

**LETTER CONCERNING PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR
AL FRESCO SPACE ON WASHINGTON BLVD
BETWEEN OCEAN FRONT WALK AND PACIFIC AVENUE**

February 4th, 2025

Dear VNC, LUPC, LADBS and City,

Since the passage of the Al Fresco Ordinance, we have struggled to get the bars and restaurants on our block to comply with the ordinance to little effect. We are constantly besieged by noise, loitering, public urination and disorderly conduct as a result of this non-compliance.

The non-compliance includes among other issues:

- The installation and use of outdoor speakers and screens in violation of the ordinance
- Failure to prevent loitering and public drinking in the Al Fresco and adjacent spaces in violation of the ordinance
- Failure to comply with proper operating hours and service requirements in violation of the ordinance.

OUR POSITION IS SIMPLE: **Any business requesting a license must be in compliance with the rules they ALREADY agreed to follow.**

Just as with anything else—you don't get an upgrade when you're already violating the rules. This is self-evident. Until and unless these businesses ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES THEY ALREADY AGREED TO they should NOT get a license.

Thus we STRONGLY OPPOSE the granting of any Al Fresco license to anyone not currently following the rules they have already agreed to follow.

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