



October 14, 2025

A dark blue silhouette of the Sacramento skyline, including various buildings and the two towers of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Bridge, set against a light blue background.

# Al Fresco Dining

## Program Overview and Update

Presented by Staci Kranitz, Parking Manager and Chad Copeman, Interim Supervising Engineer



# PROGRAM GOAL

Make it easy for restaurant owners to build safe, durable, and beautiful outdoor dining spaces that contribute to our city's thriving dining scene and foster pedestrian-friendly streets.



## For Restaurants

Increased dining areas means greater capacity, with the dining experience on display for passersby.



## For Customers

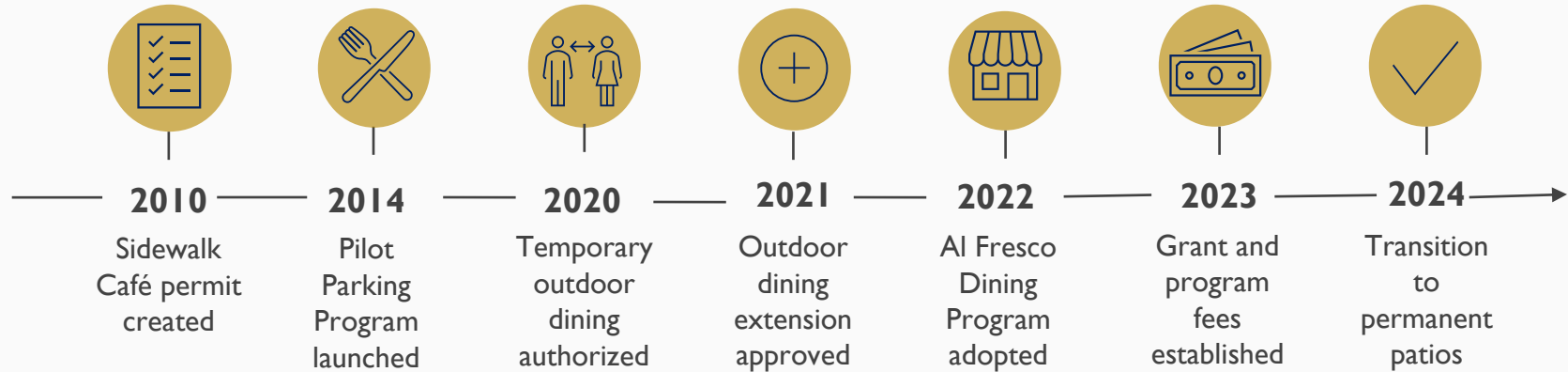
Thoughtfully designed and well-built Al Fresco Patios enhance the dining experience.



## For Communities

Permitted Al Fresco Patios make for safer and more pedestrian-friendly streets.

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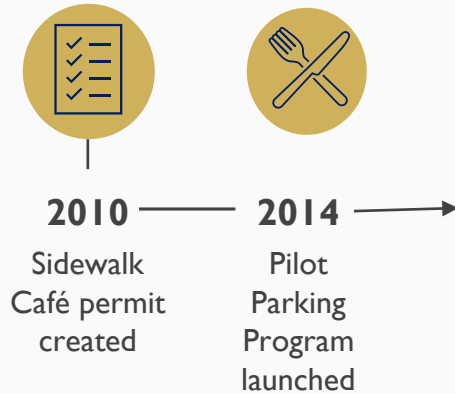
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Sidewalk  
Café permit  
created

