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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number:

Summary: The City Council legalized street vending in 2018, recognizing that street vendors are a vibrant part of our local neighborhood character. However, since then, fewer than 200 vendors out of an estimated 10,000 have been successful in obtaining the necessary permits from the County Department of Public Health, highlighting the need for an updated permitting process for these very specific types of businesses. A report from the UCLA School of Law Community Economic Development clinic revealed that, despite the legislation enacted in 2018, the majority of people who engage in street vending are preyed upon every day by the threat of citations, fines, and confiscation of materials & equipment. Under these conditions, the vast majority of sidewalk food vendors in Los Angeles are still operating informally, which not only means that they face the threat of citations, but also that public health agencies have limited means for ensuring food safety. By creating a “compact food facility” category and modernizing the California Retail Food Code, SB 972 would authorize State agencies to develop standardized sidewalk food vending carts, making it easier for street vendors to work legally and ensuring public safety in the context of food vending. Removing unnecessary barriers when applying for a health permit and including reasonable standards for slicing fruit, safely reheating and keeping food warm, reducing sink requirements, and expanding access to safe food preparation would give the estimated 10,000 street vendors doing business in Los Angeles the ability to become compliant with the County's food safety and sanitation requirements, not only benefiting small businesses in our communities, but also maintaining public safety for the customers that patronize them, and contributing to the local tax base. We support of this motion seeking to make health permits more accessible for street vendors and asks City Council to back SB 972 introduced by Senator Lena Gonzalez.



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SB 972 (Gonzalez) / California Retail Food Code / Compact Food Facility / Food Vending Health Permits

Position: Support

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The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) is in support of this motion seeking to make health permits more accessible for street vendors and asks City Council to back SB 972 introduced by Senator Lena Gonzalez.

-APPROVED-

April 19, 2022

Yay: 15. Nay: 0