Small businesses, including restaurants, are the backbone of the Los Angeles economy. The public health orders aimed at preventing or slowing the spread of coronavirus have had and will have a devastating effect on local businesses. The City does not have unlimited resources to assist small businesses. However, the City can and should take steps to eliminate financial and regulatory burdens on small businesses affected by the Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to prepare and present an emergency ordinance or ordinances that would:

1. Extend all expiring conditional use permits for a period of 12 months after expiration of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, unless the Los Angeles Police Department or the Council Office provides the Planning Department with a written statement of reasons why the businesses has created a nuisance or otherwise should not be renewed;

2. Suspend any requirement that a property owner or business provide additional parking in connection with a change of use in an existing structure, where such change of use occurs during the 12 months after expiration of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration;

3. Suspend any condition requiring a property owner or business to provide off-site or valet parking, for a period of 6 months after expiration of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration; and

4. Implement the Restaurant Beverage Program as instructed by Council on August 14, 2018, to be made retroactive to include any pending applications for conditional use permits where the applicant accepts the standard conditions of Restaurant Beverage Program.

PRESENTED BY:  
BOB BLUMENFIELD  
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:  
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