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#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 20-0380

Agenda Date:

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Summary: We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, SUPPORT City Council File 20-0380, a motion (O'Farrell - Blumenfield) relative to requesting the Mayor issue an Executive Order, under the provisions of the Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 8.29, to waive public hearings for the renewal of Conditional Use Permits (CUP), during the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, for existing restaurants and bars that have sunset clauses in their existing CUPs for the serving of alcohol.



**WILSHIRE CENTER  
KOREATOWN  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council  
4001 Wilshire Blvd, #F400  
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May 5, 2020

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles California 90012

Honorable Councilmembers,

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COVID-19 has devastated Los Angeles' small business community, the backbone of our local economy. The impact has been particularly acute in Wilshire Center - Koreatown, which is dominated by small, local family-run businesses that lack the wherewithal to survive the sustained closure of their storefronts, even with the option of take-out. Moreover, with federal, state and local monetary assistance close to exhausted and government bureaucracies challenging to navigate, further action is needed, no matter how small, to shore up our local business community.

We believe that Motion CF-20-0380 (O'Farrell - Blumenfield) would provide meaningful relief to Wilshire Center - Koreatown small businesses by waiving the public hearing requirement for the renewal of Conditional Use Permits for existing businesses that have sunset clauses in their CUPs. For one, the city's current process for renewing conditional use permits to serve alcohol can cost upwards of \$10,000 and take months to navigate. Add in the cost of land use consultants, and the process becomes cost-prohibitive, jeopardizing a small business' livelihood. Second, the Department of City Planning no longer inserts sunset clauses into Conditional Use Permits, making these small businesses victims of a bygone policy.

As Wilshire Center - Koreatown begins to pivot towards recovery, returning our small business community to its former strength will be paramount. We believe City Council File 20-0380 will help in this effort and, therefore, encourage the council to support its adoption.

Sincerely,

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council