



Street Vendors

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Cc: jessica@southpark.la

I am forwarding an email I sent Council member Huizar back in June stating my strong opposition to street vending.

Begin forwarded message:

From: KEVIN SHARKEY <KEVINSHARKEY@VERIZON.NET>

Date: June 30, 2014 at 3:41:02 PM PDT

Subject: Street Vendors

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

Dear Council Member Huizar:

As a resident of South Park, I am writing to you in strong opposition of any type of street vending in the City of Los Angeles, and particularly in my South Park neighborhood.

As someone who walks his dog frequently in the neighborhood, I am all-to-familiar with the trash and blight associated with street food vending (please see attached recent pictures). Not only is this a litter and health issue, it will adversely affect my property value. It is also unfair to brick-and-mortar restaurants and stores who pay substantial City taxes.

Regarding your claim that any potential street vending would be regulated, I find that notion laughable as the City doesn't have the resources now to regulate existing laws. Additional medical marijuana clinics is probably a good indication of how that would go.

We are the residents who are going to have to put up with the adverse effects of street vending, particularly as it pertains to street vending of food. Ask yourself if you'd like someone outside your home and deal with the attendant smell and litter!

I am urging you to drop this unwise idea and protect the property interests of the tax-paying residents of South Park.

Respectfully,

KEVIN SHARKEY

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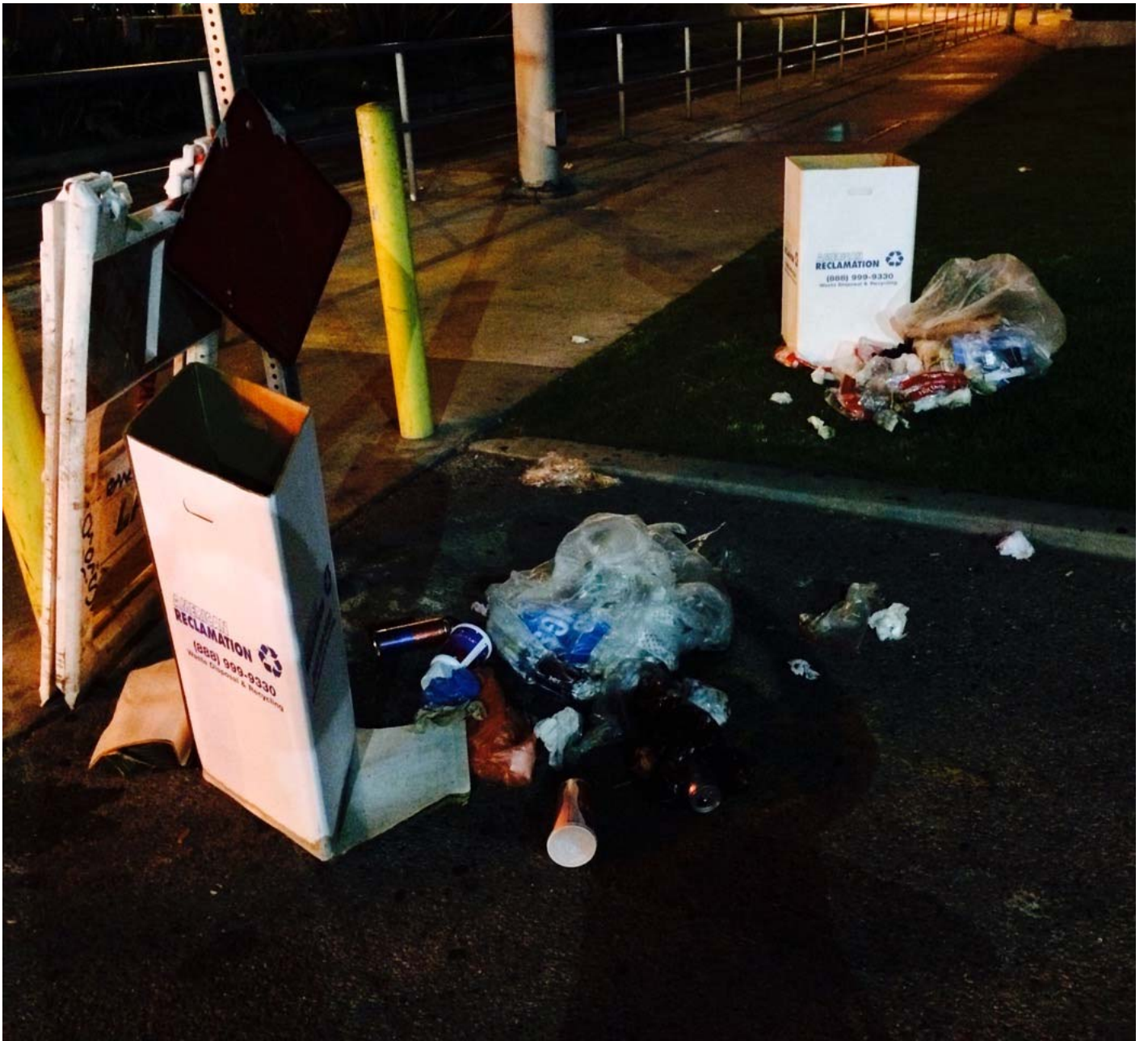
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Richard Williams <richard.williams@lacity.org>

