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November 22, 2020

Honorable Kathryn Barger and the LA County Board of Supervisors  
C/O Celia Zavala  
Kenneth Hahn Hall  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: COVID-19 and School Openings**

In March, it was reasonable to shut down schools as no one knew how the virus would affect children or how schools contributed to the spread of COVID19. Thankfully, eight months later we know much more, namely that open schools do not drive numbers of cases upward and that schools are the safest places for kids to be.

As parents of school children, we have become the front-line workers of our children's education, while also having to be parents, friends, emotional support, and entertainment. We see their anxiety and depression levels rise at an alarming rate.

As a result of Bill DiBlasio's decision to close schools again, medical experts, most notably the CDC, Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Fauci are beginning to speak out, schools are the safest place for children. The rate of infection in schools is still %0.15 and schools are not to blame for the 3% of positive cases in New York. Dr Fauci said, "I think one of the things we need to do is to the best of our capability try to keep the kids in school". The Director of the CDC, Robert Redfield said this past week that K-12 schools, not just grades K-2, should remain open because they are the "among the safest" places kids can be and that closing schools amounts to "an emotional response".

In California, students are becoming the most disadvantaged in the country. Schools in other states have been open but school closures are still in place. California high school students are missing academic and sports scholarships to other kids in other states who have a platform to perform. Will you let California kids continue to fall behind? Schools provide academic, emotional and physical support and in many cases, they provide a haven to at risk children.

The science is pointing towards schools opening. Gavin Newsom said California will follow science in reopening, will you stand up for California kids and follow the science in opening our schools and sports programs? With cases on the rise, parents are asking the LA Board of Supervisors to keep schools open and create more opportunities for our students to be in school. The time for lockdowns has passed, our children need you to speak out for them. Please urge Gavin Newsom to open all schools. Attached, you will find literature that supports the points made in this letter.

We appreciate the consideration,

Erika Foy

Pasadena, CA 91106

cc- Mayor Terry Tornek, Pasadena  
Steve Mermell, Pasadena City Manager  
Dr. Ying- Ying Goh, Pasadena Health Director  
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk of Pasadena  
Victor Gordo, Councilmember Pasadena District 5

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"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**. "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 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.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4924557/cdc-director-redfield-data-supports-face-face-learning-schools>

"The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families. The disproportionate impact this has had on Black, Latinx, and Native American/Alaskan Native children and adolescents must also be recognized." **American Academy of Pediatrics**

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

"But what the data increasingly shows is that the best way to protect teachers and students isn't to shut down schools. It's to focus on all the measures that will keep them — and their families, friends and neighbors — safe outside the classroom." **Emily Oster, a professor of economics at Brown University**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/11/20/covid-19-schools-data-reopening-safety/?arc404=true>

Toronto, Canada has a positivity rate of 6% but are making strides to keep their children in schools because the science doesn't support closures. "The safest place for children right now (is) actually in the schools," said **Premier Doug Ford** at a Thursday afternoon press conference. November 20, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7473374/coronavirus-ontario-nyc-schools/>

According to **Dr. Marty Makary of Johns Hopkins**, when they looked at policies for viral meningitis, seasonal flu, bacterial pneumonia death from COVID-19 is below those things. More healthy kids die from jellyfish or eating a toothpick. - Fox News Interview Martha MacCullem November 20, 2020

[https://archive.org/details/FOXNEWSW\\_20201121\\_000000\\_The\\_Story\\_With\\_Martha\\_MacCallum](https://archive.org/details/FOXNEWSW_20201121_000000_The_Story_With_Martha_MacCallum)

"The only epidemiological reason to close schools would be evidence that they are magnifying infection and driving community spread. And so far, there is no data suggesting that in-person education is doing those things. To the contrary, the prevalence of infection in schools is comparatively low." **Amesh A. Adalja, an infectious disease physician, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/11/19/new-york-schools-closed-bars-restaurants-epidemiology/>

"As a pediatrician, I am really seeing the negative impacts of these school closures on children," **Dr. Danielle Dooley, a medical director at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C.**, told NPR. She ticked off mental health problems, hunger, obesity due to inactivity, missing routine medical care and the risk of child abuse — on top of the loss of education. "Going to school is really vital for children. They get their meals in school, their physical activity, their health care, their education, of course."

