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City Clerk's Office

To Whom It May Concern:

The Byzantine Latino Quarter BID Board of Directors located on Pico Boulevard expresses concerns regarding street vending and food carts within the Business Improvement District. We believe that certain issues need to be resolved before the City Council considers establishing a sidewalk vending program in Los Angeles through Council File 13-1493.

Such issues include:

- Overlapping regulatory responsibility and possible gaps in enforcement requirements
- Liability
- Trash, locations and/or zones where vending can be permitted
- Resources for permit compliance given the mobility aspects of these carts
- Allocation of scarce sidewalk space, whereas other uses such as sidewalk dining Must be permitted to use the public right of way
- ADA compliance/obstruction of the public right of way
- Noise, odors, and hours of operation
- Sanitary conditions for food vendors including hot water, hand washing, and Restrooms
- Impacts upon brick and mortar stores and jobs

Because businesses located in Business Improvement Districts have to pay for services, we feel that sidewalk vendors must also contribute to the BID. We suggest that the City regulate such vendors and enforce with penalties that deter regulatory non-compliance.

We also suggest an opt-in system where communities are excluded from the ordinance until they affirmatively opt-in.

Thank you for your attention the BLQ BID.

Sincerely,

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Program Manager