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Public Comment - Group 1

**From:** thebusinesspsychic@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 7:02 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT on Departmental Item D-3 on Agenda for Tuesday March 4th, regarding unauthorized roadside and sidewalk food vending in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request you take the following actions to address the dangerous blight of unauthorized roadside and sidewalk food vending in Santa Barbara County. Between the damage to our small businesses and local economy, the unhealthy and often dangerous food production, the cartel involvement, the threats of violence from the vendors, and from the drug sales that are happening with some of them, this situation, and the failure to take appropriate action so far, is a ticking timebomb. Please consider the following actions:

1. Direct County staff to form a regional Task Force, comprised of Environmental Health, Public Works, Fire, Sheriff w/ the Cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Santa Maria, and County of Ventura (Ventura has already put a pilot task force in place) and stakeholders.
2. FULLY FUND THE TASKFORCE. The mistake the City of Santa Barbara is currently making is that they waited too long to act and then they created a Task Force that does not have the money and manpower to function. **At all.**
3. Make sure County Fire uses its current authority to enforce dangerous fire activity by vendors. Make sure County Fire has law enforcement support when they need it.
4. Direct County staff to immediately use its power of seizure of food from unverified sources. Make sure County staff has law enforcement support when they need it.
5. Direct County staff to develop public messaging to deter the public from risking their health when patronizing such establishments. PSA's still run for free on all radio and network television stations (for now).
6. Direct the County to utilize its lobbyists to advocate for policy change in Sacramento. Be sure they use case studies - the ones we have are very compelling.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Beth

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**From:** Christel Barros <christelbarros@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 10:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Illegal & unsafe vendors of foods in SB and beyond.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for addressing the problem of illegal & unsafe sidewalk food vendors in our cities and county.

Request: May we please get some Public Service Announcements advising locals to not support these unsafe and illegal vendors - for so many reasons.

Your responses appreciated.

Sincerely,

Chris Barros

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**From:** Heide Moir <hjmrunner@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 6:46 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Illegal Food Vans

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Public Comment:

Thank you for updating me; I will be writing in my comments for March 4th.

However, I do not understand why this first step of starting a Task Force is just now being implemented? It has been over 4 months since the last meeting.

Police officers whether Sheriff or CHP drive by these food vans every night. The officer stops his car, tells them to pack up and go home, waits there until they do. If they don't pack up, Take them to jail. Do not seize their equipment. If their van is left 3 days on a public road, tow it to impound lot.... Like all other cars left on public roads.

As to the response " They just come back", do it every single time they are out on the street illegally without a license. They will eventually get the message.

The cost:

Getting all these other agencies involved costs money, tax payers money. The same money it takes to just have the police officers do it.

It takes time to get all the agencies involved working together.

Stop kicking the can down the road, and take action!

Respectfully,  
Heidi Moir

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**From:** Jim & Nadine <jimhriley@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 10:39 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Unlawful roadside food vending

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Dear Supervisor Hartman and the remaining board of supervisors. My wife, Nadine, and I are pleased to see the Board of Supervisors may be finally moving to to eliminate unlawful roadside food vending. Just in our Santa Ynez valley we have witnessed unlawful food vendors setting up regularly in six locations: opposite the high school: on route 246 just past the new roundabout: on rt. 154 near Edison st.: on Refugio Road adjoining 154: On 154 in Los Olives( two stands): and most recently on Highway 101 at the 154 exit. None of these locations satisfy county health codes and all of them seize land for their unauthorized purpose and present traffic hazards on busy roadways. They also present unlawful competition for the many lawful restaurants in our valley. We are puzzled that they have been allowed to exist for so long ignoring the laws of our county and state. In addition to the remedies listed in your communication we would like to see all materials affiliated with the unlawful roadside stands be impounded. Such a response would quickly eliminate them. We are pleased to learn the County Board of Supervisors is finally moving to eliminate unlawful roadside food vending stands and thank you for inviting me to respond to the situation. Jim and Nadine Riley: Santa Ynez.