

Counsel members,

My name is Jose Frias a Third Generation Business owner who would like to share my family's business position on the proposed to-go ordinance . I have also included a link on the bottom of this email for an article from Twin cities business magazine regarding employment in Minnesota and which industries had the biggest losses employment wise. I do remember reading an article that pertained only to St. Paul but I could not track it down therefore I am unable to back the claim. This data is for one month and unfortunately I do not have the time to find figures for the past year or so. Below I also Highlighted some bullet points to why this To-go ban is prejudice against the restaurant industry and not fully thought out.

-Boca Chica questions the motive behind such a ordinance. It seems that when the counsel decided to peddle in the public sector of Sanitation, the public unleashed their opinion against the city's plan, then counsel members were quick to shelf the ordinance for further review. It seems you are receiving the same feedback from businesses regarding this ordinance. However The Counsel has the history of ignoring these pleas and pass ordinances without a clear path. This to me implies that these positions taken by counsel members are taken for political purpose only. By this I mean votes.

-Boca Chica questions why this is limited to our industry. This makes no sense what so ever. Again when it came to PTO this was enforced for all businesses. But for some reason for the proposal restaurants are being singled out. Why is it okay for certain businesses not to follow these standards but other are obligated to? Again I see political gain, Votes!

-Boca Chica questions why this is again a blanket approach. Business sustainability is different for every business. When will the Counsel recognize the harm they are doing by implementing regulations that are one shoe fit all mentality and do not recognize the many challenges that are unique to each business even within its industry

-Boca Chica is questioning why the cost of this change is our responsibility? From my understanding there are many opportunities to recycle certain products such as black plastic and foam but these sanitation companies do not want to invest in new equipment? Again why are the cost passed our way?

In conclusion Boca Chica is open to support a plan to better the environment, As long that is coordinated, structured and clearly defined so we know if we can rally around it. It also needs to ensure that the financial health of our industry is kept in mind. It must be fair and allow us to compete in our market without a disadvantage. Any plan should also put the responsibility of sanitation/recycling in everyone's hands equally including the public.

<http://tcbmag.com/news/articles/2017/september/mn-loses-6-600-jobs-in-august-unemployment-rate-r>

Thanks,
Again

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