

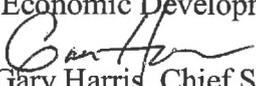
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 16, 2018

TO: The Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee

The Honorable Curren D. Price, Chair
Economic Development Committee

FROM: 
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Bureau of Street Services

SUBJECT: CF# 13-1493 ORDINANCE TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE FOR PERMITTED STREET VENDING

SUMMARY

The Bureau of Street Services has reviewed the draft street vending ordinance for Council File 13-1493, and submits the below comments for consideration. The Bureau's comments are designed to ensure effective enforcement without the need for criminal misdemeanor charges.

Recommendations for Effective Enforcement:

- **Confiscation:** for un-permitted carts, eliminate the proposed hearing-based confiscation process and allow confiscation and disposal under existing Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.11 for bulky items. Absent criminal penalties for unpermitted vending, enforcement personnel will not be able to compel unpermitted vendors to produce valid identification. Without positive identification, it would be impossible to compel a vendor to appear at a confiscation hearing. For permitted carts vending in violation of permit conditions, suspension or revocation of the permit is more practical to administer than a hearing-based confiscation process.
- **Safety of School Children:** require background examinations for vendors choosing to vend within 500 feet of schools. The proposed ordinance allows vending within 500 feet of schools if the vendor exclusively dispenses healthy food. California law requires background checks for all school employees to prevent registered sex offenders and other persons with violent criminal pasts from being employed around children. It is recommended that those persons applying to vend near schools are subject to a background check to ensure no prior convictions for specific crimes that would indicate a potential danger to school children. These proposed checks would be limited to relevant crimes specified in the regulations to be approved by the Board, and would not involve citizenship status or immigration-related violations.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Gary Harris, Chief Street Services Investigator II, at (213) 847-6000.