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The proliferation and concentration of fast food restaurants in certain areas of the City brings with it many social, economic, environmental and other concerns which merit closer review by the City.

The unique community issues raised by this sector of commercial activity has been recognized in many cities throughout the nation. Port Jefferson, New York has an ordinance which bars formula fast food restaurants from the village's historic commercial and waterfront districts. The ordinance strictly defines "formula fast food establishment" as, among other things, one which has standardized menus, ingredients, food preparation, decor, external facade and/or uniforms.

A tax in Chicago aims to reduce littering and to defray the city's cost for sanitation workers to clean up litter. There is an extra 0.5 percent charged for take-out foods from local restaurants, increasing the restaurant tax from 9.75 percent to 10.25 percent. The higher price for take-out foods encourages diners to stay indoors, and as a result, to put food wrappings and waste in provided receptacles.

These are but two examples of communities which have implemented measures legitimately addressing problems associated with the fast food industry.

In Los Angeles not only do we suffer from the increased waste which is generated from these establishments, but arguably the profuse over concentration of fast-food businesses in low-income areas, particularly along the Southeast Los Angeles commercial corridors, intensifies socio-economic problems in the neighborhoods, and creates serious public health problems through poor nutrition for children, magnets for juvenile delinquency, and a proportionally much higher cost for food.

As such, the City should enforce all land use regulatory controls to regulate the further over-concentration of fast food restaurants along all commercial corridors in Southeast Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and process an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO), to prohibit all new fast food restaurants from opening on all Major Highway Class I, Major Highway Class II and Secondary streets designated in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert, South Los Angeles and Southeast Los Angeles Community Plans; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the ICO include an Urgency Clause making it effective upon publication; and,

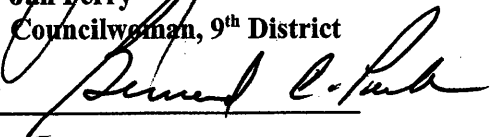
I FURTHER MOVE that the ICO shall run for one year with two six month extensions by City Council Resolution, or until the adoption of the appropriate land use regulatory controls have been prepared by the Planning Department, adopted by the City Council and become effective, whichever occurs first; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department prepare and present the ICO for the review and consideration of the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee.

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