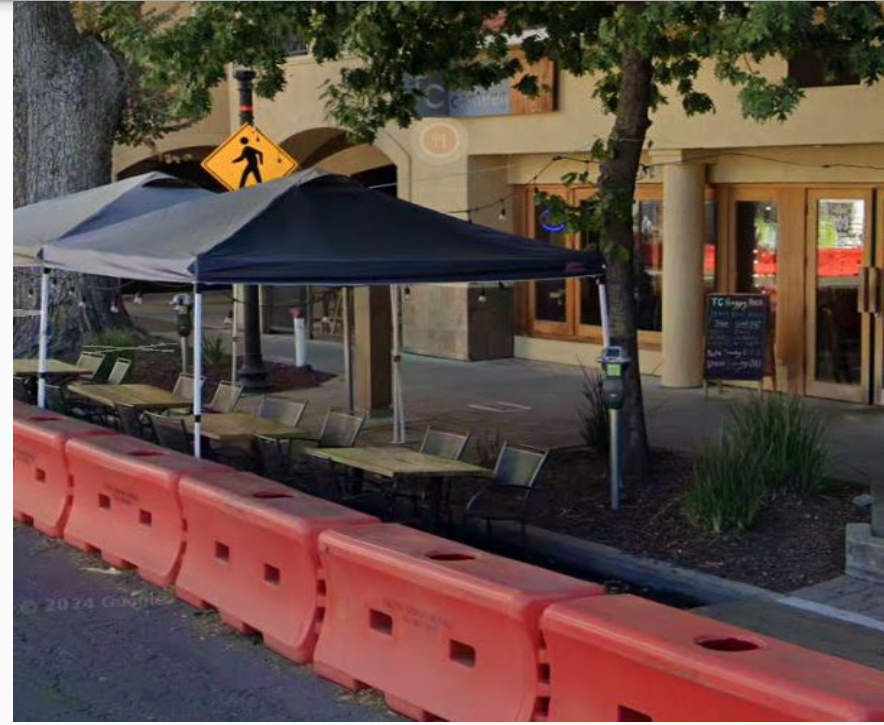
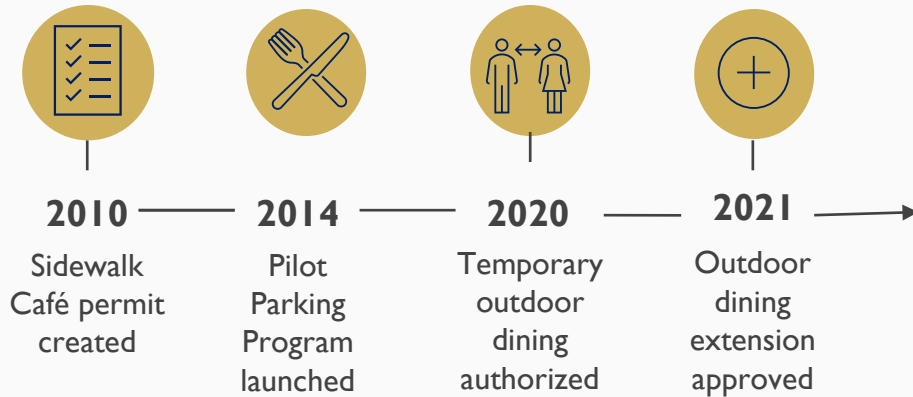




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2022

Al Fresco  
Dining  
Program  
adopted



2023

Grant and  
program  
fees  
established



2024

Transition  
to  
permanent  
patios





# DESIGN STANDARDS

Adopted by City Council June 2022

## Pre-designed Patio Layouts

- Reduce applicant costs
- Simplifies the permitting process
- Designed to City Code standards

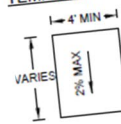
## Optional Electrical & Structural Plans

- For more elaborate patios

- TYPICAL OBSTACLES:**
1. 5' MINIMUM CLEARANCE DESIRED FROM ALL TREES. 2.5' MINIMUM CLEARANCE REQUIRED.
  2. A MINIMUM 2.5' FROM EDGE OF TREE IS REQUIRED WITH RAILING SEPARATING PLATFORM FROM TREE. OUTDOOR DINING AREA SHALL NOT PASS OVER TREE WELLS.
  3. MINIMUM 3' CLEARANCE BETWEEN FIRE HYDRANT, BACKFLOW PREVENTERS, AND OBSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS BASES AND WALLS.
  4. IF LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION FACILITIES ARE COVERED BY A RAISED BASE, ACCESS OPENING SHALL BE PROVIDED.

- BUFFER AREA:**
1. BUFFER AREA CONTAINS STRUCTURAL BASE AND WALL. SEE STRUCTURAL SHEETS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
  2. BUFFER AREA RECOMMENDED TO BE A MINIMUM OF 1' WIDE ALONG EXISTING PARKING STALL LIMITS.
  3. IF WALL WIDTH IS LESS THAN 1', BUFFER AREA TO CONTAIN CURB STOPS ALONG LIMITS OF EXISTING PARKING STALL.
  4. A VISIBLE EDGE TO OUTDOOR DINING AREA IS REQUIRED. SEE EDGE MARKING DETAIL BELOW.
  5. OWNER MAY ADD REMOVABLE BOLLARDS PER CITY OF SACRAMENTO DETAIL T-231 OR SURFACE MOUNTED OBJECT MARKERS AT CORNERS OF EXISTING PARKING STALL.

