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From: Kristopher Fortin <kris@saascoalition.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 2:14 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Public Comment, Item 39, Support

Hello,

My name is Kristopher Fortin and I'm the project director of Santa Ana Active Streets (SAAS), and I'm [writing in](#) regards to Item 39 in today's City Council Agenda. Santa Ana Active Streets is in support of Item 39, to research and determine the implementation of a law to establish attacks on street vendors as a hate crime. In light of recent attacks directed at street vendors, it is our duty, as a community, to support the protection of those most vulnerable to violence and terror on our streets. SAAS advocates for the creation of a safe and accessible environment for active transportation for all of Santa Ana, this includes street vendors. Street vendors are an integral part of our local cultural fabric and are a reflection of those most vulnerable in Santa Ana; working class and undocumented Latinxs. This policy is a step in the right direction in ensuring that local policy reflects the safety needs of our community.

Thank you,

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From: Maria Ceja <ceja.maria95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:14 AM
To: eComment
Subject: item 39

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am in support of the development of establishing attacks toward street vendors as a hate crime. Recent attacks across Southern California have demonstrated violence toward street vendors is a very serious issue that needs to be addressed. Most street vendors labor almost every day and all day to survive, and that should not be disrupted due to ignorance and discriminatory violent acts. We must advocate for the safety and protection of those most vulnerable on our streets and this is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,
Maria Ceja

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From: Bobbie Chavez <bobbie.c.chavez@gmail.com>
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To: eComment
Subject: Hate crimes to street vendors

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Street vendors are an integral part of the Latin community, of the entire culture of Santa Ana, California, and the United States. These are hard working people who are making a living. They are not begging, drug addicted, or homeless. They often times are supporting families, and just making ends meet. These attacks are not just robberies, but are often riddled with racist and xenophobic slurs. They are accompanied with severe and violent beatings. If this doesn't constitute hate, I don't know what does.

Colonization already stole the land from the indigenous peoples. Borders have shunned an entire nomadic race. Forced assimilation has caused those who can trace their ancestry to these lands called America's to be creative in order to make a living. Please, do not allow the systemic supremest attitudes to continue to shame and break the spirit of those just trying to survive

Thank you 🙏