority own businesses. Many restaurants who benefit the most from Al Fresco dining would be disproportionately and negatively impacted with the inclusion of this new requirement. What's more we are disappointed that, after months of negotiations, staff has included this amendment without consultation of the business community. We ask that the committee not move forward with this recommendation.

Ambient Noise. We are still disappointed by the decision to limit ambient noise, however, we still support the ordinance knowing that discussions on this issue will continue with the expectation that a reasonable compromise can be worked out in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. If you have any questions, please contact sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org.

Sincerely,



John Musella
BizFed Chair



David Fleming
BizFed Founding Chair



Tracy Hernandez
BizFed Founding CEO



David Englin
BizFed President

BizFed Association Members

7-11 Franchise Owners Association for SoCal
Action Apartment Association
Alhambra Chamber
American Beverage Association
Antelope Valley Chamber formerly Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles
Apartment Association of Orange County
Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities, Inc .
Arcadia Association of Realtors
AREAA North Los Angeles SFV SCV
Armenian American Business Association
Armenian Trade & Labor Association
Arts District Los Angeles
ASCM Inland Empire Chapter
Asian American Advertising Federation- 3AF
Associated Builders & Contractors SoCal (ABC SoCal)
Associated General Contractors
Association of Independent Commercial Producers
AV Edge California
Azusa Chamber
Bell Chamber
Beverly Hills Bar Association
Beverly Hills Chamber
BioCom
Black Business Association
BNI4SUCCESS
Bowling Centers of SoCal
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce
Bridge Compton Org
Building Industry Association - LA/Ventura Counties
Building Industry Association of Southern California
Building Industry Association- Baldyview
Building Owners & Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles
Burbank Association of Realtors
Burbank Chamber of Commerce
Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness
Business Resource Group
Calabasas Chamber of Commerce
CalAsian Chamber
CalChamber
California Apartment Association- Los Angeles
California Asphalt Pavement Association
California Bankers Association
California Business Properties
California Business Roundtable
California Cleaners Association
California Contract Cities Association
California Fashion Association
California Fuels & Convenience Alliance- Formerly California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA)
California Gaming Association
California Grocers Association
California Hispanic Chamber
California Hotel & Lodging Association
California Independent Petroleum Association
California Life Sciences Association
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Metals Coalition
California Natural Gas Producers Association
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
California Self Storage Association
California Small Business Alliance
California Society of CPAs - Los Angeles Chapter
California Trucking Association
Carson Chamber of Commerce
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
Central City Association
Century City Chamber of Commerce
Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce
Citrus Valley Association of Realtors
Civil Justice Association of California CJAC
Claremont Chamber of Commerce
Commerce Business Council formerly Commercial Industrial Council/Chamber of Commerce
Community Foundation of the Valleys
Compton Chamber of Commerce
Compton Community Development Corporation
Compton Entertainment Chamber of Commerce
Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition
Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality
Council of Infill Builders
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce
Culver City Chamber of Commerce
Downey Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Alhambra Business Association

Downtown Center Business Improvement District
Downtown Long Beach Alliance
DTLA Chamber of Commerce
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce
Employers Group
Energy Independence Now EIN
Engineering Contractor's Association
EXP The Opportunity Engine
FastLink DTLA
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
Friends of Hollywood Central Park
FuturePorts
Gardena Valley Chamber
Gateway to LA
Glendale Association of Realtors
Glendale Chamber
Glendora Chamber
Greater Antelope Valley AOR
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Downey Association of REALTORS
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
Greater Leimert Park Crenshaw Corridor BID
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber
Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors
Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
Harbor Trucking Association
Historic Core BID of Downtown Los Angeles
Hollywood Chamber
Hospital Association of Southern California
Hotel Association of Los Angeles
ICBWA- International Cannabis Women Business Association
Independent Cities Association
Independent Hospitality Coalition
Industrial Environmental Association
Industry Business Council
Inglewood Board of Realtors
Inland Empire Economic Partnership
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
Kombucha Brewers International
La Cañada Flintridge Chamber
LA County Medical Association
LA Fashion District BID
LA South Chamber of Commerce
Larchmont Boulevard Association
Latin Business Association
Latino Food Industry Association
Latino Restaurant Association
LAX Coastal Area Chamber
Licensed Adult Residential Care Association- LARCA
Long Beach Area Chamber
Long Beach Economic Partnership
Long Beach Major Arts Consortium
Los Angeles Area Chamber
Los Angeles Economic Development Center
Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Latino Chamber
Los Angeles LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Parking Association
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Los Angeles World Affairs Council/Town Hall Los Angeles
MADIA Tech Launch
Malibu Chamber of Commerce
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
Marketplace Industry Association
Monrovia Chamber
Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.
MoveLA
MultiCultural Business Alliance
NAIOP Southern California Chapter
NAREIT
National Association of Minority Contractors
National Association of Theatre Owners
CA/Nevada
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Association of Women Business Owners - LA
National Association of Women Business Owners- California
National Federation of Independent Business Owners California
National Hookah
National Latina Business Women's Association
Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Panorama City Chamber of Commerce

