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As a tourist destination, Hollywood is the center of tour bus company activities. Over the past few years, tour bus companies have become particularly aggressive in soliciting customers on sidewalks throughout Hollywood. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 42.00 (c)(3) prohibits street-soliciting of goods or services, however, sight-seeing tour operations, regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission, are expressly exempted. It appears that no other California jurisdiction provides a similar exemption. In order to protect the public and ensure equity to all businesses, it is important that the City no longer provide special treatment to tour bus companies by allowing them to solicit sight-seeing tours on City sidewalks.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance deleting Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 42.00 (c)(3) that provides an exemption for sight-seeing tour operations from the prohibition on street-soliciting of goods or services.

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