

March 21, 2018

Senator Bob Hertzberg  
State Capital Room 4028  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to **SB 946 - Street Vendors**  
An act to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 21150) to Chapter 1 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, relating to sidewalk vendors.

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

The Board of the Studio City Residents Association on February 20<sup>th</sup>, unanimously voted to oppose Senate Bill 946-Street Vendors that is presently before the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. This bill when enacted will add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 21150) to Chapter 1 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code relating to sidewalk vendors.

The basis for opposition to the bill is stated further herein. Referring to language in the bill:

**Section 21151.**

**A local authority shall not adopt rules or regulations by ordinance or resolution that regulate or prohibit sidewalk vendors unless it first adopts a sidewalk vending licensing program that complies with Section 21152.**

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**b. A local authority's licensing system shall comply with all of the following standards:**

(1) A local authority shall not restrict the location of a licensed sidewalk vendor unless the restriction is directly related to objective health, safety, or welfare concerns. For purposes of this paragraph, perceived community animus or economic competition does not constitute an objective health, safety, or welfare concern.

(2) **A local authority shall not prohibit a licensed sidewalk vendor from selling food or merchandise in a park.**

(3) **A local authority shall not require a licensed sidewalk vendor to first obtain the consent or approval of any nongovernmental entity or individual before he or she can sell food or merchandise.**

(4) A local authority shall not unreasonably restrict sidewalk vendors to operate only in a designated neighborhood or area.

(5) A local authority shall not restrict the overall number of sidewalk vendor licenses issued unless the restriction is directly related to objective health, safety, or welfare concerns.

(c) A local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt additional requirements regulating the time, place, and manner of sidewalk vending.

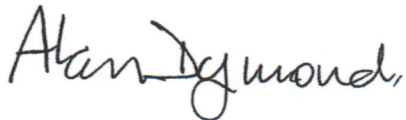
SCRA strong objection to the bill is that it would allow parks to become places for sales rather than places for relaxations, family activities and sports functions to name a few without any local oversight.

Further, SCRA objects that the bill would allow side walk vendors to occupy sidewalks outside of businesses in any manner without any control or remedy for those by those directly affected and that would include the general public who use the sidewalks for which they were originally intended. Not installed for commercial activities.

Finally, SCRA sees SB 946 as overreaching by the state government to dictate to all municipal authorities across California on how to conduct public business in managing local affairs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Dymond".

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