

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please read and consider this Statement of Community Impact from the GPIA. We support this motion.

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Statement of Community Impact CF 25-0557 & CF 25-0568

The Glassell Park Improvement Association urges you to APPROVE CF25-0557 & CF25-0568

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) supports Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martínez's two motions aimed at regulating the placement of ghost kitchens in our communities.

In Glassell Park, a recently completed ghost kitchen project is about to open on Eagle Rock Boulevard across from the northbound 2 Freeway's Verdugo Road on and off-ramps. Given reports of disruptions in Echo Park and other older communities where small businesses coexist with residential areas, our community members have concerns about the location of this large ghost kitchen business that will house more than 14 separate kitchens, each independently using food pickup and delivery services. Not only is the ghost kitchen site across from the freeway on- and off-ramps, but it is also directly opposite our Community & Senior Center, a busy public pool and a city recreation center with baseball and soccer fields. Our infrastructure was not built to accommodate the increased density associated with ghost kitchens.

Businesses that rely upon steady traffic of app-based delivery vehicles do not belong in an area with high pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic where accidents are already common. Instead, they should be confined to commercial zones that are designed for easy access, high traffic and ample parking.

The ghost kitchen project in Glassell Park was fast-tracked through approvals, permitted and under construction before the community was informed about what was planned for the site. So for us, the motion to revise the zoning code to define and constrain ghost kitchen projects comes too late, but the accompanying motion that would mitigate the dangers an influx of app-based delivery vehicles brings, has the potential to prevent serious accidents.

The GPIA strongly **supports Motions 25-0568 and 25-0557** and urges the City Council to **approve both** without delay.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association was founded in 1968, and is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in Los Angeles. Our founders described our mission as advocating for quality of life issues and working to improve conditions in Glassell Park. As such, our Board of Directors have voted and approved sending this statement on behalf of our members.