

From: Warren Chapman < >

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:37 AM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

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Subject: We need a plan

Redwood City, San Carlos & Burlingame have already rolled out their plans to close certain streets and allow businesses outdoor space to operate - but not San Mateo. There's been talk at City Hall, but residents really need to be the ones to say, "Yes! Let's try this!!"

Can we put this on the agenda for the June 15th meeting?

Thanks,  
Warren

From: Pierre Coeurdeuil < >

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:48 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

Subject: Street closures?

Hello,

Is the City of San Mateo supporting some street closures to allow restaurants to use not just the very limited curb, but the whole street for outdoor dining?

For example, the 2 blocks of 25th Ave West of El Camino Real and of course the downtown area are full of restaurants, and besides helping these businesses survive, this would create an exquisite atmosphere for diners.

I am hoping you can consider such a measure - maybe even (I'm dreaming here) make a few of these stretches pedestrian for good?

Thank you,  
Pierre

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Pierre Coeurdeuil

From: Wendi Durnin < >

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:57 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

Subject: Downtown pedestrian road closures

Hello -

Please consider pedestrian only road closures, in downtown San Mateo to allow restaurants to better serve their customers during this time of social distance.

I would ask that you raise this issue for discussion at the June 15th meeting.

Thank you -

wendi

Lifelong San Mateo resident

**From:** Akash Kapoor <[akash@curryupnow.com](mailto:akash@curryupnow.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
**Cc:** Jennifer Chen <[jchen@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:jchen@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
**Subject:** ReOpening

Hello all City Council Members, Mayor and Vice-Mayor. First, I'd like to thank all of you and the entire staff in the City Office who have been working so hard on retail reopening and in my case, restaurant reopening. You've heard the stories of the layoffs and furloughs and pay cuts. We have been affected just like other small businesses all over the city, county, country and world. I believe it will take a superhuman effort to pull us out of this mess so most of us are standing when this is all over. We certainly plan to be one of those that plan on being around for many years but we need some more help. I have been on city restaurant reopening calls a few times. Both Jennifer and Kathy are doing an amazing job. Kudos to them. In my opinion, this is the time for humanity to come together and do more than ever before for each other and shove aside any politics for the greater good. I have the utmost faith in the council and the city staff and am very thankful to have been included on the reopening calls.

I list below what I think would work best on some streets in Downtown San Mateo:

- Close B Street between 1st and 2nd and even 2nd & 3rd. The most amount of restaurants live on these segments of the street. I don't understand why B is being shut where Wursthall and Jeffrey's are. We need to bring vibrancy back to Downtown. Closing 3 blocks is better than closing 1 block that is so removed from the heart of B street. I am not sure who this closure benefits except Wursthall, China B, Jeffrey's and the Poke place. Further, this closure will definitely take away from restaurants between 1st and 2nd. The 'action' will be happening on a small block a block away, clearly benefiting a handful of select restaurants. Why was this street chosen to be closed? If we want this to work, we want B street to be vibrant and looking hospitable for a few blocks and if anything, not a corner block. I think it's a great idea to shut traffic on streets but I don't think it's a good idea to shut just that block. There are some residents on these blocks. We can close at 9p on weekdays and 10p on weekends, thus eliminating noise during quiet hours. There seems to be a concern about delivery vendor parking. This seems to be a very easy problem to solve with dedicated temporary parking and instructions from restaurants on where to park and how to pick up that get embedded permanently on driver instructions in the apps. I work very closely with these delivery vendors nationally and have been amongst the 1st ten restaurants they signed up when delivery became a thing beyond Pizza. I know that business very intimately and am sure this isn't a problem some are making it out to be
- We need permanent parklets setup. This could be at the expense of the business or a joint effort but if COVID is going to last as long as it is or is going to have a 2nd wave as some say, shouldn't we be planning for this like some other cities have? Our sidewalks aren't broad enough for outside seating. While I think the temporary parklets are a good and solid start, over time, we will see that individual parklets will work better, are safer and more appealing to restaurant guests and add so much character to the street. I am willing to be a test pilot if there's an appetite for this. At this time, Palo Alto is testing 2 such parklets
- Open up Main Street Dining. Philz, CurryUpNow and 2 other residents backup to Main Street. There is no benefit for our bar, Mortar & Pestle with the B street closure. That business is seen as a stand-alone brand, even though it's part of CurryUpNow. We can easily seat guests outside our space and our landlord's, thus maintaining distancing and also not encroaching upon Main Street. This should be done between 1st 3rd all the way from Philz to Pacific Catch. Let's welcome some of our retail vendors to setup pop-ups on Main Street from time to time or on weekends. Main Street is a beautiful street and can become so much more functional and vibrant if outside seating were allowed. There are enough businesses on this street that will benefit from this. We can even do permanent night market style weekends on this street

I hope the above are taken into consideration. Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact me on my Cell 415.823.7000. Thank You again for all you are doing to bring jobs and prosperity back.

Thank You.

AkashKapoor  
CEO & Chief TroubleMaker  
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From: Meredith Keefer <>

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:33 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

Subject: Street closures

Good afternoon:

I'm writing for two reasons:

1. To express support for closing B Street and other downtown streets for outdoor dining.
2. To complain about the street "closures" in my neighborhood, North Central/San Mateo Heights. There are signs posted at intersections closing the streets to through traffic. These signs are ridiculous. They are not stopping any traffic; they are making intersections more dangerous. It is very difficult to execute a turn safely. More than once I've been slowly turning into my street and nearly had a head on collision with someone pulling up to the intersection. Everyone has huge trucks and suvs. It doesn't make any sense. Pedestrians aren't using the streets. Please remove the signs ASAP.

Thank you,  
Meredith Keefer

**From:** Maurine Killough < >

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:47 AM

**To:** City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

**Subject:** in support of downtown street closure

As a longtime resident and frequent downtown user I'm in support of the City closing down a portion of B street for pedestrians, sidewalk dining and a traffic-free area for community. Thank you!

Maurine Killough

*You are not IN the Universe you ARE the universe—an intrinsic part of it.*

*Ultimately you are not a person, but a focal point where the universe is becoming conscious of itself. What an amazing miracle.—Eckhart Tolle*

From: Stacey Lucas <>  
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:46 AM  
To: City Mgr <[citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
Subject: Outside dining on 25th ave

Greetings,

My family and I so miss dining at the many restaurants on 25th ave between Flores and Hacienda. Would the City entertain the idea of blocking off that one block to traffic so the cafes could place tables on the street? It would be great for the businesses on that block and would be so festive. Can you please let me know if that's possible?

Thanks!  
Stacey Lucas  
1609 Royal Ave, SM

**From:** triciamifsud >

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:01 PM

**To:** City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

**Subject:** Pls discuss pedestrian street closures at next mtg

So our restaurants have space for outdoor dining. Thx



From: deepa <>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:24 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>

Subject: Pedestrian streets

Hi!

I live the idea of pedestrian streets in downtown San Mateo. The current side walks are narrow and restaurants could use the outdoor space.

Putting in my request to implement this!

Thanks,

Pradeepa Selvakumar , San Mateo resident Sent from my iPhone