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

Name:

Email:

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Address:

Michele

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Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Mozilo

### **Comments:**

PLEASE!!! We absolutely have to keep our outdoor seating open for our wonderful restaurants here in Pasadena.

A lot of these businesses aren't going to make it if they have to shut down again! We need our restaurants and business to survive this pandemic! Let's keep Pasadena open to outdoor seating and keep our mask on!

Thank you!!!

Michele Mozilo

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

Name: Nicole

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mozilo

Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

Keep outside dining!!! Please :) only thing keeping us sane

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

Name: Kirsten

Email:

Phone: C\_...

Address: Pasadena,

Clougherty

CA 91101

### **Comments:**

Sadly as a long term Pasadena resident, I believe this comment will fall on deaf ears as the multiple public comments last month regarding school closures due to covid seemed to be quietly swept under the carpet. Today I urge you to stop this over-reach of government and keep our Pasadena restaurant outdoor dining open. This closure will be devastating to both the business owners and their employees. Please stop these arbitrary restrictions and infringements. Stop playing "follow the leader" and keep our restaurants open and get our kids back to school.

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

Name: Michael Mozilo Address: Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

Outdoor dining has been a critical lifeline for thousands of small businesses during this pandemic. Pasadena is home to some of the greatest restaurants in the world, and if we are to remain shutdown, these restaurants will be forced to close down for good. We are not talking about just losing great food, we are talking about losing great businesses and even worse, hardworking American families. Only Takeout will not be able to hold small businesses together, which will encourage people to order from big corp fast food chains as a result.

If we shut down Pasadena dining, we shutdown the Pasadena we all love and cherish. It is as simple as that.

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

Name: Erin Clougherty Address: Pasadena, CA 91107

### **Comments:**

Please do not shut down our restaurants again. These owners have been through so much hardship already and all of them have tried so hard to comply with all of the rules to keep their businesses running. We all need them to stay OPEN.

And please consider opening up the schools as well. The students need a regular school experience. So much education is being lost and these children are these children need this normalcy. Thank you.

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Name: Barbara Anglin Address: Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

we need to keep the restaurants open for outdoor dining !!!!

I would also like some verification that this new covid "surge" is not based upon false positive test results which are indeed rampant...lets see the people who actually have symptoms to accompany their positive test results...this may take some digging but it is crucial that this financial burden be based upon facts and not phony

data. You probably heard that Elon Musk had 4 tests on the same day from the same practitioner at the same lab and 2 came back positive e and 2 negative -

no doubt the state registered the 2 false positives in the data leading to this so called "surge". Stand up for our city, the business owners and community!!

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

Name: Shannon

Williamson

Email:

Phone:

Address: /

e, Pasadena, CA

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Comments:

KEEP RESTAURANTS OPEN PLEASE!

We don't have to be lemmings and follow other idiots over a cliff.

Thank you,

Shannon Williamson

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

Name:

Email:

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Address:

Evans Lisa

Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

Keep outdoor dining open for these poor restaurants who have spent time, energy and money to comply with CDC guidelines, training, etc.

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

Name:

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Phone: Val

Address: 1

Mary Forrest

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Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

I ask you to please consider leaving schools with waivers and restaurants open. Restaurant dining provides a safe place for people to gather. Without these places, people will begin gathering in their homes and as the weather gets cooler, this will move indoors. Not only will closing increase unsafe gatherings, it will be detrimental to the local economy and our small businesses, who are barely hanging on as it is. There is fatigue in social distancing and people are willing to take risks for their mental health to hug loved ones. We have our own health department, we should be using it to HELP our citizens gather safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, these poor kids have been through enough. Let's not make steps backwards in their in person education. If we follow the science, you'll see schools are not super spreaders, only accounting for .15% of the virus. My son is in preschool and we haven't had one incident since August, the kids are happy and thriving. California kids are becoming the most disadvantaged in the country due to school closures. I hope Pasadena decides to stand up for kids, otherwise, you will begin to see a mass exodus out of Pasadena.

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

Name:

Email:

Phone: \_\_

Address:

Suzanne

Holder

Blvd, Pasadena, CA

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### **Comments:**

Dear City Council, please keep outdoor dining in restaurants open. I understand the seriousness of the pandemic growing in our community, but we must also consider the small restaurants struggling to stay alive here. If rules are required to wear masks, to limit capacity, to spread out tables, close by 10pm, we can still have restaurants open outdoors. We are lucky we live in a climate that allows us outdoor dining. We need to support our community's businesses as best we can. I'm pleading with you as a longtime homeowner in Pasadena, my family supports keeping outdoor dining open.