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/21/925794511/were-the-risks-of-reopening-schools-exaggerated>

Other early evidence similarly suggested that schools don't inherently become virus hot spots. Insights for Education, an independent foundation that advises education departments and ministries, examined data from 191 countries between Feb. 10 and Sept. 29 and found "no consistent pattern between school status and infection levels."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-03/testing-shows-schools-aren-t-propelling-covid-19-outbreaks>

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We appreciate the consideration,

Stacey Fortner

Pasadena, CA 91105

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Dr. Ying- Ying Goh, Pasadena Health Director  
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**From:** Carol Potter  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 8:02 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Closure of Outdoor Dining

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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I read the article in Pasadena Now last night on LA County closing outdoor dining due to the rise of COVID-19. I noticed that the City of Pasadena hasn't made a decision yet whether or not to do the same.

My husband Jeff and I regularly dine outside, solely in the City of Pasadena, because we feel safe in doing so. Knowing we have the advantage of our own health department, inspectors and local city government, unlike LA County, is an incentive to keep our dollars in Pasadena. Our restaurants have done a great job following the mandate.

Let's keep our outdoor dining open, and our businesses IN business. We have a good thing going.

Carol Potter  
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Pasadena Ca 91104

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***Carol Potter, M.A.Ed.***  
*Retired Teacher/CalRTA*  
*Teacher Mentor/New Teacher Induction*  
*Pasadena Unified School District*

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**From:** Stephanie Fox <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Please allow outdoor dining -

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The restaurant owners and the City have no doubt gone to great lengths to set up outdoor dining options . PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE DOWN OUTDOOR DINING - they will never recover!

stephanie fox

pasadena ca 91106

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**From:** Kristin Poulsen < >  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** New lockdown

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To Pasadena City Council,

Please do not adopt LA County's new lockdown restrictions on restaurants. So many of these restaurants will not recover from one more. How can you tell them to close down after all the money they put into making outdoor space available to comply with the prior restrictions? Sitting 6 at a table spread apart wearing masks washing hands etc... stops the spread. They are following all the rules. We the people can make the decision for ourselves and do not need more oversight. The restaurants do not deserve another shutdown nor do the people of Pasadena. Please keep our restaurants open.

Kristin Poulsen

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**From:** ELIZABETH STELLWAGEN < >  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 10:23 AM  
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Please keep Pasadena restaurants open!!!

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Dear City Council Members:

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I am a property owner and a stakeholder in Old Pasadena. I am writing to strongly oppose the adoption of the new guidelines being imposed by Los Angeles County as regards outside/ Al fresco dining for the City of Pasadena.

As you know, due to the visionary and courageous efforts of many members of this Council as well as numerous individuals throughout the City, a new protocol was created to allow restaurants to operate, and to continue to operate outside, using spaces provided by the City of Pasadena, as well as other areas, to allow for outside dining. The result has been a vigorous, and exciting, program of outside dining that has not only saved many food businesses, but has allowed many others to survive and even flourish. Of course, complying with the requirements has been costly. It has meant significant expenditures by the owners of those establishments, re-hiring employees, changing protocols and training, all to make this possible. And it has been successful!

The new regulation being enacted by LA County makes no sense at all. First of all, factually outside dining has been with us for months, with no spikes in the number of cases. The science on this is totally lacking.

Second, there's been no nexus I know of tracing the increased number of cases to people dining al fresco.

Third, it's common knowledge that as temperatures decrease, more people spend more of their time indoors, which is why the number of cases tend to go up during winter, which is why there's been such a huge increase in cases in Europe including Scandinavian countries. That's really the culprit, as it has been for other epidemics (like the flu) when more people congregate indoors due to colder temperatures, and cases go up. Otherwise, if outside dining caused the spike, why wasn't there such a spike in cases two month ago when temperatures were much higher, and more people were dining outside?

Fourth, new rules were just instituted cutting off dining at 10pm and increasing the distance between tables. These changes were JUST instituted! Why should we expect to see improvements in less than a week?

Fifth, if the numbers are spiking, as they appear to be, it's likely the culprit is more and more people socializing indoors in private parties and social gatherings? I'd rather see a mask mandate with some teeth in it or a more rigorous enforcement on private gatherings in excess of 10 people than this cruel and unnecessary restriction on the lifeline that is keeping many hospitality businesses alive!

Outside dining is the lifeblood that is keeping many businesses in Pasadena alive. And not just restaurants - but everyone. You've seen it! The spillover effect on other businesses including



even non-food businesses has been incredible. You helped make this happen! The city helped make this happen. It's been remarkable! Plus, livelihoods have been saved.

Rather than reimposing such draconian conditions and shutting down a whole category of businesses that is helping keep the economy alive, why not impose stricter conditions such as limiting the amount of time people can sit at a table to (say) not more than one hour (I say this not knowing if that number would work for food establishments - ask them first); institute better tracing to find out where people have been getting sick; more rigorously enforce other rules (such as mask wearing at all times when not dining); and finally - finally just wait and keep tracking the numbers.

There will be a vaccine by early next year that has already been proven to be highly (95% and higher) effective and safe. That will be here very soon. Don't wipe out an entire category of businesses in the meantime! Don't kill the golden goose, and make all the hard work turn to dust, and for very little good reason, where the science and the facts do not support it.

Please don't break a butterfly on a wheel!

Thanks,



Dan Mellinkoff

Pasadena, CA 91105

P.S. It's my understanding that Pasadena is one of just a few cities in California that has their own Health Department and therefore they aren't bound by LA County requirements. Hopefully we can do the right thing for our businesses and our citizens, by NOT following in lockstep with the county, and making the right moves that help preserve our businesses, while keeping the community as a whole save.

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**From:** Jill Y Pearson <jill@homagepasadena.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Restaurant closures

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As a small business in Old Pasadena, we rely on our city to make decisions based on the activities and statistics within our own city limits.

Being located on the corner of Holly and Fair Oaks and being a very hands in owner-operator, I not only witness the activity of the area restaurants but am in contact with many of the owners It is my opinion that our restaurants, along with the assistance of the Old Pasadena Guides and Pasadena Police, have done a stellar job of complying with the Covid 19 guidelines and done as much as possible to create a safe dining experience.

Closing the restaurants to outdoor dining at this time does not seem necessary based on our city's current situation.

Enforcement of mask wearing and diligent monitoring of these establishments would be enough to keep our community safe.

Thank you,  
Jill Pearson  
Owner  
Homage  
:  
Pasadena, CA 91105

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**From:** Francisco Diaz <skrewbizz81@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Restaurants need help

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I do not live in Pasadena but I frequently support Pasadena restaurants. I believe restaurants need all the help they can get from the people that have the actual owner to help them. They have done everything right everything that have been told to do, their livelihoods and hanging by a thread and as soon as they see a glimpse of sunlight they get blocked again. They have spent money to improvise. Pasadena needs to be the leader that it is and set its own guidelines. Please help them they have mouths to feed.

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**From:** tasanee setsiriboonya <t...>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: order n-29-20

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To City of Pasadena:

Our restaurants here in Pasadena rely solely on our customers to come in. When outdoor dining was permitted, it had given many restaurant business owners and employees hope of surviving again. Today, when the executive order n-29-20 to shut down outdoor dining, it breaks our heart. This means shutting doors for many businesses yet again. Laying off employees for another month. Keeping our outdoor dining will help keep our businesses tremendously. Please please no one is profiting from it, we just want to be able to survive through this pandemic and feed our family and employees as well.

Jane Tansurat

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**From:** Yennis <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Keep restaurants open

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To City Counsel,

Please keep outdoor dining intact during this time. It is already shocking to see how many businesses have been shuttered forever. It is essential to our small business owners, their employees and the long term health of our city.

Regards,  
Yennis Wong

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**From:** David Minasian <dminasian@minasianassociates.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** new restrictions for restaurants

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Please allow businesses to continue outdoor dining as this does not appear to be the source of our Covid surge.

Thank you

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**From:** AJ Sacher <aj@barneysbeanery.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:12 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Proposed Restaurant Shutdown

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I understand that the City Council is considering implementing the same shutdown instituted by the County on all restaurant dining at today's meeting.

The county has failed to show evidence that restaurant dining is contributory to the spread of covid beyond normal community spread level. In fact, we restaurant operators that are operating under the current guidelines know that dining at a restaurant (especially outdoors) is a safe alternative to the home dinner parties and underground speakeasy/clubs that will continue to grow with further restrictions in place.

The County has been asked repeatedly to show evidence of restaurants as being the cause of Covid spread, and has refused. These inquiries have come from the press as well as the restaurant community. If there was tangible evidence of outbreaks or widespread cases coming from restaurants, Dr. Ferrer would be shouting it from the rooftops. We believe that their refusal to provide any relationship between restaurant dining and spread is evidence that none exists.

