



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
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COUNCILMEMBER, SECOND DISTRICT

November 6, 2023

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Chair, Committee on Planning and Land Use Management  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Proposed Ordinance: Al Fresco Program For Outdoor Dining

Dear Chairman Harris-Dawson:

I am writing to convey my support for the draft ordinance amending the Municipal Code to create a permanent Al Fresco Program for outdoor dining on private property.

At the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, many industries experienced significant losses, but the restaurant industry felt the impact more severely than most. The Al Fresco Program helped keep many of these businesses alive during the worst of the crisis. The program allowed restaurateurs to use private parking lots and the public right of way to expand outdoor dining options. This allowed them to continue serving the public, saving jobs and preserving the viability of many commercial districts.

The relevant City departments have conducted extensive work to tailor the details of this program to meet the needs of business owners and their surrounding communities. The ordinance, as amended, will be beneficial for all parties concerned. The additional standards, allowances, and enforcement measures provided by this ordinance will allow a smooth transition from the temporary program to a permanent one.

I would like to commend the tireless efforts of the Department of City Planning to ensure that this Al Fresco ordinance creates a program that will be beneficial to the entire city. With the amendments proposed to you today, I ask you to support approval of this ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Paul Krekorian  
President, Los Angeles City Council

cc: Councilmember John Lee, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky  
Councilmember Imelda Padilla  
Councilmember Heather Hutt