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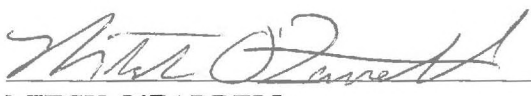
The fear and uncertainty endured by our nation's undocumented immigrant population due to actions by the current administration is polarizing. The thought that a "chargeable offense," to a vendor who is selling "elotes" or popsicles could be used under the current administration as just cause for deportation has created real fear amongst those most vulnerable.

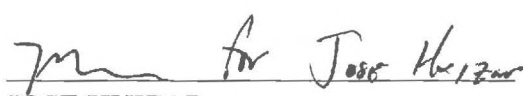
Inasmuch as the City is considering the creation of a Citywide Sidewalk Vending Program, on February 15, 2017, the City Council, amended Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.00(b) to remove any violation that created a criminal charge related to the selling of goods and services on City sidewalks.

Given that the City is also considering a policy to regulate sales and services in City parks, it is in the best interest of the City to protect our parks, patrons and entrepreneurs. The Department of Recreation and Parks is governed by Charter and should be requested to examine the feasibility of amending LAMC Section 63.44 to remove the misdemeanor penalty and replace with other penalties to compel compliance without the threat of a criminal charge.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be requested to review the violations section of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 for removal of the misdemeanor violation and report with recommendations to replace it with other penalties to compel compliance without the threat of a criminal charge.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Attorney, report to Council on the number of citations issued for violation of LAMC 63.44 since it was reinstated in September of 2015.

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