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Councilmember Curren Price, Chair
Economic Development and Jobs Committee
Attn: Jason Lopez

RE: COUNCIL FILE TRANSMITTAL

On March 25, 2026, the Public Works Committee considered a joint report from Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Building and Safety (DBS), and Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) relative to addressing the lack of enrollment in the permanent L.A. AI Fresco program, Council file No. 20-1074-S6. After consideration, the Committee moved to approve the following amended recommendations (amendments are bolded):

1. DIRECT the BOE to continue with the new service category for AI Fresco on the Virtual Counter system and other service platforms to expeditiously assist businesses and perform a bi-monthly email outreach until the **new deadline on July 1, 2026**, to businesses that have not transitioned their temporary Sidewalk Dining authorization to the permanent L.A. AI Fresco program.
2. DIRECT the DBS to continue to enhance and improve the AI Fresco ePlanLA module to achieve maximum efficiency, leading to a higher level of enrollment, and to continue to promote the Restaurant and Small Business Express Program.
3. AUTHORIZE the EWDD to utilize funds allocated to the Jobs and Economic Development Incentives (JEDI) Program permit fee reduction incentive, currently held by DBS and Department of City Planning (DCP), to subsidize AI Fresco-related BOE, DOT, and BOS permit fees for businesses located in approved JEDI Zones.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the DBS Building Permit Enterprise Fund No. 48R/08, Balance Sheet Account No. 2222, in the following amounts to the following departments and accounts:
 - a. \$80,000 to the BOE Special Services Fund No. 682/50, Account No. TBD, entitled "JEDI Program AI Fresco Permit Reduction Incentive".
 - b. \$8,000 to the DOT Trust Fund No. 840/94, Account No. TBD, entitled "JEDI Program AI Fresco Permit Reduction Incentive."

- c. \$112,000 to the BOS Fund No. 208/50, Departmental Revenue Source Code No. 518801, Miscellaneous Revenue-Others.
- 5. DIRECT the EWDD, BOE, DOT, and BOS to establish policies and procedures for eligibility for the JEDI Program permit fee reduction incentive for AI Fresco businesses located in approved JEDI Zones.
- 6. **INSTRUCT the BOE, with assistance from the DOT, DBS, DCP, EWDD, and BOS, to report with recommendations to potentially consolidate AI Fresco program components and functions, such as inspections, clearances, and compliance responsibilities across fewer departments and bureaus, and explore the feasibility of creating a task force to streamline internal City processes.**

This file is now transmitted to the Economic Development and Jobs Committee.



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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ	YES
PADILLA	ABSENT
HUTT	YES