

Linda Ann Kuller

From: lori@wafoodtrucks.org
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Linda Ann Kuller
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Subject: RE: Agenda Public Hearing Lopez Plan and staff report

Hi Linda,

City leaders are discovering that regulating the mobile food industry involves many competing interests. The challenges lie in balancing those interests with the need to regulate food safety and traffic safety—without creating too many roadblocks to this new and popular food industry.

A food truck is a mobile, miniature commercial kitchen that must meet the same state sanitation requirements as a brick-and-mortar restaurant, they must meet county health requirements that include providing a trash receptacle and are not allowed, per state code, to provide customer seating unless plumbed restrooms are also provided. Vendors must also have access to a plumbed restroom within 200-feet (this is currently in process to be changed to 500-feet) if vending for longer than 1-hour but they are not required to maintain restroom facilities. Due to requirements of our state code and county health, they would not be necessary in municipal code.

In addressing the time constraints, the Institute for Justice Recommends that cities not restrict when food trucks may operate. In order to prevent any one mobile food vendor from setting up and never moving from that location, at the very least be subject to the same rules as brick-and-mortar restaurants or not allowed to remain for a continuous 24-hour period.

The Institute encourages cities to enact narrowly tailored laws (to avoid overreach) that address legitimate public health and safety concerns while not stifling entrepreneurial drive and opportunity.

In 2011, as part of its educational efforts, the Institute published the Streets of Dreams: How Cities Can Create Economic Opportunity by Knocking Down Protectionist Barriers to Street Vending, which for the first time documented anti-competitive laws and regulations that restrict street vendors in the 50 largest cities in America. This can be a useful tool easy to find online.

I hope this is helpful information for your upcoming meetings

Sincerely,

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"The punishment of wise men who refuse to take part in the affairs of their government is to live under the government of unwise men." ~ Plato

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From: "Linda Ann Kuller" <lindak@sanjuanico.com>
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Subject: Agenda Public Hearing Lopez Plan and staff report

Good morning,

Attached is the Planning Commission and County Council agenda for their September 21st joint meeting at LCCA including a public hearing on proposed Lopez Village Plan and Development Regulations:

[https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/16822/09-21-2018 CC PC SPecial-Mtg Joint-PH Notice Lop-Vil](https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/16822/09-21-2018%20CC%20PC%20SPecial-Mtg%20Joint-PH%20Notice%20Lop-Vil)

The agenda includes a link to the project webpage containing the proposed draft plan, development regulations, standard plans, implementation plan and staff reports.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO LVSPCOMMENTS@SANJUANCO.COM

Here is a direct link to the staff report

[https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/16868/2018-09-07 Staff-Report-for-Lopez-Village-Plan-Public-Hearing-on-09-21-18](https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/16868/2018-09-07%20Staff-Report-for-Lopez-Village-Plan-Public-Hearing-on-09-21-18)

Page 4 addresses proposed revisions to the “food truck” draft regulations.

How to comment effectively:

Review project materials and ask questions to clarify or increase understanding. Rhetor questions are not helpful. If you don't support a proposal, tell us what and why.

Make your comments specific and direct. Avoid general statements such as “Protect the environment.” Help us by identifying specific goals and policies, or changes/additions to c that you think need to be made and why. Or let us know what part of the environment n protection, and what it needs protection from. Make specific suggestions such as delete page 4 and replace it with the following sentence:.....

Make your comments constructive. If you have a criticism, also try to suggest a solution. know what you think the problem is and what possible solutions there are.

Use facts not rhetoric. The more clearly you state the facts, the better your chances are c the results you seek. Rhetoric can obscure facts.

Comment before or at public hearings. Make sure your comments are part of the officia by commenting (either verbally in writing) during the official public comment periods for hearings of the Planning Commission and County Council. Please read the hearing notice special instructions on how and  il comments. Please clear the topic in the subject line. Exa  tion: State share method

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