

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to expanding eligibility for the Legacy Business Program; developing a Citywide Restaurant Protection Ordinance; and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hutt, Soto-Martinez – Hernandez):

INSTRUCT the Office of Wage Standards (OWS) and Community Investment Department (CID), with the assistance of the City Attorney and in collaboration with the Restaurant Equity Alliance, and also incorporate feedback from representatives of small and independently owned restaurants, BusinessSource Centers, local Chambers of Commerce, California Restaurant Association, and other relevant business and labor stakeholders to develop:

- a. Recommendations to expand the eligibility for the City of Los Angeles Legacy Business Program to include restaurants and other small businesses that have operated continuously in the City for at least 10 years and that have a proven record of complying with local labor standards, as well as demonstrated at least three or more of the criteria currently being used for the existing legacy program and any recommendations for updating such criteria or creating a tiered model of the program.
- b. An analysis of the primary factors leading any businesses in the Legacy Business Program to close and recommendations for targeted interventions, including financial or technical assistance, as well as the staffing needed to facilitate such interventions.
- c. Recommendations for offering succession planning training and resources for worker-owned transitions of legacy businesses.
- d. Recommendations for developing a Citywide Restaurant Protection Ordinance (CRPO). The CRPO should: 1) provide targeted, supportive measures such as education, outreach, and technical assistance for small and immigrant-owned businesses who contribute to Los Angeles' cultural identity; 2) additional support and expedited application processing for restaurants that have a strong track record of complying with local labor standard and health and safety codes and 3) establish partnerships with community-based organizations that support immigrant entrepreneurs and restaurant workers.
- e. The report should be presented to the Economic Development and Jobs Committee within 90 days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 18, 2026, your Economic Development, and Jobs Committee considered a Motion (Hutt, Soto-Martinez – Hernandez) relative to expanding eligibility for the Legacy Business Program; developing a Citywide Restaurant Protection Ordinance; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation, as amended, as detailed above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND JOBS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
PARK:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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