MOTION

In 2013, the Los Angeles City Council initiated the process to create a program to legalize sidewalk vending. Since then, the City Council has held numerous public hearings on the matter, and voted to decriminalize the act of vending on City sidewalks. The Council approved a policy framework, including permit requirements, rules, and regulations; and requested the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance. The draft ordinance is currently pending before Council.

On January 29, 2018, Senator Ricardo Lara introduced the Safe Sidewalk Vending Act (SB 946) which seeks to decriminalize vending in California and provides rules that local jurisdictions would have to follow when crafting local sidewalk vending policies. It is anticipated that passage of SB 946 would impact the rules and regulations of the sidewalk vending program that the City is now crafting.

Given the City’s progress in terms of community engagement with all associated parties, the partnerships built with County health officials, and the work of City departments in the development of the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Program, it is imperative that the Council understand the potential impact of SB 946 on the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance of City Attorney and any other departments as necessary, to analyze Senate Bill 946 (Lara) and report on its impact to the City’s draft Sidewalk Vending Program.

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