



Raphael,

I wanted to say thank you again to you and the DDA for the tent outside The Blind Monk. We have had five nights of service since re-opening, and the tables under the tent have been full each of those nights. Since we are such a small place, we cannot responsibly open our inside dining room, so the tent and the extra space the city has allowed is instrumental to us being able to operate. Please let the rest of the DDA team and the relevant city officials know how much of a help these tents are. With COVID cases spiking again, I really hope restaurants will continue having the option of this expanded outside seating for the months to come.

Thank you again!
Ben

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express 123 Datura / Four's (located on Datura Street in downtown West Palm Beach) gratitude for the help of the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in navigating the COVID-19 crisis thus far with Dining on the Spot initiative. 123 Datura / Four is a neighborhood restaurant and bar that prides itself on providing great service, food, and spirits to the locals of West Palm Beach, and has been financially successful until the COVID-19 period. I am the managing partner, but writing on behalf of all my partners and our entire team. Our business employs over 40 people and we have worked hard to ensure that we can continue to provide opportunities to our team members and serve the community of West Palm Beach. The DDA has been responsive, communicative, and creative in assisting businesses while also making sure to encourage that staff and customers interact in the safest possible manner. I am involved in various hospitality operations in several states, and the DDA has far exceeded any of its peers in supporting the community. Specifically, the DDA's initiative with Dining on the Spot with outdoor seating (including tents and planted dividers) has been critical in ensuring that 123 Datura / Four has the opportunity to serve its customers while maintaining social distance protocols. This initiative has almost single handedly kept our business afloat during the early weeks of the COVID period and allowed our team members to return to work as soon as possible. Although current weather makes outdoor seating marginally less impactful, we believe the opportunity to serve customers in a similar manner once summer is over will be extremely important in the effort to 123 Datura / Four as a going concern. Customers have been loving the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the sights of the Amphitheater while practicing social distancing in a safe manor. They have continually asked us if we would be keeping the Dining on the Spot, so we have decided to write and express our thoughts on how the initiative has been a great success so far. We are proud of the impact we have made in bettering West Palm Beach as a safe, clean, and appealing destination for locals and tourists alike. We hope to continue to be a great neighbor and employer going forward, and thank the DDA for helping to make this possible in face of a global pandemic. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at rick@stantonandbowery.com or [516 852 6633](tel:5618526633).

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