**TEMPORARY PATH:**



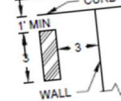
1. PATH SHALL NOT CONFLICT WITH TREES AND LOCATION TO BE APPROVED BY CITY ARBORIST.
2. PATH TO BE PLACED IN AN UNOBSTRUCTED AREA WHERE THERE IS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF RUNNING SLOPE ALONG THE CURB AND SIDEWALK.
3. PATH TO BE COMPOSED OF DECOMPOSED GRANITE OR CONCRETE.
4. CONCRETE MAXIMUM DEPTH 4".
5. CONCRETE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE STRUCTURAL REBAR AND MUST WEIGH LESS THAN 200 POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.

**EDGE MARKING:**



1. ALL EXTERIOR WALL EDGES SHALL CONTAIN HIGH INTENSITY RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE, REFLECTORS, OR MARKINGS.
2. RETROREFLECTIVE ELEMENTS MUST BE VISIBLE TO DRIVERS AT NIGHT.
3. ADDITIONAL RETROREFLECTIVE ELEMENTS ALONG WALLS RECOMMENDED.

**WHEEL STOP:**



1. WHEEL STOPS, IF REQUIRED, TO BE PLACED WITHIN PERMITTED PARKING STALL.
2. WHEEL STOPS TO BE BLACK WITH YELLOW STRIPES.
3. INSTALLED A MINIMUM OF 3' FROM BUFFER WALL.
4. FOR 7' WIDE PARALLEL PARKING STALL, USE TWO WHEEL STOPS.
5. MAY USE BIKE RACKS IF SPACE PERMITS.

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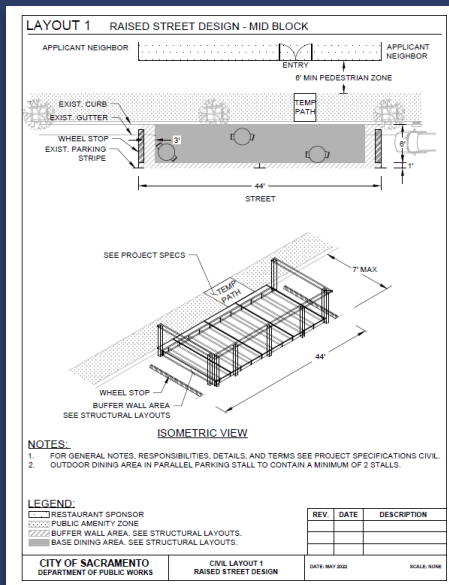
PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS  
CIVIL 2 OF 3

DATE: MAY 2022

SCALE: NONE

# AL FRESCO DESIGN LAYOUTS

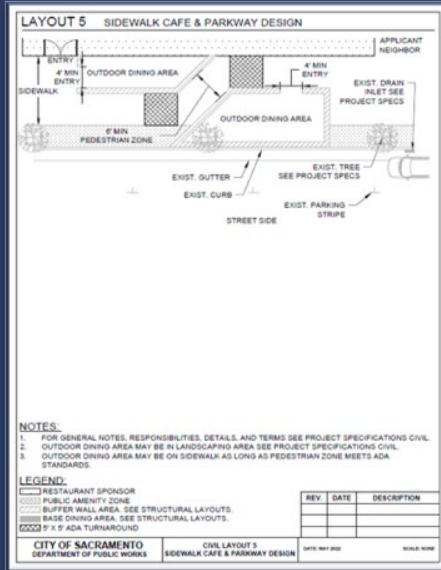
## PARKING SPACE PATIO





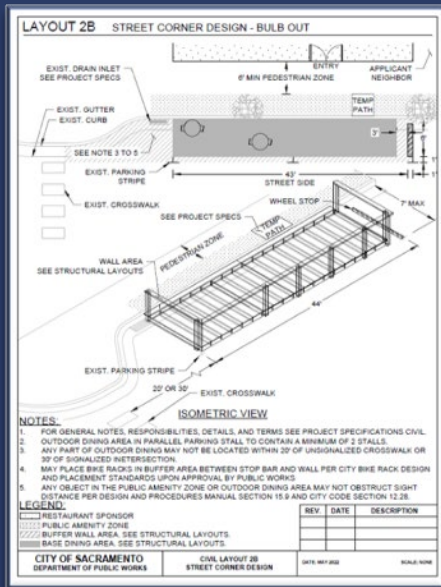
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## PARKWAY PATIO



