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June X, 2023

**Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 17-0981-S10: Restaurant Beverage Program / Streamlined Permitting Land Use Regulatory Process / Council District 14**

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on **June X, 2023**, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support** of Council File 17-0981-S10: Restaurant Beverage Program / Streamlined Permitting Land Use Regulatory Process / Council District 14

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Downtown restaurant and hospitality industry community was heavily impacted by not only 'shut-downs' to curb the spread of the virus, but at times also saw decreasing sales as people stayed home. Unfortunately, many businesses were unable to recover, but those who have often relied on the sale of alcohol to help increase sales and profit margins.

The introduction of the Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) Downtown would reduce the cost and time required to open small new restaurants and all for a more equitable process for small businesses that struggle with financial burden when applying for CUB licenses from the City. To this day, many of our small businesses are struggling, and the introduction of the RBP would greatly help recovery efforts.

Therefore, DLANC supports Council District 14 resolution to Council to include Downtown Los Angeles into the Restaurant Beverage Program to help the recovery of the hospitality and restaurant industries from the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, DLANC asks Council to consider the following modifications to the RBP boundaries for Downtown:

- Remove the area south of the I-10 Freeway from the RBP boundaries in Downtown
- Expand the area within the Downtown Central Business District that is west of Los Angeles Street from 7th Street to the 101 Freeway to be in the RBP boundaries
- Create a *Restricted Alcohol Sales Area* for the neighborhood of Skid Row to prohibit liquor stores and other noxious uses for vulnerable populations in the community.

**\* SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JUNE X, 2023 \***

Sincerely,

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DLANC Planning & Landuse Committee

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