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June 26, 2026

LA County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Los Angeles County Motion Strengthening Support, Resources, and Services for Restaurants

Dear Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the Los Angeles region, we express our support for efforts to streamline the permit process for restaurants working with the Department of Public Health – Environmental Health (DPH-EH) to comply with the California Retail Food Code (CRFC).

The motion reflects an important step in strengthening interdepartmental coordination and providing restaurant operators with consistent, predictable processes to obtain public health permits and submit accurate, compliant plans, ultimately reducing approval timelines and improving overall efficiency in the review process. The Chamber supports the motion’s proposal to explore opportunities to expand program operations and offer direct one-on-one support for restaurant operators navigating the permitting process.

These efforts are particularly important for Los Angeles’ restaurant and food economy, which plays a central role in our region’s identity and economic vitality. As demonstrated during major global events such as the FIFA World Cup games hosted here, our food sector is a powerful driver of community connection, small business activity, and visitor experience. As Los Angeles prepares for upcoming global sporting events and increased international attention, continued investment in streamlined, accessible permitting systems will be essential to supporting local businesses and showcasing the strength of our regional economy.

The Chamber strongly commends the County’s leadership in advancing reforms to modernize permitting processes, reduce administrative barriers, and support small business recovery and growth. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Carlos Singer
Chief Policy Officer



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RE: Strengthening Support, Resources, and Services for Restaurants in Los Angeles County - SUPPORT

Honorable Chair Hilda L. Solis and Supervisors,

The California Restaurant Association (CRA) represents more than 22,000 neighborhood eating establishments throughout California, and we work continuously to help shape public policy in ways that support a strong and sustainable restaurant community. The CRA writes in strong support of the motion, "Strengthening Support, Resources, and Services for Restaurants in Los Angeles County."

Today, restaurant owners face months-long delays in the building plan review process, creating significant financial and operational hardships. These prolonged wait-times cause employment opportunities to evaporate, disrupt restaurant openings, delay service, and burden small business owners who depend on timely improvements to remain competitive.

In a climate where restaurants continue to face rising costs, workforce challenges, and tight margins, reducing administrative friction and delays is one of the most meaningful forms of support local government can provide. It is for these reasons that CRA applauds the County of Los Angeles for developing public policy that directly responds to these long-standing challenges restaurant owners face when opening or remodeling their businesses.

The motion's primary focus on improving and streamlining the County's permitting and plan check process through clear communication, technical assistance, and an expanded "concierge-style" pre-submittal technical support will ensure consistent interpretation of regulations while maintaining strict public health and safety standards.

Moreover, the motion proposes expanded access to technical resources and enhanced coordination across all County departments modernizing the permitting and plan review process enabling restaurants to open quickly, employ team members sooner, and generate state and local sales tax faster.



Therefore, based on the reasons outlined above, CRA respectfully requests the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors **SUPPORT** "Strengthening Support, Resources, and Services for Restaurants in Los Angeles County."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Matt Sutton
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California Restaurant Association