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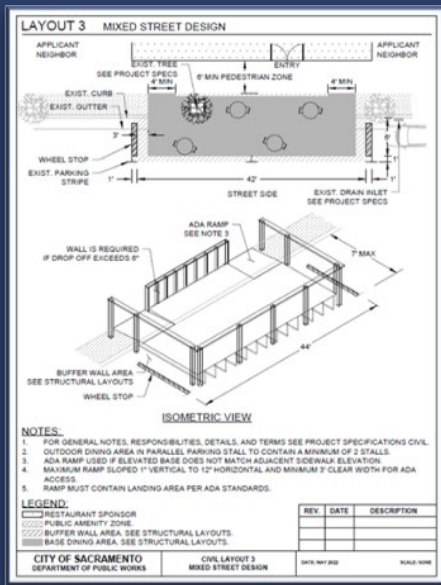
## STREET CORNER PARKING SPACE PATIO





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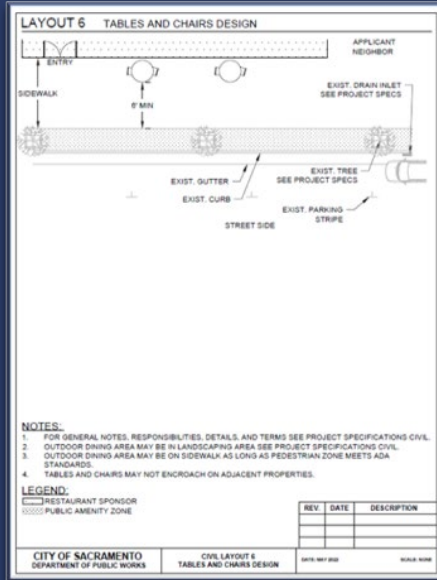
## PARKWAY & PARKING SPACE PATIO





# AL FRESCO DESIGN LAYOUTS

## TABLES & CHAIRS PATIO



# AL FRESCO FEE SCHEDULE

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Adopted by City Council on  
January 10, 2023



| <u>FEE TYPE</u>                                           | <u>MONTHLY AMOUNT</u>                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Patios (excluding Tables and Chairs only)                 | \$100                                                                |
| Large Patios (Over 200 Sq. Ft.)                           | Additional \$100                                                     |
| Central City On-Street Parking Spaces                     | \$150 per space                                                      |
| Tables & Chairs Only                                      | \$25 for two tables (4 seats per table)<br>\$20 per additional table |
| Outdoor Dining Patios with Existing Sidewalk Café Permits | \$25                                                                 |



# AL FRESCO GRANTS



## Maximum Grant Amounts

Parklets and Parkways - \$20,000

Sidewalk Café - \$5,000 to \$10,000

Private Parking Lots - \$20,000



## Eligible Expenses

Materials and labor such as, tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas, canopies, lighting, contractor fees, lumber, steel concrete, engineering, etc.



## Community Outreach

Collaboration with Sacramento Chambers, PBID's and I.E.D.C.  
Information sheets distributed in multiple languages along with interpreters available for application assistance.

# \$365,000

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

# 20

TOTAL GRANTEES



# AL FRESCO PERMITTING

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# NON-COMPLIANT PATIOS



# AL FRESCO PERMITTING



## CHALLENGES

- Learning curve
- Non-compliant temporary patios
- Limited communication
- Cost prohibitive



## IMPROVEMENTS

- Created new CAFÉ permit
- Streamlined internal process
- Standardized design plans
- Pre-application meetings
- Variety of design options



## APPLYING FOR AL FRESCO DINING



## WEBPAGE & ONLINE APPLICATION

Clear information and permitting checklist to help businesses navigate the application process and answer frequently asked questions about permitting process.



