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To: Eduardo Sarmiento

Subject: In regard to Special Meeting agenda this afternoon

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Dear Mr. Sarmiento and the City of Hermosa Beach,

My name is John Fox and I am the GM of Palmilla Restaurant on the Pier Plaza. I am writing in regard to the Special Meeting this afternoon, specifically to the point of emergency order asking restaurants to close at 10pm. Since we have re-opened our doors, we have seen a strong eagerness from guests to eat out again and we have been more than thrilled to serve them! Oftentimes, and especially on the weekends, this eagerness extends into the later hours of the evening. We've found ourselves keeping our full kitchen open until 1230am still serving a full house (at 60% capacity of course) "sit-down" meals and the guests in our community, as well as my team members, couldn't be happier. We are not a bar, we do not have bar stools, and have notices placed on our barthat there is "No Bar Service" available—all guests are seated at their tables in conjunction with current Covid Health Code. In fact, our Health Inspector dropped by yesterday and we walked through all of our signage, table placement (including plexi barriers to keep guests and team members safe), mask and face shield protocol, and cleaning and sanitizing procedures to which she stated we were compliant and doing well. In short, I earnestly request that we, as well as the other restaurants on the pier, may remain open for dinner service to the hours allotted in our respective CUP's so we may continue to thrive as Hermosa Beach businesses and safely serve our community.

Best regards,
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