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Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria  
City Administration Building  
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San Diego, CA 92101

I would like to formally request your assistance in creating a City of San Diego ordinance that would address the illegal food vendors operating in the city. This has become a serious problem in the Gaslamp Quarter starting back in July of 2019. Our former City Council did not act on this and it has snowballed out of control. Almost every night in the Gaslamp we have illegal unpermitted food vendors setting up directly in front of merchant's businesses and they refuse to move when confronted.


Not only is this a health hazard for the public but it is also a fire hazard with open propane grills without barricades and no fire extinguishers. I have worked with the County of San Diego for over two years and the Department of Health cannot site these vendors or get them to move without the help of SDPD. Without an ordinance in place, we are at an impasse.

What the Gaslamp Quarter Association asks is to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the San Diego Municipal Code to add a new Article 6 Division 1 titled.

Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, approve amendments to Chapter 6 Article 3 Division 1 Section 63.0102, Chapter 5 Article 4 Division 1 Section 54.0105, to make consistent with newly added Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

My membership has been more than frustrated with the lack of action by all parties involved. We cannot wait any longer, the closer we get to the summer months the worse it will become. Please let me know what I can do to help move this process forward. If we all come together, we can come up with a solution to finally have a set of rules that everyone can follow safely. I appreciate all your help and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

  
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