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Fwd: PF 13-1493

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From: Carole Gillie <carolegillie@gmail.com>
 Date: Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 4:54 PM
 Subject: RE: PF 13-1493
 To: John.White@lacity.org

Dear Mr White—Please register me as being against street vending, especially in the Leimert Park area.

My family and I have been residents of Leimert Park since 1959. The intents when this neighborhood was developed, was to have organized shopping in the the first indoor Mall in the US (Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall) and to have store fronts where residents could walk to enjoy shopping. We have a unique opportunity to make certain that this kind of shopping continues to thrive to support our local economy. Street vendors do not contribute to the tax base in the same manner, nor are they sanitary. As a real estate broker, I have worked very hard to renovate homes with investors and increase area values and bring diversity to our neighborhoods. This is bringing more businesses that support our diverse neighbors. Street vending will negatively impact home values and add crowds and filth to our streets that we work so hard to keep clean.

Please read the information below as support for the case of NO STREET VENDING:

"Street vending should not be legalized because street vendors are unfair competition and does not contribute to the local economy..." Legal business owners complain about street vendors because they, "do not incur registration and taxation cost, and... do not pay costs associated with off-street workplace, such as rent and utility payments"(wiego.org) street vendors in the Crenshaw area stand in front of a brick and mortar stores such as a 99 ¢ store and Walgreens and sell their food and other products to their consumers. This is the reason why legal business owners think that street vendors are unfair competition. Street vendors steal customers from legal businesses and work outside of the economy because they do not pay taxes to the government, and do not pay rent for the property they use. Consumers who live around the area want to support local tax paying business owners with competitive prices. However, street vendors do not tend to offer low prices. E.g., A woman was observed selling creme, lotion, and batteries for \$3 to \$5. Meanwhile, nearby, there is a 99 ¢ store where they sell creme, lotion, and batteries for \$1.09 plus tax. Consumers who would most likely buy from them would be low income Hispanics, but since across the street there is a 99 ¢ store where they sell it at a cheaper price, most consumers would go to the store for a cheaper price. Street vendors try to sell their products at a low price, but at the same time, they try to earn the amount of money that they need, even if it means increasing their prices in order to make profit. Street vending does not contribute to the local economy because they perform outside of the legal economy; they do not pay taxes or rent for the property. Street vending may not contribute to the local economy, and street vendors are not an example of the type of entrepreneur we want to encourage in our neighborhoods. Street vendors not an example of entrepreneurs because they

fail to organize, manage, and assume the risk of a business in order to gain profit. Street vending is an example of a failing market economy that does not support local taxpaying citizens in our neighborhoods.. A market economy is when an individual runs his own business pays taxes and can invest and spend as needed. Street vending should not be legalized because street vendors are unfair competition for local businesses. They do not operate in a manner in which our local economy can thrive. We want to support local businesses within local store fronts. We do not want unsanitary street vendors crowding our streets.

Please support our NO STREET VENDOR position

Thank you

Carole Gillie

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