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August 16, 2021

Beverly Hills City Council
City of Beverly Hills
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: Support for Rooftop Dining Ordinance

Dear Honorable Mayor Wunderlich and Members of the Beverly Hills City Council:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our community has seen the popularity of increased open air and unique dining options on the streets and the sense of vibrancy and community it brings to Beverly Hills. Similarly, rooftop dining provides a unique indoor and/or outdoor dining experience and the City has a number of marquee properties to attract unique rooftop dining options.

In this respect, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce supports the request by the owners of 257 North Canon Drive and the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) to amend the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) to allow rooftop restaurant and open air dining uses for properties in the C-3 commercial zone throughout the Beverly Hills Business Triangle.

Permitting rooftop dining more widely creates flexibility for properties to create experiences that will attract businesses and visitors to Beverly Hills and create an interesting environment to shop, eat, visit and work. Rooftop dining will build on the important work this City Council and staff have done through OpenBH and related programs to enhance the dining and overall experience of being in Beverly Hills.

The Chamber requests your support for this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Todd Johnson
President and CEO
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce