

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lilly Rocha

**Date Submitted:** 12/03/2023 09:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1074

**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject: Urgent Appeal to Uphold Al Fresco Ordinance without Mandatory Parking Requirements Dear Esteemed Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Latino Restaurant Association, I am writing to express our deep concern and regarding the recent recommendation made by the Department of City Planning to retract the commitment to remove parking from the permanent Al Fresco Ordinance. The release of this recommendation on December 1, at 4:01 pm, has sent shockwaves through our community. Recommendation #2, which now suggests the provision and/or maintenance of at least one parking stall to retain our outdoor patios, threatens the very essence of the vibrant dining culture we have worked hard to establish over the past three years. Our outdoor dining spaces have become integral to our establishments, providing a unique and culturally rich experience for our patrons. It is disheartening to learn that without a designated parking stall, small businesses may be denied the right to continue operating these spaces that have not only defined their businesses but have also contributed significantly to the local economy. In a city grappling with economic challenges and faced with the burdens of high food and gas costs, the imposition of mandatory parking requirements adds an additional strain on our already fragile small business community. We urge you, esteemed members of the City Council, to stand with us as a community fighting for our right to maintain outdoor dining spaces. Let the provision of parking be a choice rather than a mandatory cost thrust upon the shoulders of our already struggling small businesses. Our community is resilient, but we cannot bear the weight of additional burdens that compromise our ability to thrive. We kindly request your support in our collective effort to preserve the cultural and economic vitality of Los Angeles by upholding the promise of the Al Fresco Ordinance without the imposition of mandatory parking requirements. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your continued support and collaboration to ensure that our Latino restaurant owners can survive. Sincerely, Lilly Rocha, CEO/Executive Director, Latino Restaurant Association.



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Lilly Rocha  
CEO  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynn Ellen Lopez

**Date Submitted:** 12/03/2023 09:44 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: 20-1074-S4 Dear council members, PLEASE reconsider your plan to require that all restaurants, of whatever size, have a parking space available on their premises. This will hurt MANY smaller businesses and will cause some of them to close. Los Angeles is very lucky to have so many diverse dining opportunities, of which we native Angelinos can be proud - this is one aspect of my city that truly gives me bragging rights! These days, we can favorably compare ourselves, culinarily, with New York City, New Orleans, Toronto, etc. So, dear council members, please make a decision to actively demonstrate your strong support for (1) all small businesses and (2) the diverse and delicious dining choices that Los Angeles currently offers to both residents and out-of-town visitors. This parking spot rule would seriously hurt (and even destroy) many of these culinary gems that add a great deal to L.A.'s charm. Thank you very much, Lynn Ellen Lopez

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dina Samson

**Date Submitted:** 12/03/2023 11:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1074

**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, Dina Samson, owner of Rossoblu, Superfine Pizza, Superfine Playa, and Co-Founder of Regarding Her Food 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. 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, Dina Samson Rossoblu Superfine Pizza Superfine Playa Regarding Her Food

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Greene  
**Date Submitted:** 12/03/2023 02:22 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1074  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't eliminate all the newly created Al fresco dining that these small restaurant businesses have created. One of the most beautiful parts about this city is the rich food scene combined with beautiful weather so to do anything to mitigate that for the sake of a parking spot on premises isn't necessary.