# APPLICANT RESOURCES



## DEDICATED STAFF AND SUPPORT

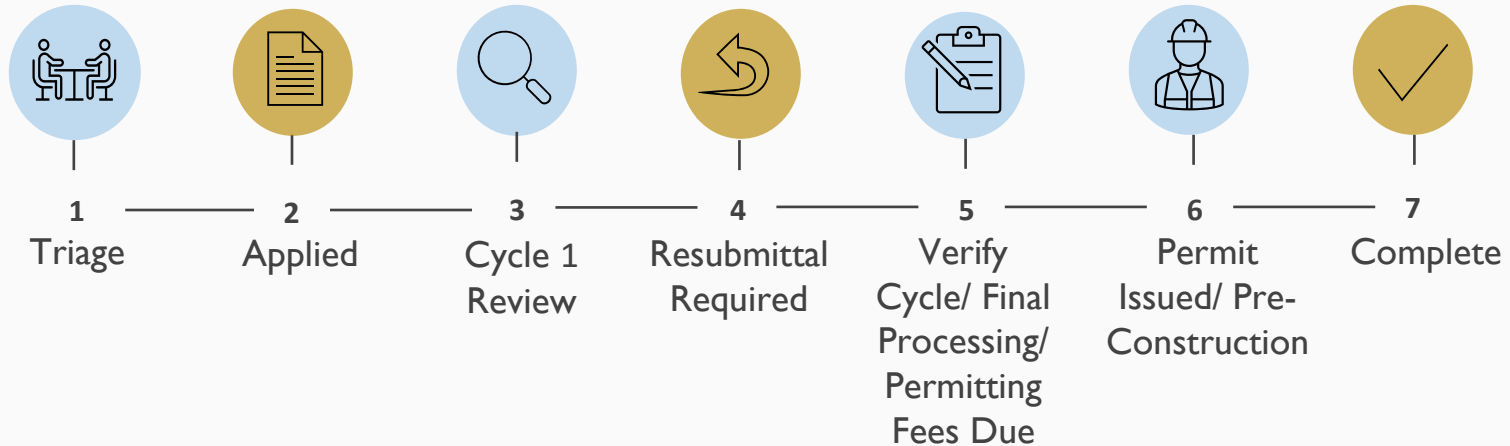
Available to answer questions and assist in the application process

## PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

Multiple staff from various divisions meet with applicant to:

- Review plans
- Discuss project scope
- Provide feedback
- Answer questions

# PERMITTING PROCESS





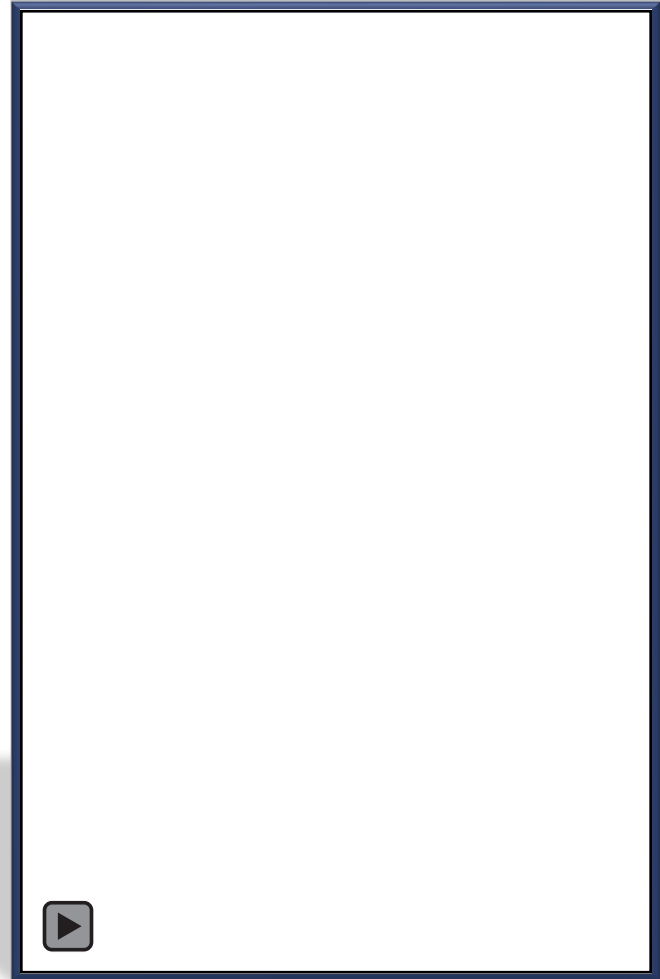
# SUCCESS STORIES

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# PATIO SHOWCASE

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## PAZZA NOTTE TESTIMONIAL



# PATIO SHOWCASE

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# PATIO SHOWCASE

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR

(FORMERLY BEAST + BOUNTY)

