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Re: CF# 13-1493 Opposition to:  
Street Vending / Special Sidewalk Vending District Program

August 9, 2015

Curren D. Price, JR., Councilmember  
Council District 9  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room # 420  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Councilmember Price:

Old Granada Hills Resident's Group (OGHRG) wishes to express our deep concern over the increasing prevalence of illegal street vending in our community. Not only do street vendors unfairly undercut the economic stability of an established business community but they adversely impact public safety and quality of life by being linked to:

- Crime, extortion, gang activity
- Intimidation/threats amongst vendors vying for prime locations
- Impeding the pedestrian right of way and blocking the vision of motorist
- Peddling of stolen/counterfeit goods
- Improper food handling or storage that can be susceptible to vermin infestation or other hazardous contamination
- Blighted conditions by leaving trash and rotting food behind that attracts rats and other pests

Currently, regulatory city agencies are failing to provide desperately needed services due to strained resources and budgetary constraints. There is little confidence that enough resources would be dedicated to making these agencies whole, let alone having the additional resources to fund a separate unit to effectively regulate an estimated 50,000 street vendors. While this is contentious issue, one that is supported by several Councilmembers who voice concerns about an emerging micro-economy that needs to come out of the shadows, we feel that there is a far larger business community that warrants the support and consideration of the Los Angeles City government. Any proposed legislation that would essentially undermine those businesses that have played by the rules would not only be a disservice to the local business districts within Old Granada Hills, but to other commercial districts in CD12 as well as those citywide.

**By a unanimous vote, OGHRG Board of Directors strongly urges you to support:  
Maintaining the current regulations that prohibit street vending (*Los Angeles Municipal Code, Sec 42.00 (b), amended by Ord. No. 182,813*) without provisions or allowances for a permitting scheme or specialty districts where street vendors could locate.**

Dave Beauvais, President  
Old Granada Hills Residents' Group

Maria Fisk, Board Member  
Old Granada Hills Residents' Group

Cc: Mitchell Englander, Councilmember; Joe Buscaino, Councilmember.



August 5, 2015  
*Hand Delivered*

**Melrose BID  
Board of Directors:**

Honorable Councilmember Paul Koretz  
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**Silvia Weintraub  
Corporate Secretary**

Honorable Councilmember Koretz:

**Julian Chicha  
Treasurer**

The Melrose BID Board of Directors has consistently opposed food carts and other forms of street vending. We do not believe that street vendors are an appropriate use within the Melrose business district. We are writing to request that you exercise all of the powers of your office to prohibit any street vending or its legalization for the Melrose Avenue corridor.

**Pierson Blaetz  
Greenway Arts Alliance/  
Melrose Trading Post**

**Isack Fadlon  
Sportie LA**

Such vendors are not fair to local businesses that must pay taxes, utilities, and abide by the many regulations that are attendant to their business, including inspections. Legalization of street vending raises questions about health, safety, increased sidewalk congestion, and trash. Obviously, the City has no realistic plan or capacity for regulating out of control street vending; there are an estimated 50,000 illegal street vendors currently operating in the City.

**Daniel Farasat  
Tiger West Capital**

**Fred Rosenthal  
Ametron Audio/Visual**

We understand that some Los Angeles City Council Districts may desire such vendors. Fine. If that be the desire let those Districts establish special zones or permits that are not applicable to our area.

**Donald R. Duckworth  
Executive Director**

We also suggest that the City establish regulations allowing its business improvement districts to be part of a City-wide comprehensive street vendor regulation network so that willful violations do not arise in an environment in which diminished City resources do not permit effective enforcement.

Thank you for your attention in support of Melrose Avenue.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Duckworth  
Executive Director

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