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July 31, 2025

To Palm Desert City Council, and anyone this may concern;

I am writing in regard to the dining decks on El Paseo. On July 30, 2025 at 4pm, I received an email from Vanessa Mager from the city, stating that now the city council is considering changing the guidelines for the dining decks again! I am totally shocked, by this new development! I was promised, by the city, before we were required to remove the patios for the paving, that it would be a simple and cost-effective solution to putting them back. Having said that, I removed my patio in a manner to be able to salvage many of the pieces to be used again. The patio cover, alone cost me \$27,000.00, and now with the possible new guidelines, will not be able to be used again. I bought a storage shed for \$1500.00, that my landlords were generous enough to allow me to place on the property behind the restaurant, until we could rebuild. The costs go on and on! Now, it seems the city council would like to repeal this promise. And, this is revealed to me only two months ahead of the scheduled rebuild and you want to change it all up again, and a final decision will not be made until one month before! Please keep in mind the amount of time it requires to obtain the city permit, redo the plans, and get approval. I would like to also make you aware of the situation of the sidewalk in front of my restaurant. The sidewalk is at an angle from the glass wall of the exterior of my location to the gutter. The cost

to level this out, to be able to have tables and chairs sitting flat, will be extreme and will probably require an engineer for guidance. All this expense to only guarantee the patio can be there until 06/26. I have not spoken with the other patio owners yet, but can only imagine they feel the same. The patios are a great addition to the street as well as helping the restaurant owners stay alive in these challenging times of economic instability. I hope the city council will reexamine these proposals, as there is only a guarantee of being able to have a patio for one more season and to change it all up, again, at this late date, seems a bit unjust. A promise is a promise.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I await your quick response.

Sincerely,

Sally Hill

Chef/owner

Sweet Basil Ca. Eatery

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From: [Vanessa Mager](#)
To: [Manuel Rios](#)
Subject: FW: Dining Decks
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 10:19:06 AM
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Hi Manuel,

I'm not sure if you received the email below, but I wanted to be sure the City Council received the message.

Thank you,
Vanessa

Vanessa Mager

Business and Community Outreach Coordinator



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-----Original Message-----

From: Sheri Pierattoni <spierattoni@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 3, 2025 4:31 PM
To: Vanessa Mager <vmager@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: Dining Decks

Members of the City Council,

After the notice I was given that the Council has decided to change what was originally a verbal agreement from Carlos (representing the City) that I could in fact build back my deck the way it was constructed before with a few modifications. Now you are wanting us to put them on the sidewalks in front of the entry way of our restaurants which will cost more in designing, architectural plans for the seating and the cost of the sidewalk buildout. This added expense not knowing if we will need to take it all down if the ABC doesn't renew our liquor license.

This seems highly unfair to spring on us 2 months before we are to build.

Please revisit your decision.

Kind regards,
Sheri Pierattoni
PizzaVino

From: [Vanessa Mager](#)
To: [Manuel Rios](#)
Cc: [Carlos Flores](#)
Subject: FW: Patio Revisions
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:40:36 PM
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From: amanda Alvarez <amandaalvarez89@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 12:26 PM
To: Vanessa Mager <vmager@palmdesert.gov>; Armando Alvarez <Armandononi@hotmail.com>
Subject: Patio Revisions



Dear City Council Member,

I'm writing this email on behalf of Armandos Bar and Grill, and I'm writing to share some concerns regarding the proposed changes to the dining deck guidelines, particularly the

extended patio format.

The new guidelines, as we understand them, would likely incur new costs for construction or compliance, as well as require permits that may be expensive and difficult to obtain on such short notice. This adds significant pressure on businesses like ours, both logistically and financially.

We're worried about the impact on our business's curb appeal, as our patio's charm relies heavily on the beautiful flowers and lighting that attract customers and passersby alike.

Additionally, our car shows during the desert's peak season are a huge draw, and the new format might compromise the great view we offer to attendees. We're also concerned about the limited space for our seasonal decorations during Halloween, Christmas, and Cinco De Mayo, which are a big part of our community engagement.

Given the uncertainty surrounding the state's Covid rule extensions, we're already facing a one-season guarantee for our patio. We'd appreciate it if you could consider these points when making your decision.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Amanda Alvarez

Manager; Armando's Bar and Grill

From: [Vanessa Mager](#)
To: [Manuel Rios](#)
Subject: FW: Pizzavino Dining Deck
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 4:00:22 PM
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Thank you!

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From: Sheri Pierattoni <spierattoni@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 3:34 PM
To: Vanessa Mager <vmager@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: Pizzavino Dining Deck

Council members:

After being made aware of the fact that your scheduled meeting to decide on the fate of the dining decks isn't until August 28th I cannot emphasize how unfair this is to the restaurants. We have been told we can put back our existing decks and be operating by October.

If you decide to pass this new requirement there is no way we can be operating by October.

We will need to get an architectural plan submitted to the City. Who know long it will take to get approval, then build it. This in itself will take longer than 4 weeks.

I have always felt that Palm Desert has been very business friendly and incredibly supportive during COVID. Even your decision to listen to our arguments about the cost of the decks going forward and come to a compromise that is a win-win speaks volumes. If you pass this at this late date you will be pushing through your agenda not caring how it affects us financially. Is that what you want?

Cordially,
Sheri Pierattoni
Pizzavino

Sent from my iPhone