FINDINGS

Zoning Code Amendment Application No. 2308-36 (ZCA 23-006) September 21, 2023

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65853 and 65855, the Planning Commission shall render a decision on any proposed Zoning Code Amendment and transmit the reasons for the recommendation, and the relationship of the proposed amendment to the applicable general and specific plans, to the City Council. The proposed Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA)modifies Title 21 of the Zoning Code related to sidewalk vending requirements.

General Plan Policy	Finding
STRATEGY No. 3: Maintain a strong, diversified economic base that creates jobs and attracts employers	The Zoning Code Amendment supports the decriminalization of sidewalk vending by bringing the Zoning Code into conformance with Senate Bill 946, which is intended to decriminalize sidewalk vending across California. The proposed zone code amendments support that policy goal by eliminating unnecessary regulations that conflict with state law by formally establishing the allowance of sidewalk vendors within in the Parks Zoning District subject to the applicable regulation of the Business and Profession Code of the Long Beach Municipal Code. The changes support decriminalization and more appropriate regulation of street vendors thereby allowing them to operate within the formal economy. The proposed amendments align with General Plan and economic development strategies to create a diverse local economy.
Land Use Element Policy 3-1: Implement land use regulations and economic development strategies that will help diversify the local economy and expand job growth. Accommodate a mix of industries in Long Beach, including high technology, telecommunications, aerospace, green technology, renewable energy, healthcare, higher education, manufacturing, port and shipping, professional services, restaurants, entertainment, and the film industry.	
Land Use Element Policy 14-2: Promote land use policies and economic development strategies that embraces the diverse population of Long Beach.	