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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In favor of Council File [Council File 20-0147-S27](#)
Moratorium on permit requirement for street vendors

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) is in support of the recent additional motion [Council File 20-0147-S27](#) in regards to a moratorium of strict Covid precautions and enforcements on Los Angeles' street vendors.

Council Member Raman has recently set forth a motion to ease restrictions on street vendors. This motion would help [tens of thousands of micro-business owners](#)¹ throughout the Los Angeles area to provide more stable income for their families and ease the daily stress of being issued a citation.

The street vending community is an integral part of Los Angeles and as of 2018 is a [half a billion dollar industry](#).² Undoubtedly, the past year has impacted many vendor's livelihoods and ability to earn revenue. There have been programs such as the [Street Vendor Emergency Fund](#)³ however programs such as that cannot sustain the industry long term.

The original Council File 20-0147 that was made on March 17th, 2020, mere days into the pandemic, which at that point was deemed to provide safety to the general public, now in hindsight this was a brash and hasty move which is currently obsolete. Additionally, Council File 20-0147 is a step backwards from the intent of [SB-946](#)⁴; to decriminalize street vending in the state of California.

As CF [20-0147-S27](#)⁵ states, restrictions have opened up for the food & beverage industry and street vending and food carts should be no exception, especially considering that they operate outdoors.

Six months after the start of the pandemic, City Council approved members Cedillo, Rodriguez and Price's *Street Vendor Ambassador Project* that allowed for financial aid to street vendors. It has now been more than six months since that motion passed in September and it is time to allow more peace of mind to these vendors by putting a moratorium on CF [20-0147-S27](#).

Present day, we find Los Angeles County at tier yellow⁶ on the verge of reopening of the state by the 15th of June; it is time to revisit this Council File and additionally take steps for street vendors to obtain proper permitting when the state reopens.

Furthermore, upon full reopening there needs to be clear and actionable outreach (working with StreetsLA) in which street vendors can ascertain information about how to receive proper permitting moving forward.

¹ [https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/street-vendors-a-fixture-of-city-life-finally-legal-in-los-angeles?gclid=CjwKCAjwvMqDBhB8EiwA2iSmPOYpo3Vv9pHRD4Zv-10hw16o5cb9_gfQ-q4dVkeuQu7pyTG7-rJM\]xoChfcQAvD_BwE](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/street-vendors-a-fixture-of-city-life-finally-legal-in-los-angeles?gclid=CjwKCAjwvMqDBhB8EiwA2iSmPOYpo3Vv9pHRD4Zv-10hw16o5cb9_gfQ-q4dVkeuQu7pyTG7-rJM]xoChfcQAvD_BwE)

² <https://economicrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/LA-Street-Vendor-Report-final-12-16-2015.pdf>

³ <https://www.inclusiveaction.org/covid19response>

⁴ https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB946

⁵ https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0147-s27_misc_03-16-21.pdf

⁶ https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0147-s27_misc_03-16-21.pdf

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