Re: Support for Sidewalk Vending Ordinance CF #13-1493

Vince Robbins <robbinsvince@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 24, 2014 at 6:45 PM

To: richard.williams@lacity.org

Cc: felipe.v.chavez@lacity.org, Clare Fox <cfox@goodfoodla.org>

Honorable City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the TheLATravelGuide.com, as its founder and editor, to express support for the City of Los Angeles' consideration of a citywide program that would legalize and regulate sidewalk vending in Los Angeles. As a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council's stakeholder network of over 280 organizations, we have committed to making Los Angeles a "Good Food" region for everyone—where food is healthy, affordable, sustainable and fair.

Legalized sidewalk vending will support increased availability of healthy food in underserved communities, encourage local economic development, and create safer, more vibrant streets. There are an estimated 10,000 street vendors in Los Angeles, many of whom provide fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy culturally-relevant food in neighborhoods with limited healthy food options. These street vendors operate outside of the formal economy, because the City currently lacks a process to recognize and support these entrepreneurs. By developing a permit process with a humane enforcement strategy, the City could give these small business owners an opportunity to make an honest living, and offer incentives to encourage more street vendors to become healthy food entrepreneurs.

We express our strong support for a sidewalk vending ordinance that creates the following:

- **A Citywide permit process for food and non-food sidewalk vending.** This process should consider the cost of the program for the City and the financial capacity of low-income vendors. In order for vendors across the City to have a real incentive to participate, any policy that is put forth must apply to all areas of the city.
- **Incentives for different types of healthy food vending,** including but not limited to, fresh fruit, produce, water and healthy snacks. Examples of incentives offered to healthy food vendors should include reduced permit fees, special access to events sponsored by the City and exclusive vending areas such as around schools and in front of hospitals.
- **Responsible and humane enforcement** focused on education and training first, that avoids arrests or excessive criminalization of vendors.

As community food advocates, we support street food vendors because we know they play an important role in addressing inequitable access to healthy food, and they are a vibrant part of our local food economy. By legalizing sidewalk vending, the City of LA creates jobs, supports local food entrepreneurs and activates the vibrancy and safety of the streets. On behalf of the thousands of vendors we work with and support, we the City of Los Angeles to pass a sidewalk vending ordinance with expediency.

Sincerely,

Vince Robbins
Founder | Editor
The LA Travel Guide
Stakeholder Network Member, Los Angeles Food Policy Council



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November 24, 2014

Honorable City Council
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
Attn: Richard Williams and Felipe Chavez
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012.

RE: Support for proposed Sidewalk Vending Program, Los Angeles City Council File #13-1493

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I am writing on behalf of the Food Chain Workers Alliance (please see below for a list of our member organizations) to express support for the City of Los Angeles' consideration of a citywide program that would legalize and regulate sidewalk vending in Los Angeles. As a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council's stakeholder network of over 280 organizations, we have committed to making Los Angeles a "Good Food" region for everyone—where food is healthy, affordable, sustainable and fair.

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OUR Walmart * Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York * Restaurant Opportunities Centers United
Rural Community Workers Alliance * Rural & Migrant Ministry * Street Vendors Project * Teamsters Joint Council No. 7
UE Research and Education Fund: Warehouse Workers for Justice * UNITE HERE Food Services Division
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Joann Lo

Executive Director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance

Vice Chair of the Leadership Board, Los Angeles Food Policy Council

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Councilmember Mike Bonin

Councilmember Mitchell Englander

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Councilmember Jose Huizar

Councilmember Joe Buscaino



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