

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

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MPWMD Board of Directors PO Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Subject: Urgency Ordinance No. 186, Exterior Restaurant Seating

Dear Honorable Board of Directors,

On behalf of the City of Carmel-By-The-Sea, I would like to express my strong support for Urgency Ordinance No. 186 and respectfully encourage you to adopt a temporary suspension to Rule 24-B-1-i to allow additional exterior seating associated with dine-in restaurants in order to meet the guidelines set forth by Governor Newsom for the reopening of restaurants.

The City of Carmel has 52 restaurants of which only 25 are currently open for curb-side pick-up or delivery. The impact to our local restauranteurs has been devastating. The City is partnering with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce to explore options for increasing outdoor seating opportunities for restaurants in our village. The passage of this Urgency Ordinance would support our efforts to assist local restauranteurs with the reopening of their establishments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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City Administrator