

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce strongly encourages you to oppose any rate cap on third-party food delivery providers. This coronavirus crisis has made being a Black business impossible. Aside from the general negative economic impact caused by necessary lockdown orders, African Americans are dying at higher rates than our share of the population, we are becoming more ill for longer lengths of time, we are losing our jobs at faster rates, we are having our hours reduced, and we are having great difficulty accessing loans for small businesses. Our community cannot afford to lose one restaurant to a rate cap. We have too few to begin with and few of them are African American owned. The renaissance of the Crenshaw District depends on quality dining options in proximity to residential demands, via delivery or (when appropriate) dining-in. A rate cap as currently conceived is a threat to our economic survival. Please help Crenshaw District businesses avoid unnecessary strain and potential insolvency by voting against the rate cap and urging that efforts to help food entrepreneurs take priority in Council discussions.