Lease Amendment 120 East Santa Fe Ave

July 15, 2025 City Council Meeting



- Lease originated in 1990 with Bushala Brothers, Inc. and Fullerton Redevelopment Agency
- Amended in 1992 for a 35-year term expiring in 2027
- Current lease includes two 10-year extension options through 2047
- City became landlord following redevelopment agency dissolution



Summary of Proposed Amendment

- Lease Term Extension: Confirms extension through 2047. Adds a new optional extension to 2060, with potential for further extension subject to City Council approval.
- Expansion of Premises: Adds several indoor and outdoor areas (Areas 6, 8, and 9), including an outdoor seating area.
- Expanded Uses: Authorizes restaurant use, including food preparation, alcohol sales, entertainment, and outdoor dining.
- **Tenant Improvements:** Requires significant investment in upgrades across multiple areas, with a 5-year deadline for completion.





Lease Premises Images



PREMISES 1
Amtrak Existing Lease Area



PREMISES 1A & 4
Amtrak Area &
Upstairs Leased Office Area



PREMISES 2 & 9
Santa Fe Café & Outdoor
Dining Public Access Area



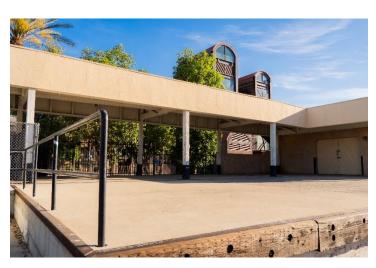
Lease Premises Images



PREMISES 3
Existing Leased Freight
House Area



PREMISES 5
Existing Lease Covered
Loading Dock Area



PREMISES 6
Option Exercise Premises
Extended Portion of
Covered Dock



Lease Premises Images



PREMISES 8
NEW Premises
Extended Portion of
Covered Dock



PREMISES 8
Inside NEW Premises
Extended Portion of
Covered Dock



PREMISES 10
Unenclosed Dock Area NOT
Included in Expansion



Community Benefits of Amendment

- Private Investment in Public Property: Tenant will pay for all site improvements, including building upgrades, outdoor dining areas, and utility enhancements.
- Revitalization of Vacant Space: Long-unused areas of the Depot will be transformed into active restaurant and entertainment spaces, generating tax revenue and creating jobs.
- Improved Access and Safety: Upgrades include lighting, walkways, fire safety systems, and other public-facing improvements.
- 5-Year Performance Requirement: Tenant must complete improvements within 5 years or risk losing extension rights.



Rent Structure Overview

- Maintains existing rent for current areas with CPI adjustments (4% cap)
- New rent established for Areas 6 and 8
 - Area 6: Same rate as current areas
 - Area 8: \$1,904/month starting rate + CPI
- Rent credits for tenant-funded improvements
- Rent abatement if hotel construction impacts access



Staff Recommendation

Approve Lease Amendment No. 2 between the City of Fullerton and Bushala Brothers, Inc. and authorize City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the lease of property located at 120-140 East Santa Fe Avenue.