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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/23/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 01/24/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0959

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Street vending is vital to the largely immigrant working families that support themselves by feeding our community, and a major part of what makes our neighborhood so vibrant and special. Unfortunately, those very same street vendors that have brought so much to our community have in the past year experienced several attacks and attempts to disrupt their business, by people who do not support their right to vend. In addition to violent physical attacks on vendors, which we have seen a marked rise of in Los Angeles and Southern California, street vendors have experienced harassment, threats, and several attempts to make their lives and businesses harder. Last year, we heard reports from street vendors outside of the LACC (Los Angeles Community College) Swap Meet, of aggressive efforts to keep vendors from operating outside of the Swap Meet's location on Vermont Avenue. In the past few months, we saw a fence with unauthorized signage illegally erected around the area, and several large boulders placed without city approval on the sidewalks, in an attempt to keep vendors from setting up their stands. These illegal attempts at obstructing these vendors are clear examples of harassment and intimidation, and should be handled accordingly by the City. No vendor should have to fear these kinds of attacks on their livelihood, which are often deeply rooted in anti-Latino and anti-immigrant rhetoric. For these reasons, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports CF 22-0959, requesting that the City look into existing laws and policies, as well as new solutions and enforcement strategies, to protect our City's sidewalk vendors from threatened or physical violence, harassment, intimidation, and other behavior aimed at obstructing and endangering their livelihoods. We thank you for your time and consideration, and hope that you take this matter seriously.



The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

12/30/2022

Re: Council File [22-0959](#) Street Vendors / Sidewalk Vending / Attacks / Violence / Enforcement

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers,

Street vending is and has been for generations an essential part of the cultural fabric of the City of Los Angeles, and of East Hollywood in particular. It is vital to the largely immigrant working families that support themselves by feeding our community, and a major part of what makes our neighborhood so vibrant and special. Unfortunately, those very same street vendors that have brought so much to our community have in the past year experienced several attacks and attempts to disrupt their business, by people who do not support their right to vend.

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Sincerely,

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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