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Mayor and Members of the City Council
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CC: Resolution to Advocate and Lobby State to Allow 25% Indoor Capacity of Restaurants

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. On behalf of California Nurses Association—— we urge the City Council to vote no on New Business Item 77. Each day Nurses serve on the front line of this deadly and life altering pandemic. We die on the front line, and we hold the hands of your neighbors and family when they succumb to this virus. Los Angeles Hospitals have seen a 47% increase in hospitalizations in the last 2 weeks. Now is not the time to open up. It's time to take this seriously.

As we continue to face a global pandemic, we need to strengthen the support in closing the spread of COVID-19. There have been many challenges in all of the economic areas that make our city thrive, but there is nothing more important than the health of our community.

As of yesterday, Los Angeles County continues to have a high risk of spread with over 300,000 cases and expected to increase by Thanksgiving. We believe the there are opportunities for gradual reopening when conditions are safe to do so, again, this is not the time. The City must enforce the existing health order of wearing masks in public at all times. This is still not a practice many food establishments have in place.

As our numbers increase, the City of Long Beach has the responsibility to protect residents from the spread of COVID-19. While it is disheartening to see other areas be affected by this issue the physical health of residents should continue being a priority to the City of Long Beach. Containing the spread of COVID-19 will only help our City thrive as we recover and ensure the health of our residents is safe.

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