

**MOTION**      **PUBLIC WORKS AND  
GANG REDUCTION**

Emergency Health Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have greatly altered industry and commerce in the City of Los Angeles. The restaurant and hospitality industries have had to adapt their business models to ensure their viability. The ability for the use of the public right of way through outdoor dining has been crucial to the survival of the restaurant and hospitality industry.

The City of Los Angeles has recently pivoted to allow the use of the public right of way temporarily through the AI Fresco Program for outdoor dining. However, the current piecemeal approach is not enough to ensure that a long term outdoor dining program can remain as a tool for economic development once the public health emergency order is rescinded.

In Council District 15, the San Pedro Outdoor Dining Pilot Program has allowed the San Pedro Business Improvement District (BID) to use a Single Applicant Zone Permit (B Permit) along with the currently available LADOT parklet and plaza guidelines to create a unique pilot program that has allowed for local restaurants to serve their patrons in a safe manner by adhering to the county health guidelines as well as keeping users safe from traffic hazards.

While outdoor dining was once considered an economic development tool driven by aesthetics and ambience, it is now a tool for survival. The downtown San Pedro economy has greatly benefited from the pilot program, with all participating restaurants able to stay open during the pandemic. and an expansion of the program citywide would give other communities and businesses the opportunity to survive and thrive under the current restrictions and beyond.

The City of Los Angeles should develop a Citywide Outdoor Dining Program that allows for restaurants located in specific zones to participate in the program under the oversight of a third party, such as a BID. The program should include guidelines that establish design, safety protocols, and a clear ministerial application process for outdoor dining platforms within an approved zone. This will ensure that outdoor dining becomes a part of the fabric of the Los Angeles Economy and provides economic opportunities for all businesses in the restaurant and hospitality industry.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation, and any other departments, as needed, be DIRECTED to report with recommendations on a streamlined, permanent outdoor dining policy, with the ability to establish a zone in which multiple restaurants can opt-in under one application/permit, the creation of a guideline document and ministerial approval process for outdoor dining platforms, using the San Pedro Outdoor Dining Pilot Program as the guiding model.

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