



CHAMBER
of
COMMERCE

Via Email Only

February 11, 2021

Honorable Mayor Lester Friedman & Beverly Hills City Council
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Recommendation to waive/suspend the permanent outdoor dining fees

Dear Mayor Friedman and Members of the Beverly Hills City Council:

We understand there is a recommendation coming to the Council on the Study Session Agenda for Tuesday, February 16 to, retroactively and through the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, waive and/or suspend the permanent outdoor dining fees charged to restaurants.

The Chamber previously recommended that the costs associated with outdoor dining be frozen due to the pandemic. Restaurants throughout our City are going through an unprecedented time and we should consider anything we can do to help them survive. Therefore, the Chamber is fully supportive of waiving fees for restaurants during the pandemic.

We also encourage the City to consider how we can support outdoor dining after the pandemic is over to further enhance the vibrancy of our streets and we look forward to being a partner in such discussions.

Thank you for your continued work to ensure a thriving business community.

Sincerely,

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Todd Johnson
President and CEO
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce