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GEORGE K. CHEN  
MAYOR  
July 3, 2025

The Honorable Elena Durazo  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to SB 635 (Durazo) – Street Vendor Business Protection Act**

Dear Senator Durazo,

The City of Torrance writes to express our strong opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 635, which would prevent local authorities from delegating enforcement of sidewalk vending regulations to non-public entities. While the City appreciates the intent to protect street vendors' rights, SB 635 would significantly weaken the ability of local governments to uphold health, safety, and regulatory standards in our communities.

SB 635 prohibits cities from working with third-party contractors to enforce vending laws. In Torrance, with limited staff resources, external support has been critical at times—especially during weekends and non-business hours when unpermitted vending activity tends to increase. Removing this option would reduce our enforcement capacity and allow violations to go unchecked. The City of Torrance would ask for support in the State of California to be allowed to manage and enforce sidewalk vending to better uphold health and safety for our community.

By limiting enforcement options and weakening oversight, SB 635 could unintentionally promote noncompliance and unfairly disadvantage vendors who operate within the law. Local governments must retain reasonable tools to manage vending activities fairly, efficiently, and safely.

For these reasons, the City of Torrance urges you to oppose SB 635 or to amend the bill in a way that preserves local authority to enforce vendor regulations while still respecting individual rights.

Thank you for considering our position on this important issue.

Sincerely,

George K Chen, Mayor  
City of Torrance

cc. Senator Ben Allen & Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi  
Jeff Kiernan, League Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)  
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