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The City of Los Angeles is home to the largest concentration of Salvadorans outside the Republic of El Salvador, with an estimate of one million nationals who are inextricably linked to their homeland.

The civil wars of Central America created the mass migration of mostly Salvadorans to the United States. Since the 1980s, a large concentration of Salvadorans seeking refuge from these conflicts have resettled in the City. The Salvadoran diaspora living in the City has become the second largest Latino community in California, consolidating a great cultural and social influence.

Salvadorans have established themselves here by raising families, starting businesses, and celebrating their culture in the Westlake, MacArthur Park, and Pico-Union neighborhoods of Los Angeles and the area around Monseñor Romero Square, located at W. Pico Boulevard and Vermont Avenue, is officially known as the historic core for Salvadorans in Los Angeles.

This area has become a popular site for sidewalk vendors and their patrons, forming an informal Mercado Salvadoreño. Recognizing the vibrant contribution of Salvadoran immigrants to the City enhances the visibility and representation of the Salvadoran community and lays a clear framework to support cultural tourism, economic development, and public engagement in the community. In order to support the local Salvadoran vendors, it is necessary for the City to develop tools clearly outlining the City's vending policies and where vending is and is not allowed, specifically within the El Salvador Corridor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to develop interactive and publicly available maps that clearly show where vending is and is not allowed within the City in order to support vendors within the El Salvador Corridor in Council District 1 and vendors Citywide.

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