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In response to the public health risk posed by COVID-19, the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) have mobilized an unprecedented effort to open temporary shelters for the prevention of COVID-19 amongst those most vulnerable within the homeless population--seniors and those with pre-existing health conditions. In addition, the County and LAHSA are contracting with hotels and motels to identify more beds for this vulnerable population. With new beds coming online each day, there is a growing need for meal services to be coordinated to serve the clients placed in shelter.

With our local restaurants struggling to keep staff onboard and remain afloat as business has come to a near halt during the COVID-19 health crisis, there is a unique opportunity to tap into these underutilized restaurants in contracting to provide food service for our homeless shelters. By tapping into underutilized restaurants to contract the food service for our homeless shelters, we can potentially solve two problems--quality meal access for homeless clients, and ensuring the business generated by serving those needs is going to our local restaurants and our local economy.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority to explore opportunities for contracting with local restaurants to provide the meal catering services for the various homeless shelters and temporary housing coming online in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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