Paramount Chamber of Commerce
Pasadena Chamber
Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors
PGA
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association
PhRMA
Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce
Pomona Chamber
Rancho Southeast REALTORS
ReadyNation California
Recording Industry Association of America
Regional CAL Black Chamber, SVF
Regional Hispanic Chambers
San Dimas Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
Secure Water Alliance
Sherman Oaks Chamber
South Bay Association of Chambers
South Bay Association of Realtors
South Gate Chamber of Commerce
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Southern California Contractors Association
Southern California Golf Association
Southern California Grantmakers
Southern California Leadership Council
Southern California Minority Suppliers Development Council Inc.
Southern California Water Coalition
Southland Regional Association of Realtors
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Sportfishing Association of California
Structural Engineers Association of Southern California
Sunland/Tujunga Chamber
Sunset Strip Business Improvement District
Swiss American Chamber of Commerce
Thai American Chamber of Commerce
The LA Coalition for the Economy & Jobs
The Los Angeles Taxpayers Association
The Two Hundred for Homeownership
Torrance Area Chamber
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors
United Chambers - San Fernando Valley & Region
United States-Mexico Chamber
Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle Systems Association
Urban Business Council
US Green Building Council
US Resiliency Council
Valley Economic Alliance, The
Valley Industry & Commerce Association
Venice Chamber of Commerce
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation
Veterans in Business
Vietnamese American Chamber
Warner Center Association
West Hollywood Chamber
West Hollywood Design District
West Los Angeles Chamber
West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors
West Valley/Warner Center Chamber
Westchester BID
Western Electrical Contractors Association
Western Manufactured Housing Association
Western States Petroleum Association
Westside Council of Chambers
Westwood Community Council
Whittier Chamber of Commerce
Wilmington Chamber
World Trade Center

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Houck

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 07:37 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, Open Face Food Shop is 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. We are in opposition to Recommendation #2 in the Department of City Planning's letter dated November 27th, 2023. 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. As a small, exceptionally well regarded neighborhood gathering spot this will be cripple our ability to serve our neighborhood. This has always been our mission and one for which we are willing to work incredibly hard; requiring one parking spot on our 3,000 sf lot will cut our outdoor dining area in half, lose 20 seats and make it unlikely we will survive as a business as we exist today. We allow our diners to block our driveways while visiting us creating 2 spots. This should reasonably suffice. 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, Mark Houck
Owner, Open Face Food Shop



Communication from Public

Name: Stacey

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Removing any al fresco dining would indefinitely hurt small businesses in Los Angeles. Many survive on creatively utilizing their outdoor space and requiring them to keep 1 stall for parking seems useless. Please do not pass this and help small business thrive and survive.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 05:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the proposed new changes to the alfresco dining program, in a city as dense as Los Angeles where every square foot matters, please do not force small restaurants to compromise their space. It is unfair to require a parking space on the premise. It is space completely wasted and these kinds of driver accommodations only contribute to increased traffic in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Esabella Rojas

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Esabella Rojas, Public Policy Manager for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1,400 members, including small businesses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on agenda item 15, Al Fresco Ordinance. We would also like to thank City Planning for all their collaborative work and prioritizing this program. The Chamber supports the adoption and implementation of planning policies that incorporate small growth tools that drive economic growth. We have been a strong supporter of Al Fresco dining both at the state and locally. Al Fresco dining was essential for restaurants during the pandemic and continues to be a vital program that has strengthened communities across the city and expanded workforce opportunities. In line with our members and partners in the restaurant industry in the city, we are disappointed of the removal of the ability to provide ambient music by-right in the alternative ordinance but understand this is the path forward to ensure this program is made permanent before it expires. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Janis
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:59 PM
Council File No: 20-1074-S4
Comments for Public Posting: Please rethink a more nuanced approach to a mandated one stall parking space for small restaurant businesses. We will risk losing many of our small and special neighborhood restaurants

Communication from Public

Name: L. Livingston

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1074-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Dear city officials and committee members, Thank you for your efforts on the Al Fresco Ordinance. As a home owner and 52 year resident of Los Angeles, I celebrate the vibrancy of our city and embrace al fresco dining as part of of that liveliness. However, in the shaping of the particulars of the Al Fresco Ordinance, I strongly support the prohibition of music — ambient, recorded, live, amplified, or acoustic— in outdoor dining. What is intended to be an enhancement for the dining experience creates an untenable situation for nearby residents who must deal with the unwanted sound in their homes. Please keep the no music feature in the Ordinance. Sincerely submitted, L. Livingston