



December 15, 2020

Mayor Dr. Robert Garcia
Members of City Council
Long Beach City
411 W Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Agenda Item #26 Extend Parklet Program – Open Streets Initiative

Dear Mayor Garcia and Councilmembers,

I write to you on behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, our 678 members, representatives, and community stakeholders. The Chamber supports the proposed extension of the Open Streets Initiative program which will allow for additional outdoor dining through parklet and outdoor activity permits. As stated in the item's resolution, this workable solution will "continue to allow for increased outdoor activities and operations for residents and businesses, respectively; provide safer access to public transit, and support economic recovery while maintaining appropriate physical distance and adherence to the current Health Order".

We applaud the City for bringing this solution forward to assist the local business community. This initiative will support our business community during this health and economic crisis, while simultaneously setting our local economy back on a path to recovery. We believe that this is a great solution for our businesses while adequately providing the necessary space for the health and safety of our residents.

We are willing and ready to support the City's efforts to safely reopen and again thank the City for bringing this item forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeremy Harris
President/CEO
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce