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Recommending Committee Members
Las Vegas City Hall
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***Re: Opposing the prohibition of sidewalk vending near public spaces
in Bill 2023-28***



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The Recommending Committee has included a proposal on the January 16, 2024 meeting agenda that would create the most restrictive regulation for sidewalk vendors in the State of Nevada. The American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada and Make the Road Nevada writes in opposition to the proposal.

Senate Bill 92 was passed by the State Legislature to ensure sidewalk vending is allowed in Washoe County, Clark County, and cities within those counties. However, Bill 2023-28 creates unnecessary hardships for vendors by prohibiting sidewalk vending near public spaces including City parks, swimming pools, and community centers. The proposal's effect of forcing sidewalk vendors away from heavily trafficked areas to almost exclusively residential areas undermines the intent of the Legislature in enacting SB 92.

A lawsuit is currently pending in California based on a sidewalk vending ordinance that prohibits vending in the most pedestrian-friendly parts of Los Angeles after the California Legislature passed a law to allow for sidewalk vending. If the City Council proceeds with Bill 2023-28, they should expect a similar challenge. The Recommending Committee should not recommend passage of this proposal.

Best,

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