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Subject: Support for Item 34 on tonight's agenda

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All,

I am writing in support of Item 34 on tonight's agenda. As have so many industries, the restaurants have been decimated by COVID-19. The steps Long Beach has taken to mitigate the lack of indoor dining opportunities (parklets, sidewalk dining, street closures) are very much appreciated, though are not enough to save this industry. Restaurants have historically operated on very thin margins; reducing or eliminating indoor dining while retaining fixed costs is putting restaurants in a dire situation and many will not survive. Taking action to waive fees through March 2021 is an important step, and I urge you to approve item 34 this evening.

Thank you.

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