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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on November 23, 2020 about Agenda Item 1

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Name: Julie Pernecky	Email: jr	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, California 91105
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Comments:

PLEASE do not shut down outdoor dining! Fact-based science shows that INDOOR dining can put people at risk for spreading Covid-19. Our Pasadena restaurants have done an exemplary job of providing safe outdoor dining options. We need to keep restaurant employees off of unemployment and keep small businesses running until we get control of Covid-19. We are weeks away from a vaccine. Please give Pasadena dining patrons an opportunity to support local businesses"!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Alexander Manos
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Phone: 626-799-1111
Address: 1111 N. Hollywood Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

To whom it may concern.

This would be devastating to an already devastated industry. Our staff will be out of jobs with no help to come during an already trying holiday season.

Alex Manos
Owner Rocco's Tavern

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on November 23, 2020 about Agenda Item Restaurants to stay open

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Susan Lyddon			Street, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

City Council Members of Pasadena,

I would like to urge you NOT to close all of the restaurants in Pasadena. They have all worked extremely hard to keep their patrons safe throughout COVID. Their businesses have suffered greatly. As A patron of many, I have felt safe and have enjoyed the reprieve from staying home.

I support all of the local restaurants in Pasadena. It would be a true shame to see them have to close their doors yet once again.

As I drive through the streets of Pasadena, it is absolutely heart breaking to see many long time businesses and restaurants closed. I urge you to keep this city alive. Keep the restaurants open!

Regards,
Susan Lyddon

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Erika Foy	f	3	Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

The infections that we've identified in schools when they've been evaluated were not acquired in schools, they were actually acquired in the community and in the household," said CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield last week. He continued, "The truth is for kids K through 12, one of the safest places they can be, from our perspective, is to remain in school."

"We've gathered data over the last two to three months and confirm that k-12 schools can operate with face-to-face learning and they can do it safely and they can do it responsibly,"

"Data strongly supports that k-12 schools, as well as institutes of higher learning, really are not where we're having our challenges and it would be counterproductive from a public health point of view just in containing the epidemic if there was an emotional response to say let's close the schools," Redfield said.

Why are schools still closed. Why are our elected representatives not fighting for our kids???

As for the possibility of patio closures, imagine what this will do to our economy? Imagine all the food that has already been purchased? Imagine all the employees who now will be laid off? Where is the science that closing outdoor dining is needed?

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Name: JOHNNY LISKA
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

To whom it may concern, I support staying open for Outdoor dining. We have followed all rules to stay open and there is no evidence to show the outdoor dining is the cause of the surge. Our employees will lose jobs with no government help. This is not going to help and will only hurt everyone and every business

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Nicole Beadles
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: 515 [REDACTED] Place, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Keep businesses open!!! The town is already a ghost town!! Just do curfew!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Betty Y. **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear City Council Members,

As a patron who has done my best to support local businesses during the pandemic, I implore that you allow restaurants who are conducting responsible outdoor dining to continue doing so (of course adhering to mask and distancing mandates).

I know it is a challenge to maintain the balance of supporting public health protocols and the local economy, but unless there is some sort of financial stimulus given to restaurants and other small businesses, they will need to do both outdoor dining and takeout (as takeout alone isn't generating enough income), in order to survive.

Please, please do what you can to ensure that these small businesses continue to stay in business.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Jia Food Blog **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91006

Comments:

Please keep outdoor dining open! We would love to keep restaurants open and in business!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Curtis **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** '
Anderson c Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I support keeping outdoor dining open. This is a county shutdown not a federal one, there will be no stimulus checks, extra unemployment, or any aide for the restaurants or employees to survive into the holiday season.

When the government aide was available, as of Aug, 31, 163,735 businesses have indicated on Yelp that they have closed. A 23% increase in the number of closures since mid-July.

Yelp also takes into account the businesses whose closures have become permanent. That number has steadily increased throughout the past six months, now reaching 97,966, representing 60% of closed businesses that won't be reopening.

Overall, Yelp's data shows that business closures have continued to rise with a 34% increase in permanent closures since mid-July,

Many business did not survive when there was PPP and EIDL money going out, now with no help how can the rest survive?

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This is an unfair shutdown, how did they determine that restaurants alone are the cause of the covid surge? This order has no basis. Please keep us open, there is no aide, this will be the end of most restaurants.

Rocco's Tavern Pasadena

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Name: Alyson Pernecky **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to keep Pasadena restaurants open. According to the LA County Public Health website restaurants account for only 3% of the outbreak locations and only 8 of the 2249 cases in restaurants were customers - that is .003% of the 3.1%!! This is NO WAY justifies crushing restaurants that are barely making it and that have spend tens of thousands of dollars on tents, lighting and other things to comply with orders. LA County Supervisor Board Chair Kathryn Barger said today she "opposes the decision to restrict outdoor dining" and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn said today that she "is not thrilled with the way this all came together." This reaction to close restaurants is NOT based in science but is an emotional response that businesses owners can not and should not have to take the brunt of. The same argument applies to opening schools. According to many top medical publications from Johns Hopkins and the CDC state plainly that schools are the safest places for kids to be. These actions to keep kids out of school for 8 months and closing restaurants are not stopping the spread.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: ROGER TOUSSAINT	Email: R'	Phone:	Address: - GREEN ST, Pasadena, CA 91105
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Comments:

I do not support the outdoor dining closure. There is no help coming to the employees, they will all be furloughed for Christmas with no stimulus checks or extra unemployment to help us through the winter. We have spent \$15-20k on adapting to the outdoor requirements with PPP, tables, chairs, etc to conform to outdoor dining that we were told was the safe way to operate. Now, restaurants are solely being blamed and punished for the surge with no evidence.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
David A Lamb			PASADENA, CA 91106

Comments:

Allowing outdoor dining in Pasadena is hugely important to the survival of many businesses and the economic condition of many of Pasadena's residents who rely on these businesses. It can and is being done safely and responsibly. Please do not shut this down.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Donald Dooley
Email: [redacted].com
Phone: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Restaurants and their employees that have followed the city and county health guidelines are not contributing to the spread of Covid-19. Why remove outdoor dining which has been a lifeline for many Pasadena businesses? Removal of outdoor dining should be considered on a case by case basis rather than done in one knee-jerk decision.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Justin Markowitz **Email:** [redacted]@com
Phone: [redacted] **Address:** [redacted]
Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Hello, my name is Justin Markowitz and thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to express my concern for the most recent shut down due to Covid-19. As a restaurant manager in Pasadena, I have seen the sudden life-changing affects of a shut down as we had in March. Completely restricting outdoor dining again for any period of time will effectively destroy most restaurants including our favorite nostalgic eateries where so many precious memories have been shared. One possible solution to the recent outbreak would be to allow the restaurants following the strict guidelines set by the state & county guildelines, to stay open. The restaurant I work at, La Grande Orange Cafe, has taken all precautions to ensure our team and guests stay safe by following the guidelines of distancing and sanitation. Allow the restaurants abiding the law to stay open for outdoor dining, and monitor closely to prevent further infractions of the guidelines. This decision, all of our livelihoods in this industry, is in your hands. Thank you for taking the time today to discuss this.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Kimberly Shepherd			Road, Pasadena, California 91106

Comments:

I am sure many have expressed concern based on science, I have decided to appeal to your good judgement. The citizens of Pasadena have behaved, complied, adapted and shown all that is good and spirited about being members of this community. It is time to reward this community and acknowledge that it is possible to keep outside dining and continue to trust that we will continue to be safe and considerate of each other. Please. Thank you for your consideration, I truly think we can show LA County how it's done and I have faith that you will do what is right for all of the businesses of Pasadena.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Sharon Freeark **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
1 AVE, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I strongly oppose closure of outdoor seating at restaurants in Pasadena. Our small businesses have spent considerable time and money making outdoor spaces comfortable, feasible, and safe. Closing outdoor seating will only drive people indoors, which is where Covid spreads. None of the numbers in Pasadena indicate that we should resort to this measure.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Emina Darakjy **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

In order to survive most restaurants have complied with the new rules and guidelines imposed on them. However there are a few who are not doing that.

I don't call a large tent closed on 3 sides with the only opening barely 6 feet from a row of seating on the sidewalk against a solid wall dining outdoors! Restaurants like these are ruining it for those who are obeying the rules.

We are supposed to have health inspectors checking on things, they should be catching these violations. I would simplify their job by asking them to take a look at the 100 block of East Colorado.

Please allow the many restaurants who are doing the right thing to remain open and shut down the 1 or 2 who are not until they comply with the rules.

Thank you and a happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Emina Darakjy

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Name: Bob & Patti Harrison **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Congratulations Victor for your new appointment. Please faithfully represent ALL citizens of Pasadena in your future deliberations...Please do not close down our restaurants, they are vital to the health and vitality of our City...They have complied to all health directions up to this point..It is criminal what the County is mandating...Enough is enough...

P.S. Open the schools, and if the teachers do not want to teach find someone who is qualified and "needs" a job...

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Marie Petulla			Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am the owner of Union Restaurant in Pasadena. During an uncertain and devastating time in this industry, the Department of Public Health has required an unprecedented of financial investment in order to reopen our doors and stay open. Our industry has complied with every measure to ensure the safety of our employees and guests. Since March, we have had to furlough countless numbers of employees who have families and now you are asking us to do it again. The Department of Public Health is demanding restaurant shutdowns without offering any kind of stimulus package for the businesses or individuals who are going to lose their jobs during our industries busiest time of year. Research has indicated that out door dining is NOT the leader in source traced transmissions and in fact is only responsible for 10-15% of cases. What actions are being taken to address the other 85-90%? Small independent restaurants are not going to survive - we recently invested significant amounts of money in out-door dining to get us through the cold & rainy months. I am respectfully requesting the order to cease outdoor dining be reconsidered for the survival of our business and our employees.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Pamela Bryanm	Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Keep patois open for dining. Restaurants need it. We need it. We are not socialists... yet

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: George and Silvia MacPherson **Email:** **Phone:** - **Address:** -
Rd, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear City Councilmen,

I urge the council to continue to allow outdoor dining. I have not been able to find any studies that actually show that being outside is a major virus spreader. The risk of getting Covid 19 when outside dining is minimal compared to the risk of losing some of our fine restaurants permanently, not to mention the harm done to employees who are living paycheck to paycheck who can no longer pay their rent and buy the basics. Every time we go out of our house we are at risk of a car accident, a robbery, a bad fall or even the flu. We have to make a reasoned and balanced approach in dealing with risks. The minimal risk of contracting Covid outside do not outweigh the risks of severe economic damage that would be caused by making it extremely difficult for the restaurants to do business and employees losing their jobs. I therefore urge the council to continue to permit outside dining. Thank you and happy Thanksgiving.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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