Our restaurant staff has done a phenomenal job of adjusting to the protocols and providing a safe dining experience. However, our current staff is a shell of what it was pre-covid, and we will lose most of our remaining workforce if forced to operate as a carry-out only restaurant. Most sit-down dining concepts are not suited to pivot to a carryout model and maintain significant revenue. Rent and other bills outpace the low revenue and will put us in a position to close operations altogether. All restaurants that occupy a large square footage based on dining are faced with this same problem. The landlords can only go without rent for so long, they face their own foreclosures. And our staff is left with either severely reduced hours or no job at all. Their kids can't go to school, the unemployment system in California is woefully inept. Small business IS the safety net for so many families, and further crippling the economy should not be considered without very accurate information to support such a decision. If that information exists, it has not been provided to the public and should be immediately.

Thanks for reading this and considering the points.

Sincerely,

AJ

AJ Sacher  
Barney's Beanery & Qs Billiard Club

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**From:** Pauline Zee Yasharian <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:12 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Dean Yasharian; Roderick  
**Subject:** Agenda 1: outdoor dining

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Agenda 1: Covid-19

Dear Pasadena City Council,

Please do not close outdoor dining in the city or Pasadena. This is a death sentence for many restaurants in the city, including ours. We opened during the pandemic and have kept our staff and customers safe through many preventative measures. There is no scientific evidence that outdoor dining poses a health risk. For the sake of the city, our staff, their families, and the countless of other people employed through the restaurant industry who will be affected by outdoor dining closures from job loss, please, please keep outdoor dining in Pasadena.

Warm regards,  
Pauline & Dean Yasharian

Pasadena

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Keep outdoor dining open. Businesses won't make it through another shutdown. Tons of people losing money and jobs.

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**From:** Pietro Amirkhanian <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** FW: ITEM #1 - COVID UPDATE  
**Attachments:** Dear City Council Members.pdf

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Dear City Counsel,

I am a property owner in Old Town Pasadena and echo the attached statement from fellow property owner Dan Mellinkoff.

If restaurants and businesses were to shut down again the district may not be able to recover and the already struggling retailers along the Colorado Blvd strip may vacate their spaces and never come back.

The situation in our district is already tragic. More restrictions may end this beautiful, history rich, area.

Pietro Amirkhanian, Esq.  
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**From:** Megan Mountford  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:36 PM  
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**Subject:** Potential Closure of Outdoor Dining

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my concerns about the potential closure of outdoor dining in Pasadena. I grew up in Pasadena, and two of the main reasons people love it here are the community & culture. Pasadena is not overrun with chains, but many amazing small business restaurants. These small businesses are the lifeblood of the city, and give Pasadena a sense of pride & identity.

These restaurants have already been through the financial wringer, with many already forced to close. They have dealt with the initial shut down for months, and then invested in outdoor equipment & space to follow new guidelines. I have eaten out multiple times, and every Pasadena restaurant was professional and cautious. I have never felt at risk.

Forcing another full shut down will close many more of these restaurants. Along with the culture & identity these places provide, I also spoke of Pasadena's sense of community -- turning our back on these businesses & people is wrong. We are not supporting our community by effectively giving their livelihood a death sentence.

Please keep Pasadena restaurants open and allow outdoor dining. There is no proof that Pasadena rates are rising due to these businesses, and it is wrong to sacrifice them. Not only is it morally wrong, but it will irreparably damage the city & people of Pasadena.

Sincerely,  
Megan

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**From:** Jackie Baldwin <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Covid 19 Update

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City of Pasadena,

My name is Jacqueline Baldwin and I am the General Manager at Rocco's Tavern on Green Street in Pasadena California. I feel that this business is essential and should not follow Los Angeles County's lead and temporarily shut down. I assure you that my staff as well as myself have followed all Covid 19 protocols and the safety of our customers is priority. Shutting down would lead to further issues for the company as well as the employees who have families to feed, homes to maintain and holidays just around the corner. Unemployment will not make up for that and there is no second stimulus check coming which will put many families as well as the economy in a horrible position.

Please consider my job and my children.

