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R1 - Public Comment

August 5, 2025

To: City Council Members, City of Paso Robles

From: Jim Fotinakes

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Re: City Council Agenda (August 5, 2025)

Food Truck Operations

Item: R. DISCUSSION 11. Legislative Update and Review Regarding Food Truck Regulations

Although I have no financial stake in local food service businesses, I do have concerns about Food Trucks in our City. The City of Paso Robles currently permits mobile food vendors to operate in various locations within city limits, offering a wide range of food and beverage choices to residents and visitors. While these mobile operations provide convenience and variety, they might unintentionally create competitive disadvantages for our established brick-and-mortar restaurants that have made significant long-term investments in our community.

The City of Paso Robles has consistently shown its dedication to fostering a strong business environment and supporting economic growth in our community. This commitment naturally includes protecting the significant investments made by permanent food service establishments.

I suggest that the City Council or Ad Hoc Committee consider adopting distance-based zoning regulations for mobile food vendors in their amendment. These regulations would set minimum distance requirements between food trucks and existing restaurants, thereby safeguarding established business investments while maintaining the variety that mobile vendors offer to different parts of our city.

Such regulatory adjustments would preserve fair competition within the local food service market, support businesses that have committed to our community for the long term, and align with the City's goals of encouraging sustainable economic growth. These measures would not eliminate mobile food options but would ensure they complement rather than directly compete with established businesses nearby.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Fotinakes
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