



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION URGING END TO BIAS AGAINST STREET VENDORS & FOR THEIR INCLUSION IN URBAN PLANNING

WHEREAS, it is the longstanding policy of LULAC to promote non-discriminatory economic growth, small business development, and opportunities for upward economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, street vendors, primarily composed of immigrants and people of color, are commonly harassed by local bodies (e.g. biased licensing and penalty structures, law enforcement) and excluded from the development of urban policies, which has routinely resulted in a failure to respect and protect the livelihood of hardworking vendors and their natural markets; and

WHEREAS, urban local bodies commonly prioritize the appropriation of public funds for formal economic projects, such as retail storefronts, while neglecting or ignoring projects such as development of infrastructure for street markets that can serve as an important source of economic stability for families and as economic engines for communities; and

WHEREAS, street vending contributes to the fight against urban unemployment, stimulates economic development and promotes entry-level entrepreneurship, particularly in communities of color;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC hereby calls for an end to harassment of and bias against street vendors, primarily immigrants and people of color, and urges local governments to incorporate street vendors in urban planning processes and urban policies and establish institutional mechanisms for street vendors, whether individually or through associations, to submit input for policy development, to voice grievances, make demands and resolve disputes with other urban stake holders.

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