

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 13, 2017

Agenda Item #9

MOTION ON FOOD DELIVERY

WHEREAS,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council believes the growing Food Delivery Industry has moved from a simple niche market to a multi-level and multi-faceted industry to meet the growing needs of our busy community.

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What was once a simple neighborhood, with family restaurants with walk-in clients or in-house drivers has now morphed into an expansive multimillion dollar catering/delivery/third party services for the surrounding businesses. With this expansive growth comes a responsibility to our community to provide a good product in a timely manner with food safety for all being the ultimate achievement.

- Currently there is no set of specific standards for food delivery individuals who work for third party services.
- There is no approval process for vehicles used in Food Delivery and there is currently no inspection of these vehicles. It is important to note that these vehicles are used for purposes other than delivery of food, such as carrying people, animals, and third party deliveries. Most of the time there is no protection against food contamination.
- There is no process to ensure proper temperature control for food delivery.

- The delivery staff are frequently untrained in proper food handling procedures, sanitation issues, and environmental health issues that can lead to food borne illness, hospitalization, and possible death.

WHEREAS,

The responsibility for all of these points of concern fall directly in the hands of the food provider who has no control if the delivery service is other than their trained staff. When 2 out of every 3 meals a day are eaten away from home we lose control of our personal health and well-being. This is a responsibility of the whole community to work together and educate ourselves with tools that are provided for our health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council recommends that Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz call upon the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health that Food Delivery companies like UBER, Postmate, Amazon, Doordash, Caviar, and other third party delivery services be made to apply for health permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. They should inspect Food Delivery vehicles and require individuals (employee or contractors) that come in contact with food complete a Full Protection (Food Handler) Manager Certificate.

With training and inspection of drivers, vehicles, and basic common sense we can help ensure safety for our community.