



# SJ AI Fresco

San Jose City Council  
December 7, 2021

# The Basics

- Staff directed to bring forward recommendations that would simplify and expand the process for businesses to operate outdoors in May 2020
- Five Emergency Orders since May 2020, extended to December 31, 2021
- Coordination of staff in eight different City departments
- \$1.089M in 2020-21 Approved Budget - \$300K OED, \$789K PRNS
- Additional \$860K allocated in the 2021-22 budget to facilitate transition from temporary to permanent al fresco operations



# Emergency Orders

Public Sidewalks

Private Lots

On-street Parking Spaces

Street Business Areas

Parks and Plazas

City-owned Parking Lots



# SJ Al Fresco By The (Official) Numbers



**17**

Park Use  
permits issued



**136**

Private Property  
registrations



**3 / 25**

Street closures /  
Businesses served



**20 / 26**

Parklet installations +  
Sidewalk seating /  
Businesses served



**600+**

Businesses engaged through  
PRNS Placemaking Team

# SJ Al Fresco IRL



# Recommendations

## Public Sidewalks

Dining/foodservice, General retail, Personal Care, Outdoor seating

- Allow current emergency order to expire on December 31, 2021.
- Administrative adjustments to transition al fresco program participants to permanent city program.

## On-street Parking Spaces

Dining, General retail, Outdoor seating/wait area

- Allow current emergency order to expire on December 31, 2021.
- Administrative adjustments to temporary program allowing a business to transition to the city's permanent program by December 2022.
- Work with Knight Foundation to expand and stabilize utilization of the city's permanent program.

## Private Lots

Dining/foodservice, General retail, Outdoor seating, Personal care services

- Extend current emergency order until February 1, 2022.
- Implement new ordinance taking effect in February 2022 allowing continued outdoor operations on private property through December 2022.
- Create permit for business operations on private property if removal of minimum parking requirements are approved by City Council.
- Businesses wishing to operate outdoors within 150 ft. of a residence will require a use permit.

# Recommendations

## Plazas

Fitness, exercise & health classes and Foodservice/dining at Hammer Theatre Plaza, Fountain Alley, Parque de Pobladores and Circle of Palms

- Allow current emergency order to expire on December 31, 2021.

## Parks

Fitness, exercise & health classes and Foodservice/dining

- Allow current emergency order to expire on December 31, 2021.

## City-Owned Parking Lots

Personal care, Health, fitness, exercise, Dining/foodservice, General retail

- Allow current emergency order to expire on December 31, 2021.

## Street Business Areas

Dining/foodservice, Business operations  
Seating area in Downtown Core, Urban Villages, Neighborhood Business Districts,  
Specific Plan Areas and Historic Districts

- Extend current emergency order through June 2022.

- Work with surrounding stakeholders/community to achieve possible long-term closure through new state legislation.

- Recommendation still allows for a street to be reopened during the extension period.

# Questions?



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