



Design Review Subcommittee (DRSC)

Meeting Date: January 12, 2022

PLANNER: Jonathan Lightfoot, Economic Development Officer

SUBJECT: **2022-2023 Draft Guidelines for Outdoor Dining**, a review of potential design and development standards for temporary outdoor dining uses in 2022 and 2023 under the enabling legislation of AB 61¹ and SB 314².

BACKGROUND:

Staff presented an initial briefing on this subject to the Planning Commission in September of 2021³. Since that time, the Governor signed both AB 61 and SB 314 into law. These bills allow for outdoor dining to continue for one year beyond the end of the state's end to the California state of emergency due to Covid-19 or December 31, 2023, whichever comes first. They enable local agencies to establish ordinances that provide more direct parameters for their outdoor dining programs. At their regular meeting on November 16, 2021, the City Council decided to terminate the current temporary dining program effective December 31, 2021, and they requested that staff seek input from both the DRSC and Planning Commission prior to returning to Council in March of 2022 with a proposal to resume outdoor dining under these enabling statutes. The DRSC reviewed this subject first on December 15, 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The DRSC reviewed and commented on the different design elements at play for temporary outdoor dining decks and opined on elements from the Santa Barbara on-street parklet guidelines⁴. Staff incorporated the comments into a Draft Guidelines document (Attachment 1) for San Clemente.

CONCLUSION

Staff seeks discussion on the Draft Guidelines from the DRSC to carry forward to the Planning Commission in February. These recommendations should help to establish a clear checklist of design expectations that can be easily understood by restaurant applicants and easily enforced by City staff through an administrative process.

Attachments:

1. Draft Guidelines

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB61

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB314

³ <https://www.san-clemente.org/home/showpublisheddocument/65767/637673138682800000>

⁴ <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=228126>