

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to addressing the lack of enrollment in the permanent L.A. Al Fresco program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to continue with the new service category for Al 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. Al Fresco program.
2. DIRECT the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) to continue to enhance and improve the Al 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 Economic and Workforce Development Department (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 Al Fresco-related BOE, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Bureau of Sanitation (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 Al Fresco Permit Reduction Incentive".
  - b. \$8,000 to the DOT Trust Fund No. 840/94, Account No. TBD, entitled "JEDI Program Al 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 Al 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 Al 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BOE, BOS, DOT, DBS, and EWDD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Venice Neighborhood Council

For if Amended:  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Against:  
Venice Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 25, 2026, your Public Works Committee considered a Joint report from the BOE, BOS, DOT, DBS, and EWDD relative to addressing the lack of enrollment in the permanent L.A. Al Fresco program.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the report recommendations as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

ME

**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**