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

Name: Paul Little -

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Pasadena Chamber of

Ave, Pasadena, CA

Commerce

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### **Comments:**

Thomas Keller's food may be to die for, but I do not think Governor Newsom thought he was risking his life when he attended a birthday party at French Laundry and sat shoulder-to-shoulder with people who are not household members. He wasn't even outside! If that was safe for him, distanced outdoor dining is safe for us.

The current surge in COVID-19 cases is attributed to Hall0ween events, the Dodgers and Biden victory-NOT outdoor dining at restaurants, shopping at retail stores or exercising.

It makes no sense to penalize restaurants when they are not causing the surge in infection rates. Socially distanced and safe outdoor dining is exactly that, safe.

The bigger challenge is that people have been quarantined for so long they are desperate to get together with other people. We are craving contact with other people after eight months of quarantine.

Why not provide a safe outlet for that by continuing (and maybe expanding) outdoor dining in Pasadena? Allow retail to expand outdoors and provide opportunity for those seeking to exercise outdoors.

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

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Nellie Tran

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Pasadena, CA 91106

### **Comments:**

We think outdoor dining should remain open because outdoor dining has not been shown to be a driver of Covid spread. Pasadena had outdoor dining starting sometime over the summer and even during when it opened, the cases actually were able to go down. It is indoor dining that can spread Covid not outdoor dining. Restaurants need the outdoor dining as a life line to stay open. It seems restaurants are being unfairly punished for the actions of individuals gathering privately indoors at their homes. Closing outdoor dining will not stem the private indoor gatherings that will still take place during the holidays and yet many restaurants and the people they employ will suffer and may close for good. And scapegoating restaurants and taking away the outdoor dining to send a message to the broader public about how serious this is not the right and fair thing to do and will actually cause unnecessary harm while still not achieving the desired effect. I strongly object to closing outdoor dining.

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

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

Rebecca Reed

### **Comments:**

We Must keep outdoor dining open in Pasadena. restaurants are using careful protocols to keep customers safe and people NEED these jobs. Lets not kill our economy!! People know how to stay safe and if individuals are compromised, they are informed enough to not go out!

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

Name:

Email:

Address:

Melissa K.

Phone:

Pasadena, CA 91105-

Eaves

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### **Comments:**

Please do not ban outdoor dining in Pasadena. Our infection rates are low and people are good about wearing masks. It is the last little bit of normalcy we have and our mental health needs it! Our hospital has ample beds. If we can fly on an airplane with people in every seat, it makes no sense that we can't dine outdoors. Who decided outdoor dining presents a risk and on what basis? If I am reading the information on the city Covid dashboard correctly, we have a total of 3,374 cases in a city of 145,000. That's a .02% Infection rate. What are we doing?? Haven't we killed enough businesses with these restrictions? Take a walk around Old Town or down Lake. The number of empty storefronts is terrible. Please do not follow LA County. We are not the same.

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### Public Comment for Meeting on November 23, 2020 about Agenda Item not sure

Name: Catherine

Email:

Phone: 626-

Address: San Marino,

Meek

CA 91108

### **Comments:**

Please vote to keep our local restaurants open for outdoor dining. The expense of adapting for safe eating areas in addition to even greater loss of business will doom several if not all of these businesses. Thank you! Catherine M.

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

Name: Anthony

Email:

Phone: (

Address:

d, Pasadena,

CA 91107

**Comments:** 

Clougherty

Dr. Goh - please do not place closures of businesses doing outdoor commerce (restaurants). The delicate small business commerce will be directly effected and have devastating consequences to our community in areas of physical, mental and spirituality!

Also open the schools! Our children are falling behind, and the on-line teaching has failed to advance appropriately our youth - they need to be in a setting that enriches the learning process. Lastly, good Dr. I respectfully ask that churches of all denominations be opened. We as a community, city, state and nation need the direction of faith based guidance and decrement as a community of believers. Open the churches - great goodness will come of it!

Anthony Clougherty

Citizen in good standing

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

Name: Eric

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Tjahyadi

Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

We support 20+ hard working food service professionals who have already been severely impacted by the shutdown issues throughout this year.

In order to provide a safe space for our customers and continue to keep our staff working, we invested so much of our savings (despite the fact we have no income this year) to build out our outdoor dining space. We have done everything in our part to provide a safe and sanitized environment always.

With the current mandate to shut down outdoor dining, it will not only devastate our business- it will kill it.

Just doing togo/delivery is not sustainable for us.

We are a small family owned and operated business, locally based, proud to be in Pasadena.

We would hate to shut down permanently as we are a part of this lively community and neighborhood.

My house is on the line for this business, all of our savings are in this business.

Please help us get through this already devastating year by allowing us to operate. We thank you for considering this and helping us.

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

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address: Pasadena.

