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Re: Item 30-A

Brief Summary: Manhattan Homeowner's Association Block Club and West Park Terrace Block Clubs are in agreement in amendment of Section 4200(d) of LAMC to limit enforcement of a violation for street vending to avoid criminal penalties that may result in deportation. However we oppose Street Vending and have serious concerns in regard to sufficient resources to enforce the Administration Citation Enforcement Program, (ACE) to cite violations, and Bureau of Street Services to regulate Street Vending.

Over 100 Constituents in attendance at recent So-West Empowerment Meeting, and Block Club meetings oppose Street Vending on pavements, and sidewalks, in sensitive areas, 500 feet of Schools, Parks, and Residential Communities. We feel it should be controlled in a Farmer's Market style setting, as does 96% percent of constituent's surveyed at 01/23/2017 So-West Neighborhood Council Meeting.

Regulation is only as good as its enforcement. There were not sufficient resources when Street Vending was illegal; there are still not enough police resources to enforce it now that it has been decriminalized. Police would have to enforce the 2 Vendors to a block rule, ensure Vendors are properly permitted, and ensure that public health and safety is protected. Police would have to ensure that vendors are not loaning, or selling their permits, while providing same day response to complaints. This would shift police resources away from addressing serious incidents, and from combatting serious crime in the city.

A survey was circulated Jan 23, 2017 in regards to the 8th District being designated a street vending district, and 98 percent of constituents said that they did not want their 8th district to become a Street Vendors District. (Survey Results will be being sent by U.S. Mail to City Council and Committees).

95 percent stated they had concerns in regards to regulation, enforcement, and health and safety of the general public in regards to the street vending program. 98 percent stated that they would prefer more information, outreach, and a comprehensive educational program be afforded 8th District Constituents.

Constituents feel that street vending would be an eye sore in their community and contribute to traffic congestion, litter, and debris, crime, and blight conditions. We opt out of The Street Vendor District Designations. There has been no education or outreach in regards to Street Vending in the 8th District.