Thank you,  
Jacqueline Baldwin

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**From:** Jacob Munguia  
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**Subject:** Agenda 1

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I have been a resident of Pasadena for the past 4 years and have gotten to know this wonderful city. One thing that really stands out in Pasadena is our vast selection of restaurants, many of which are mom and pop shops that have gained cult following and bring so much joy and comfort to our community. Restaurants have put in great work to comply with the Covid-19 regulations, investing money to make outdoor dining safe and accessible while still providing a comfortable experience. If they are forced to close again I see many of these businesses closing their doors for good. I have already seen many of my favorite restaurants not make it through the year, it's heartbreaking to see people's hard work, lively hood and dreams die. Please consider keeping outdoor dining open, for the sake of our economy, sanity, and community.

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**From:** Andrew Murcia <r.murcia@pasadenacalifornia.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Restaurant Closures - Public Comment

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to implore the City of Pasadena not to close its restaurants. These businesses employ thousands, and often constitute their owners' entire livelihoods. While COVID-19 is a health risk, so is bankruptcy, so is unemployment, so is homelessness.

Every restaurant I have visited in Pasadena has scrupulously followed all health guidelines—they have reopened safely. It is sick, and sickening, to think that the city would target these responsible stakeholders in our community for political optics, when they have already suffered so much. The hospitality industry has been crushed this year. There is no need to punish them further.

Thank you,  
Andrew Murcia

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**From:** Robert A Lynn  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 1:10 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** This is Bob Lynn founder / owner from LGO Hospitality / owners and operators of La Grande Orange Cafe and The Luggage Room Pizzeria

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During this entire pandemic we have experienced 1 questionable case of COVID that was immediately reversed in a follow up with a “negative” test result .

We have gone to extreme measures installing self service kiosks for contactless order placement , as well as every possible safeguard for our staff and guests including staff wearing face masks AND visors . Our General Manager Clark Le Blanc and his team —have been stalwart in the executing of a CDC guidelines with NO EXCEPTIONS or compromising to the the benefit of the staff and guests .

Our patio areas of outdoor seating are in compliance beyond the CDC distancing standards . We honestly and humbly feel our environment is as safe for our staff and public as any essential business - and could be a standard for safe dining during the pandemic .

The outdoor dining is the only thing left that could keep our business afloat .

As a company we disagree with the broad stroke categorizing of “ bars & restaurants “ as one and the same . La Grande Orange Cafe and The Luggage Room Pizzeria located in the Nationally Registered Historic Del Mar Train Station are FAMILY and local COMMUNITY restaurants that were designed for locals and are operated at the highest possible standard with the safety of all as a cornerstone ethic at all times for now more the a decade - pandemic or not .

PLEASE do not close outdoor dining in our great city of Pasadena . The emotional , physical and financial damage being caused by a cure at this level far exceeds any possible benefit . This is evidenced by one of the busiest Pasadena Restaurants ( #1 Trip Advisor , always top 5 yelp ) that has been essentially COVID free throughout the entire pandemic .

sincerely Bob Lynn  
La Grande Orange / The Luggage Room Pizzeria

Robert A. Lynn  
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**From:** W Wang < >  
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**Subject:** Restaurants

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask that you please not close outdoor dining in Pasadena. Restaurants are the lifeline of this beautiful city.

Thank you.

Winnie

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bob Harrison <b...@...com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Keep the restaurants open

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Dear City Councilmembers of Pasadena,

I am writing in regards to the proposed elimination of outdoor dining in the city of Pasadena.

As a Former Mayor and City Councilmember of the city of South Pasadena (1992-2001), longtime resident of South Pasadena, and a small business owner myself, I am in favor of keeping restaurants open for outdoor dining during this time. Closing outdoor dining will be a detrimental blow to the economy of Pasadena, causing many restaurant staff and those employed in the food industry to lose their jobs. Many restaurants will shutter as they cannot be sustained on takeout orders alone.

Pasadena restaurants have invested time and money in keeping patrons and staff safe. They are in compliance with CDC regulations and there is no evidence that they contribute to the spreading of Covid-19.

Please consider keeping outdoor dining open in the City of Pasadena.

Best regards,  
Paul Zee  
Former Mayor of South Pasadena

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**From:** Jordan Lynn <jlynn@lgohospitality.com>  
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Members of the City Council,  
Please allow restaurants to continue to serve guests outdoors. Every single restaurant that I have visited since March is taking every precaution to make the experience as safe as possible and another shutdown will be crippling to the businesses in a way that most will never recover from.

Jordan Lynn  
Director of Culinary Development  
LGO Hospitality

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