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**Subject:** Awesome Idea!!!! 25th Avenue and Downtown

Dear Mayor Goethals and Friends on the City Council,

We spotted a cameraperson from NBC on the block today and found out about the idea of opening streets like 25th Avenue to outdoor dining. Wow! Awesome. Thank you!!!! Our friends who own restaurants on the block have been serving folks in the community through pickup and delivery and this idea, of closing the street to allow them to have tables safely distanced on the street is awesome!

Thank you SOOOOO much!!!!

Wishing you and your families peace, health, safety, and a FUN night out on the streets soon, Craig and Derrick at Reach And Teach Books Toys and Gifts on 25th Avenue

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May 6, 2020

Mayor Goethals:

Do not close 25<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue Business District  
to traffic!

Centrally located is a  
United States Post Office  
branch. There should be  
no restricted vehicle  
traffic to utilize  
this "essential"  
business service.

As a 70 year resident  
of San Mateo, I have  
witnessed the waning  
quality of life in the  
city, partly owing to  
such actions as you are  
proposing.

Sincerely,  
Stanleigh Bay

P.S. No response  
required.

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San Mateo, CA

# Restaurants may reopen in the street

Downtown, 25th Avenue are  
two potential spots for dining

By **Zachary Clark**

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

San Mateo residents may soon be able to dine at restaurants outdoors, and B Street and 25th Avenue are two locations under consideration, officials announced Monday.



**Joe Goethals**

The idea is to potentially close those or other streets to traffic to allow restaurants to serve customers in a manner compliant with social distancing guidelines.

"I think this is one of the only ways to keep restaurants in business" said Mayor Joe Goethals.

At least three restaurants in the city have already expressed strong interest in the idea, Goethals said at Monday's meeting, adding the program might include parklets or other outdoor seating areas in locations without restaurants. Goethals also said participating restaurants should be permitted to also sell alcohol outside because "it's an important part of keeping them in business."