Hayley Eaves

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CA 91105

### **Comments:**

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Name:

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Address: '\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Marcela Rock

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Pasadena, CA 91104

### **Comments:**

Please keep outdoor dining open! The livelihood of our city depends on this. We also need all children back at school. The mental and emotional frustrations can last a lifetime! Online learning is just filler. Does not compare to in person classrooms.

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

Name: john

Email:

Phone: 626-

Address:

Weithas

rd, Pasadena, CA 91105

### **Comments:**

Please do not repeal outdoor dining. The severe hit to the local community has been horrible and all of the stay at home orders and "slow the spread" has done nothing to staunch the spread of the Covid Virus. The impact to the economy and families livelihoods has been severely destructive and emotionally disturbing. All restaurants took the initial hit, then invested in their businesses to comply with the reopening requirements. Unless the City and State are going to fund these closures you cannot kill an industry and the dreams we have all invested in over all of these years. It is not right to not let outdoor dining to continue.

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

Name: Armen

**Email:** 

Phone: 626-

Address:

Sarkissian

Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

### **Comments:**

Regarding the potential closure of outdoor dining, I urge the city council to allow restaurants to allow these vital small businesses to remain open. Many of them have invested in outdoor dining items such as partitions, heaters, platforms and more tables. If we shut down outdoor dining during this season, I fear many of these small local, family owned businesses will not be able to stay in business. If we limit the number of those dining small groups of 2-4 or 6 we should be able to maintain safe covid protocols.

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Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Kevin

Pasadena, CA 91101

### **Comments:**

Living in Pasadena the past year, I've seen a community that supports and fights for one another. From small boutiques to restaurants I've had nothing short of an amazing experience here. We must do what we can to help these small business, especially the family own small restaurants in Pasadena. Of the many places I've been to, the level of commitment to ensuring the safety of customers and staff have been the best of any county. Please allow Pasadena restaurants to continue during these very difficult times. Thank you.

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

Name: Dom Crisp

Email:  $\epsilon$ 

Address: Pasadena, CA 91101

### **Comments:**

We urge all honorable members of the council to act swiftly and to allow outside dining to safely continue for local restaurants in Pasadena. This is a matter of life or death for our industry and our employees. Thank you!

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

Name: Annie chapman

Email:

Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Regarding public dining- given the inequality of focus on prevention measures for COVID, it seems unfair to target and close restaurants who have made concerted efforts to ensure the safety and distance of dine-in guests. Other businesses and spaces are not being affected in the same way, and Pasadena thrives on small businesses. These same businesses do not and have not received the same assistance from the federal government as larger corporations. Therefore it is up to city leaders to ensure their survival. Shutting down dine-in options for restaurants & bars completely (yet again) will surely doom many of the places we have come to know and love. Their survival is very dependent on their community. We owe it to the businesses who have contributed to our city to assist them, not punish them.

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

Name: Anthony

Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

The livelihood of many restaurant workers and owners are at stake here. With the lack of government funding of any sorts and Congress taking a vacation during the pandemic we are looking at the total collapse of the restaurant industry. We need help and we need it now. Please don't abandon your people when we need you the most.

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

Name: Sarah

Email:

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Address:

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Pasadena, CA 91106

### **Comments:**

We strongly feel that any forced closure of the restaurants and bars in Pasadena would be a GRAVE mistake. Our local businesses have suffered terribly over the past year with mandatory closures and curfews. They have worked diligently to comply with all requirements -- often at great expense, which further reduced their ability to financially thrive. To mandate another closure would be utterly disastrous to these businesses. The statistics have illustrated that the closures do little to stop the spread of Covid as it only drives people to gather in homes or elsewhere. It is actually easier to monitor practicing Covid protocols in public spaces as people tend to ignore protocols when gathering privately. Indeed, experience has proven that the lockdowns have had very little result in reducing cases of Covid; instead, lockdowns have more effectively destroyed the community's incomes and businesses. We urge you to avoid casting a debilitating blow to Pasadena and vote AGAINST another lockdown. Thank you.

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# Public Comment for Meeting on November 23, 2020 about Agenda Item covid 19

Name: Ai Kennedy Address: Pasadena, CA 91106

### **Comments:**

Please allow restaurants to operate outdoor dining with proper distancing. Many of them spent extra money to accommodate while getting less income/profit. Not all landlords are giving lower rent. They simply can't survive with takeout only. Pasadena have been the home for many destination restaurants especially in last 5 years and they need to be protected.

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

Name: Alfred

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Address:

John Esmalla

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Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Please keep outdoor dining open. I have great experiences and would like the opportunity to keep eating out. My girlfriend and I had a good time and I would like to take her out on date more. I wouldn't be able to do that if I don't have a place to take her.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes