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The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is devastating the food services and drinking places industry. Governor Gavin Newsom and Mayor Eric Garcetti have ordered all bars and restaurants to close (with the exception of those who provide delivery and pick up services). Though these closures are critical in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus and ensuring the public health of Angelenos, many restaurants in the industry are small, family-owned enterprises that do not have the financial capacity to withstand long term closures. The impact of these closures will ripple through communities in Los Angeles as many working Angelenos rely on these jobs to support their families. As relief programs are considered at the Federal, State, and County levels, the restaurant industry should be prioritized in receiving economic support. Moreover, the City should explore opportunities to provide financial relief that complement any State and Federal programs that are made available.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, be directed to report on all economic relief programs made available to the restaurant industry at the Federal, State, and County levels, and to provide recommendations to fund a City program that can compliment those programs and fill any gaps identified.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, be directed to report on budgetary impacts of a one year gross receipts tax holiday for the restaurant industry.

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