

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 06/15/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0617

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Item Number:

Summary: RE: Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council's Omnibus Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of Council Files 20-0614, 20-0616,



**WILSHIRE CENTER  
KOREATOWN  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



**RE: Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council's Omnibus Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of Council Files 20-0614, 20-0616, & 20-0617**

- *20-0614: Public Right-of-Way / Outdoor Dining / Restaurant Social Distancing Safety Guidelines / COVID-19 Pandemic / Reopen Economy*
- *20-0616: COVID-19 Local Emergency / Temporary Use of Public Spaces / Businesses and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) / Low-Cost Permit / California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) / Temporary Catering Authorization (TCA)*
- *20-0617: Public Right-of-Way Dine-in Service / Streamlined and Affordable Permitting Program / Restaurants / Temporary Parking Requirements Suspension*

COVID-19 has financially wounded Koreatown and Los Angeles as a whole. The fabric of our neighborhood is woven from the restaurants and small businesses of our diverse community, many of which are immigrant-owned and operated. These establishments are a destination for Angelenos and a factor in why many folks choose to live in or near Koreatown. We need to take swift and creative action to save our restaurants and small businesses.

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighbor Council ("WCKNC") applauds the City Council's efforts to develop a program to repurpose the public right-of-way for socially distant dining, fitness classes, and other uses. It makes sense to use streets, parking, and sidewalks for a greater public good and in a way that remains ADA-compliant.

This program should be developed so it's as easy and cost-effective as possible for these businesses to participate. WCKNC is pleased to see that these motions address these issues. We ask that the program is implemented in a way that's equitable to immigrant and POC-owned businesses that face unique challenges during this pandemic.

Finally, WCKNC requests that Koreatown be prioritized when this program is implemented. We have one of the highest concentrations of restaurants in the city while also being one of the most pedestrian-friendly. This is a perfect combination for this program to be successful. Koreatown also has a median household income of \$36,883, far below the median for the city as a whole, and provides jobs for 54,345 people, which is more than the average neighborhood in L.A. ([https://datausa.io/profile/geo/la-city-\(central-koreatown\)-puma-ca](https://datausa.io/profile/geo/la-city-(central-koreatown)-puma-ca)). Our hard-working community needs the help and support more than most other communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council