

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Councilmember Jennifer Campbell's Sidewalk Vending Ordinance Heads to Committee

AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE WILL BE HEARD AT THE CITY'S COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

San Diego – Councilmember Jennifer Campbell's amendments to the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance will be heard at the San Diego City Council's Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS) Committee meeting this week on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1 p.m.

After listening to the community and vendors' concerns, Councilmember Campbell will ask for amendments to the ordinance that include clearer language that protects constitutional rights and maintains public order in the city's public spaces and coastline. The amendments also include introducing impounding procedures to swiftly address rogue vendors who don't comply with the city's regulations.

"Some vendors have found and exploited the definition of vending and are claiming First Amendment protection for their sale of goods even when the massproduced products they're selling clearly do not fit the definition of free expression," Mayor Todd Gloria said. "I want to thank Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell for bringing forward these changes to the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance so it can be properly enforced."

"I look forward to bringing the SVO amendments to the Community and Neighborhood Services Committee to address concerns from the community and permitted vendors. With the amendments, we aim to create an environment where permitted vendors can continue to flourish, providing valuable services and unique offerings to our residents. The amendments will also create a balance between protecting constitutional rights and maintaining public order while preserving the vibrant character of our communities," said Councilmember Campbell who represents District 2.

The Staff Report was released on Friday, September 29, 2023. It includes information on the proposed SVO ordinance amendments. Here's a link to the Staff Report LINK **The Media is welcome to attend the CNS Committee*. *Councilmember Jennifer Campbell will be available for interviews after the ordinance has been heard*.