How is Sidewalk Vending defined?
Sidewalk Vending refers to vending of food and non-food items only on City sidewalks. This does not include food trucks, pull carts, push-carts or any other form of vending on City streets or parking spaces or private property.

What laws currently exist with regard to Sidewalk Vending in Los Angeles?
The Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.00 (b) prohibits vending on City sidewalks, streets and alleyways.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.00 (m) allows for the establishment of Special Sidewalk Vending Districts.

Which agencies have the authority to issue citations and arrest for violations of Sidewalk Vending?
Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

What are some of the consequences for violating Sidewalk Vending laws?
The Los Angeles Police Department or the Bureau of Street Services have the ability to:
1) Verbal Warning
2) Written Warning
3) Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE)
4) Release From Custody (RFC)
5) Physical Arrest

What are some of the penalties associated with Sidewalk Vending?
The Los Angeles Police Department or the Department of Public Works may issue a citation that results in a fine of up to $1,000 in addition to any Court-related fees.

Is there currently a way to allow sidewalk vending to occur legally?
Yes. Section 42.00 (m) allows for the establishment of Sidewalk Vending Districts.

Can individuals engage in any form of vending on City sidewalks?
Persons can engage in traditional expressive speech and petitioning activities, and can vend the following expressive items: newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, bumper stickers, patches and/or buttons.

What are some examples of items that are currently sold illegally on City sidewalks?
1) Fruit- Cut and whole
2) Food – Tamales, Tacos, pastries, coffee, orange juice, hot dogs
3) Clothing – shirts, socks, pants
4) Other items – gardening tools, dishes, electronics