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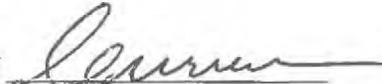
Sidewalk Vendors represent vulnerable populations who on top of facing unemployment and rental issues, also face language barriers, poor access to resources and financing opportunities, extortion, and fear of deportation due to their immigration status. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and corresponding State and local "stay-at-home" orders have had a severe public health, social, and economic impact on the City's street vendors. Additionally, this community has largely been ineligible to receive any form of federal financial assistance.

On December 17, 2019, the Los Angeles City Council adopted an Ordinance (No. 186478) which created the Sidewalk and Park Vending Trust Fund and established permit fees. The rates established through this Ordinance are as follows:

- (a) \$291 until July 1, 2020.
- (b) \$541 on and after July 1, 2020.

While the schedule above provides a reduced fee for the first six months of the program, the social distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic have led to a low turnout of vendors applying for permits. Those who have made an effort to take advantage of the reduced fee are now restricted by "stay-at-home" orders and unable to operate their business. Some have invested in equipment and paid other fees to comply with the City. These vendors are now having difficulty covering the costs they incurred. A possible solution would be to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13 to extend the effective period of the reduced fee until July 1, 2021, or one year after the City's "stay-at-home" order is lifted.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13 to extend the effective period of the reduced fee of \$291 until July 1, 2021, or one year after the City's "stay-at-home" order is lifted.

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