



Date: May 16, 2006
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilwoman Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*
Subject: AGENDA ITEM: Sidewalk Vending in Public Right-of-Way

Throughout the year, and especially during certain holidays, such as Mother's Day and Valentine's Day, Long Beach has a large number of vendors selling from the sidewalk at street intersections. Some of these vendors obtain licenses from the City, but many are unpermitted.

My office has received numerous complaints from residents and local businesses about the negative impacts of the street vendors.

This vending is potentially a safety hazard, distracting drivers from their ability to watch traffic and potential road hazards, and stopping traffic.

Many neighboring cities have enacted ordinances to prohibit or restrict the sale of merchandise at intersections or to people in vehicles.

I request that the Council and staff work to develop an effective policy to curtail this activity.

Recommended Action:

Refer to the Economic Development and Finance Committee for recommendation on an effective method to curtail the sale of merchandise at intersections or to people in vehicles.