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Hello Councillor Merulla

I am writing to respectfully bring forth my concerns about the lack of accessibility with the side walk patio's. as a person with vision loss I find them dangerous and not accessible.

I am not against side walk patio's as I have often used them myself but they take away clear passage and not being able to follow Urban Braille. It is also hard to follow the fence around the patio and hard to find and navigate the bye pass, ,finding the opening to enter the restaurant is also a concern. There is no color contrast on the fence and having a sign doesn't help if you are not able to see it.

I know that ACPD presented to the Planning committee last week and that staff came and presented but they didn't seem to take any of the suggestions made into consideration.

I ask that you do not make the side walk patio's permanent until there has been mor consultation with ACPD.

Respectfully yours, Paula Kilburn.