

Dog-Eaten Meat, Rats and Urine: 10,000 Complaints Expose Filthy LA Street Food Conditions

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Nearly 10,000 public health complaints have exposed stomach-churning allegations involving street food vendors across [Los Angeles](#) County.

The complaints include dogs eating meat intended for customers, rodents running alongside food, and people urinating near cooking equipment.

The California Post, which obtained the records through a public records request, reported that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health received 9,746 complaints involving street vendors between 2023 and early 2026.

The allegations fill a staggering 662 pages.

One complaint concerning a taco stand near Hawthorne Boulevard alleged that workers lacked somewhere to wash their hands and failed to change their gloves.

“There was also a dog eating meat from the bag, and the guy still continued to serve the meat from that bag,” the complainant wrote.

The case was subsequently listed as “closed.”

Another complaint near Los Angeles International Airport described mice running near open containers of salsa and condiments positioned alongside garbage cans.

At Venice Beach, meanwhile, someone reported hot dogs, buns, and condiments being left “heating in the sun all day long.”

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Other allegations included cockroaches emerging from a food truck, unrefrigerated raw meat sitting in the heat and people urinating around food preparation equipment.

The revelations come as far-left Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has ordered the LAPD to stop issuing criminal citations against street vendors, including those operating without required permits.

Bass said her administration “stands firmly with street vendors” and is also seeking the dismissal of criminal citations she believes were improperly issued.

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LA Mayor Karen Bass just directed the LAPD to stop issuing criminal citations to street vendors. But that’s not all, she also directed criminal citations currently issued to be dismissed

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Many of the vendors and staff are illegal aliens, protected from deportation by the city’s “sanctuary city” policies.

Los Angeles Business Federation CEO Stuart Waldman said the scale of the complaints was “worse than I thought.”

“It’s crazy to think that a brick-and-mortar restaurant can be shut down if the employees don’t wash their hands,” Waldman said, while street vendors may operate without bathrooms or refrigeration.

Los Angeles County says it has shifted its enforcement strategy away from individual unpermitted sidewalk vendors and toward larger organizations believed to control

multiple operations.

An estimated 50,000 street vendors operate throughout Los Angeles, yet just 687 active vending permits were recorded as of September 2024. Only 53 were food-vending permits.

Business owners have also complained that unlicensed vendors can sell directly outside established restaurants and stores without shouldering the same rent, regulatory, and operating costs.