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# PATIO SHOWCASE

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## MULVANEY'S B&L



# PATIO SHOWCASE

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## STEAMERS

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# PATIO SHOWCASE

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## GUNTHER'S

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# PATIO SHOWCASE

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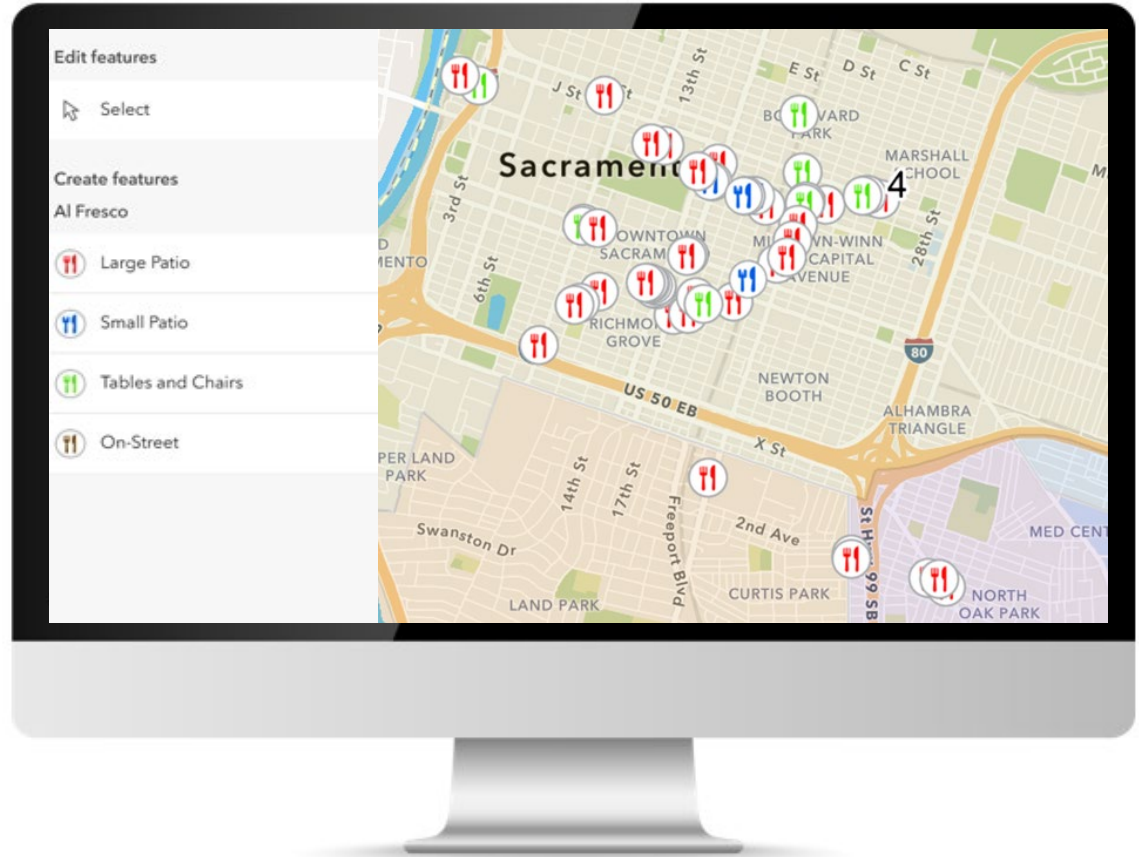
# NEXT STEPS

## GIS DATABASE

Centralized inventory for all outdoor dining data

## LEGACY PERMITS

Work with legacy patio operators to transition to Al Fresco Dining and start charging monthly fees in the Spring of 2026

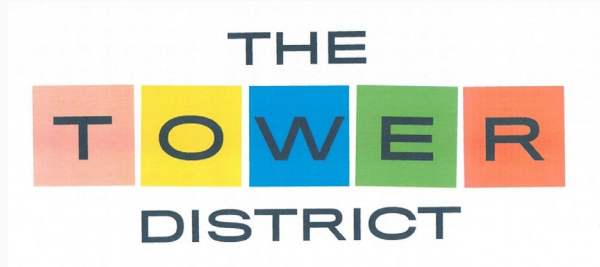


# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Collaborate with our  
PBID partners to  
engage and spread  
the word to more  
businesses

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SACRAMENTO**



**OAK★PARK**



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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Advertise on the City  
and Public Works social  
media accounts



# THANK YOU!

