



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Council President Jennifer Campbell, District 2 *Jennifer Campbell*
Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, District 5 *Marni von Wilpert*

SUBJECT: Supporting Extending Temporary Outdoor Business and Service Permits

As the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for San Diego businesses is soon entering a new phase on June 15, 2021, we recognize there are still many businesses struggling to make up ground lost during the past year as a result of necessary public health restrictions to keep residents safe. Many of those businesses were some of the hardest hit by the pandemic, including fitness centers and restaurants. Restaurants are also a vital part of our tourist economy which has seen tremendous revenue and job losses due to the pandemic.

As Co-Chairs of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Committee we have heard testimony at the Committee hearings from local businesses and business leaders about the extraordinary value of allowing businesses to operate outdoors through the emergency ordinances. Therefore, we would like to express our support for the Citywide Interim Urgency Ordinances. This will allow temporary outdoor operations to be extended as the Planning Department develops a program which would extend outdoor dining beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and make changes to the Municipal Code to provide for greater activation of the public right-of-way. Building on the success of temporary outdoor dining as a tool to help businesses through the pandemic, "Spaces as Places" will provide a path for the long-term recovery of local businesses and neighborhoods across San Diego.

We believe the approval of the extension of these emergency ordinances will help San Diego recover economically and with the health and safety of this important workforce, San Diego residents, and visitors in mind.

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