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Title: Street Vending / Special Sidewalk
Vending District Program

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Attached is California Senate Bill 946 (2017-2018) UPDATE.

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SB-946 Sidewalk vendors. (2017-2018)

Senate: 1st Cmt

Assembly:

Bill Status	
Measure:	SB-946
Lead Authors:	Lara (S)
Principal Coauthors:	-
Coauthors:	-
Topic:	Sidewalk vendors.
31st Day in Print:	03/01/18
Title:	An act to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 21150) to Chapter 1 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, relating to sidewalk vendors.
House Location:	Senate
Introduced Date:	01/29/18
Committee Location:	Sen Governance and Finance

Type of Measure
Active Bill - In Committee Process
Majority Vote Required
Non-Appropriation
Non-Fiscal Committee
Non-State-Mandated Local Program
Non-Urgency
Non-Tax levy

Last 5 History Actions	
Date	Action
02/08/18	Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
01/30/18	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 1.
01/29/18	Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

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Attached is Los Angeles Times Article.

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STREET VENDING ADVOCATES PROTEST IN DOWNTOWN L.A.

By DAKOTA SMITH MAR 09, 2018 | 1:05 PM dakota.smith@latimes.com



Leaders of the L.A. Street Vendor Campaign block Main Street near Los Angeles City Hall on Friday. (Irfan Khan / Los Angeles Times)



Police detain a street vending protester who refused to leave after a dispersal order. (Irfan Khan / Los Angeles Times)

About half a dozen protesters were arrested Friday in downtown Los Angeles after they blocked traffic as part of a demonstration against proposed street vending rules.

Several hundred demonstrators took over Main Street near City Hall shortly after 10 a.m. to protest a vending proposal that they say favors businesses over local vendors. The group shouted "*Si se puede*" — "Yes we can" — and carried signs that read "Opportunity, Dignity and Safety."

Police arrested seven people who refused to leave after a dispersal order, LAPD Officer Rosario Herrera said.

The L.A. City Council is crafting new rules for the thousands of **unlicensed street vendors** who sell fruit, clothing and CDs on the city's sidewalks. As part of those rules, lawmakers are considering requiring vendors to get permission from neighboring properties to sell their goods. Brick-and-mortar businesses say they are worried about how legalizing vending will affect them, and they cite concerns about trash, blocked walkways and what they see as unfair competition from street vendors.

About an hour before the arrests, a group of vendors — many of them women — and their supporters gathered outside City Hall to criticize the proposed business permission requirement. The demonstration was held a day after International Women's Day, and the organizers said women make up about 80% of the street vendors in Los Angeles. "It is time to be bold," said Rosemarie Molina, an organizer with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. "We must stand against the business veto, which would give private business owners the governing power over public space."