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**Alternative Locations for Outdoor Dining**

Restaurant and food establishment workers have been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Seemingly overnight, these establishments, large and small, were forced to fully transition to takeout or delivery service in order to stay in business. Many establishments could not make this sudden change and were forced to shut their doors; some may never reopen. Recent industry data estimates show that these impacts have resulted in nearly 80 percent of the jobs in the restaurant industry being lost.

As Los Angeles County continues towards recovery, restaurants will not be able to operate at full capacity due to the required physical distancing measures needed to slow the spread of COVID-19. To counter those limitations, many jurisdictions across the country have quickly repurposed sidewalks, street parking spaces, and private parking lots for use as additional dining space. For this industry, which operates on thin margins, every table matters.

The County’s 2019 Step-by-Step Pedestrian Plan for Unincorporated Communities includes actions to increase pedestrian activity and expand public space for amenities such as outdoor seating and dining. Parklets, which extend the pedestrian area into the paved portion of a street, can create usable space for restaurants, and have been

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installed in County unincorporated communities on a limited basis. Modifying parklet installation requirements can provide an opportunity to increase available seating areas while complying with physical distancing requirements at restaurants.

Restaurants are also required to provide on-site parking. These areas and other private parking facilities can be used on a temporary basis to further accommodate physical distancing for on-site dining.

**WE, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to collaborate with the Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Consumer and Business Affairs, Regional Planning, Beaches and Harbors, Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, County Counsel, the Restaurant and Hospitality Sector Lead for the County's Economic Resiliency Task Force and other industry stakeholders to:
  - a. Develop Countywide guidelines for implementation of temporary outdoor dining spaces including public sidewalks, alleys, and within road right-of-way, similar to parklets, as well as private on-site and off-site parking facilities, and recommend any temporary revisions to applicable County Code or public health officer orders;
  - b. Develop a streamlined permit process that allows property owners and restaurant tenants to apply for approval to utilize these additional areas for outdoor dining, within public right-of-way, within unincorporated County areas for free or at a low cost;
  - c. Develop a request system that allows property owners and restaurant tenants to apply for a temporary designation of curbside or a road segment to be established for delivery and pick-up zones, within unincorporated County areas; and

2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back on Directive 1 in 21 days.

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