

From: Sarah Bartlett < >
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 1:15 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: outdoor dining please!

Hello-

Can our city please help local restaurant owners stay in business by creating outdoor dining space?
Please help San Mateo business owners and our city economy! Other cities are doing it and we should too.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bartlett

To Whom It May Concern:

Apologies, we had included you in an email for the comments being placed with the Planning Commission. We would also like to submit the same comments for the upcoming the City Council meeting scheduled for June 15

This is in regards to the proposed shut down of B Street from 1st Ave to Baldwin Ave of vehicular traffic for the purpose of a pilot outdoor dining project.

We are a business owner, China Bee Restaurant, on that block along with other neighbors and would like to submit the following comments:

1. What discussions and what has been the process thus far at the city level in reviewing the proposed street closure? We first heard about this program on a zoom call last Thursday, June 4, with Jennifer Chen and Kathy Kleinbaum and other San Mateo restaurants.
2. Has the City discussed any potential dates or a timeline for implementing a closure? All businesses along B Street from 1st Ave. to Baldwin Ave. and community members affected by this decision should be given an opportunity to participate in this process, particularly because this program may extend through November according to the Thursday zoom call.
3. We would like to understand if any surveys were conducted to reach the conclusion that closing this section of B Street would be in the best interest of the community and businesses located here. For example: (i) What is the impact to traffic coming from 3rd Ave. to other businesses down the street like La Cumbre, Mi Rancho Supermarket, Video Loco and Fusion Peruvian Grill?; (ii) How does diverting traffic to Ellsworth Ave. and Tilton Ave. impact the neighborhoods with increased traffic through them?; (iii) How does the closure impact the traffic flow to and from the CalTrain Station through Baldwin Ave. to Ellsworth Ave. and specifically to our rear alleyway of China Bee, Poke Island, K Spa, Three Pigs BBQ, Maison Salon, Donut Delite and Block Advisors?
4. Instead of closing B Street, is the closure of Baldwin Ave. considered? Trag's has been closed and is now a Prometheus Real Estate Group development. It has been communicated by the city and Adam Simpson at Wursthall that it is Wursthall who has reached out to the city directly. This unilateral conversation has not included any other stakeholder on our block or the blocks past us that would be affected. We have had a conversation with David Hunsaker from 31st Union who has expressed interest in doing a Baldwin Ave. shut down from Ellsworth to B Street that would include his restaurant in the pilot program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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