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## MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES OPEN STREETS: RESTAURANTS WILL EXPAND TO WEEKDAYS AT 40 LOCATIONS CITYWIDE

## First-ever weekday hours available for popular, car-free outdoor dining initiative

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced the first Open Streets: Restaurant partner organizations that will begin temporary street closures on weekdays for outdoor dining along select corridors. Earlier this month, the Administration had <u>invited</u> BIDs, community-based organizations, and groups of restaurants to submit applications to expand the enormously popular Open Streets: Restaurants, an initiative that combines the Open Streets and Open Restaurants programs. Previously, car-free hours had been limited to weekends.

"Restaurants deserve every chance they can get to serve more customers this fall – and, as the weather gets cooler, New Yorkers deserve every chance they can get to enjoy outdoor dining," said **Mayor de Blasio.** "The Open Streets: Restaurants program has been a success, and we're proud to grow its reach and give restaurants more tools to make it through this crisis."

"The success of the Open Restaurants program can be seen and felt in every borough," said **Jonnel Doris, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services.** "We are thrilled about this latest announcement which continues to address the needs we've been hearing from the restaurant industry.

"The Open Streets initiative has already saved tens of thousands of jobs across New York City, and so we expect that car-free outdoor dining on weekdays will give an even greater boost to the economy and the quality of life of our neighborhoods," said **DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. "We thank Mayor de Blasio and all of our agency partners and community organizations who have stepped up to expand what has already been an incredibly successful team effort. Open Restaurants has been a lifeline for the restaurant industry during the COVID crisis, and has also helped all New Yorkers see new possibilities for how to use our streets in the future."

Open Streets: Restaurants is now operating on 87 participating streets across the five boroughs. The broader Open Restaurants initiative, which includes outdoor dining on sidewalks and in curbside parking spaces on streets open to traffic, and select pedestrian plazas, has surpassed 10,200 participating businesses in just over three months, saving an estimated 90,000 jobs across the five boroughs. The program continues through the end of October.

Weekday hours will begin as early as Thursday, September 17, varying by location. Hours for each participating location can be found on the Open Streets: Restaurants homepage.

## Open Streets: Restaurants Locations Adding Weekday Hours:

Partner	On Street	From Street	To Street	Borough	Days
Belmont BID	Arthur Ave	E 188th St	Crescent Ave	BX	Thur-Sun
Atlantic Avenue BID	Hoyt St	Atlantic Ave	State St	BK	Fri-Sun
GERTIE RESTAURANT LLC	Grand St	Marcy Ave	Roebling St	ВК	Thur-Sun
Red Hook Business Alliance/Hometown BBQ	Reed St	Conover St	Van Brunt St	BK	Tue-Sun
Alliance for Downtown NY	Ann St	Nassau St	William St	MN	ALL
Alliance for Downtown NY	Pearl St	Broad St	Hanover Sq	MN	ALL
Alliance for Downtown NY	Pine St	William St	Pearl St	MN	ALL

Becaf LLC	Ave B	E 2nd St	E 3rd St	MN	ALL
Bistro Les Amis	Spring St	Thompson St	W Broadway	MN	ALL
Blind Tiger	Jones St	Bleecker St	W 4th St	MN	ALL
Casa Nomad restaurant and Akin Hospitality Group	Broadway	W 29th St	W 31st St	MN	ALL
Cervo's	Canal St	Orchard St	Essex St	MN	ALL
Chinatown BID	Doyers St	Bowery	Pell St	MN	ALL
Chinatown BID/CCBA	Pell St	Bowery	Mott St	MN	ALL
Derossi Global	E 7th St	Ave A	1st Ave	MN	ALL
Dyckman Gardens	Dykeman St	Broadway	Seaman Ave	MN	ALL
Flatiron 23rd St Partnership	W 22nd St	5th Ave	6th Ave	MN	ALL
Flatiron 23rd St Partnership	Broadway	W 25th St	W 28th St	MN	ALL
Flatiron 23rd St Partnership	Broadway	E 21st St	E 22nd St	MN	ALL
Hopkins & Hawley	Front St	Beekman St	Peck Slip	MN	ALL
il Buco	Bond St	Lafayette St	Bowery	MN	ALL
LES Partnership	Orchard St	Grand St	Delancey St	MN	ALL
LES Partnership	Broome St	Ludlow St	Allen St	MN	ALL
Mari Makan LLC	Spring St	Mott St	Elizabeth St	MN	ALL
Meatpacking BID	9th Ave	W 14th St	W 15th St	MN	ALL
Meatpacking BID	W 13th St	Hudson St	Washington St	MN	ALL
Meatpacking BID	Little W 12th St	9th Ave	Washington St	MN	ALL
Meatpacking BID	Gansevoort St	Hudson St	Washington St	MN	ALL
Osteria Morini	Lafayette St	Spring St	Kenmare St	MN	ALL

Peasant	Elizabeth St	Spring St	Prince St	MN	ALL
Rezdora	E 20th St	Park Ave	Broadway	MN	ALL
Scarpetta Restaurant	E 29th st	Madison Ave	5th Ave	MN	ALL
St Tropez Soho, LLC	Spring St	6th Ave	Thompson St	MN	Thur-Sun
Von Design Ltd	Bleecker St	Mott St	Bowery	MN	Tue-Sun
Gramercy Neighborhood Associates	E 18th St	Park Ave S	Irving Pl	MN	ALL
Times Square Alliance	W 46th St	8th Ave	9th Ave	MN	ALL
Times Square Alliance	W 46th St	6th Ave	7th Ave	MN	ALL
Restaurant Marc Forgione	Reade St	W Broadway	Greenwich St	MN	ALL
KioRestaurant, LLC (d.b.a. Khe-Yo)	Duane St	Hudson St	W Broadway	MN	ALL
Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce	70th Rd	Austin St	Queens Blvd	QN	ALL

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Open Streets Restaurants program has helped many small businesses struggling to stay open during these challenging times. We must continue expanding on the success of this initiative and make it accessible to all restaurants across the City. This initiative has allowed New Yorkers to reclaim their streets, creating car-free areas throughout the five boroughs. However, we need to make sure we are also setting up all proper safety road measures to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe," said Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chairman of the Transportation Committee. "I will continue to work closely alongside Mayor de Blasio, DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, Speaker Corey Johnson, and small businesses to ensure that consumers are kept safe and that we continue expanding this important initiative."

<sup>&</sup>quot;The open streets program has really helped the restaurants that have been able to participate," said **Leslie Brown, President, Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce.** "As we are not ready for full capacity indoor dining being able to be outside with extended seats 7 days a week is a win for these restaurant owners. The community loves outdoor dining too!"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Open Streets: Restaurants has been a life saver for my business. Not only does it provide extra space helping drive revenue, it has also helped create a safe place for people to dine. Thank you for trusting us to keep the people of NYC safe while we get back to doing what we love. Thank you for understanding the importance of NYC restaurants and being so helpful in getting our businesses up and running again," said **Sara Grizzle, Owner, Poco Restaurant**.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Open Streets: Restaurants has been a literal breath of fresh air for New Yorkers and a lifeline for many businesses," **said Jessica Lappin, President of the Alliance for Downtown New York**. "We are delighted the program will be extended and expanded and are proud to play a role in supporting its operation."

<sup>&</sup>quot;It is a great initiative. New York City restaurants can use all of the help we can get," said **Mitchell Rosen, Managing Partner, Hometown Bar-B-Que**. "Come down to Red Hook and visit Reed St while it is open for outdoor dining during the week. The City is getting better every day!"

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Open Streets program has significantly helped Rezdôra and our neighbors on 20th Street. We are thankful for an expansion of the program as we continue to navigate this unusual time and look forward to welcoming guests in the open air for the foreseeable future," said **David Switzer**, **Partner**, **Rezdora**.