

From: Jenny Budge < >  
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 1:06 PM  
To: City Council (San Mateo) <[CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
Subject: B Street Closure

Council Members,

I hope that B Street will not be closed longer than necessary.

Prior to the pandemic I was a frequent shopper in San Mateo even though getting through the shopping district was never easy. With the proliferation of eating venues on the street and the closure of B street, I now avoid the downtown shopping district as much as possible.

It is great to support the restaurants, but I am afraid you will lose other retail businesses as customers stay away because of the traffic and parking hassle.

Please re-open B Street as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Jenny Budge

**From:** Michael Nash < >

**Subject:** Extension of Temporary Street Closure and Moratorium on Regulations Affecting Outdoor Activities; Adoption of Updated “Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines;” and Discussion of Parklets

**Date:** February 1, 2021 at 3:30:48 PM PST

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Dear City Council:

I am writing in support of the extension of the outdoor dining program and would be pleased to see it become a permanent feature of the City. We all understand the need to support the small businesses that operate in our City. I can think of no better way to do this, then to enable them to operate, in a safe manner, despite the pandemic or other challenges. I believe the entrepreneurial skills of our city's business owners can overcome a lot of challenges.

If the City can provide a consistent framework for operations, this will simplify their task. A permanent outdoor program could become the basis for dining venues that are charming and comfortable for diners despite the weather and pandemics. Can we help create this by reviewing how the city can help smooth the path to allowing this to happen?

Regards

Michael Nash

**From:** RNewman@Rochex.com < >

**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 4:02 PM

**To:** Clerk <cityclerk@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

**Cc:** Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>

**Subject:** FW: Parklets in parking spaces

Members of the City Council,

I read with interest about a proposal gathering steam regarding to make “permanent”, the temporary parklets put up to provide emergency relief to the restaurant owners.

It is one thing to take this step in what has been a year-long emergency. It is quite another to take parking and streets which belong to all of the taxpayers, including the restaurant owners (not just them), and other shop owners, and donate this valuable real estate to this cause when and if this crises ends. I believe while the restaurant owners very much like this program, it is not without cost to others. I believe the state has something to say about the taking of public roadways for private use, and there is a substantial difference between an emergency, and doing this because a certain class of business owners just like the idea.

I have stopped shopping in San Mateo where this program is in place as parking has become impossible. In Burlingame, the same thing has happened, but there is at least one very large shopping center with ample parking adjacent to all shops.

When this episode ends, the streets and parking should be returned to be used by all.

I thank you for your consideration to my position.

Richard M. Newman

San Mateo Resident

**From:** Carolina Nugent < >

**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 12:32 PM

**To:** Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

**Cc:** City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Adam W Nugent < >; Jerry Nugent < >

**Subject:** Agenda Item #10: Support for B Street Closures

Dear City Council,

We are writing in support of extending the B Street closures. As a family living near downtown, we find ourselves making our way to and through B Street on a daily basis, whether for a morning run or to grab some take-out. With the current street closures, it has been much easier to navigate a stroller and dog through the expanded pedestrian area. Additionally, we get so much joy out of seeing other people drinking their coffees or having an ice cream, during a time when we are all socially isolated. It is nice to see people in a safe and comfortable way.

Let's make B Street a permanent pedestrian plaza. When we do that, let's also extend it to 5th Street.

Thanks,

Adam & Carolina Nugent

Jerry & Nancy Nugent

**From:** Maxine Turner <>

**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2021 3:35 PM

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**Subject:** Agenda Item 10: Temporary Street Closure

Dear Mayor Rodriquez & Councilmembers,

Please consider how take-out, pick-up orders can be accommodated without customers having to search for distant parking. Take-out has been as helpful to businesses as outdoor dining. Furthermore, take-out is more financially remunerative to businesses than the exorbitant costs of delivery services and is safer for customers who want to limit how much their food is being handled.

I support the "temporary" extension of the parklets but hope the General Plan update can consider other ways of extending outdoor dining in a more cohesive manner. I suggest the possibility of one-way traffic with take-out, pick-up spots and widened sidewalks, with trees & paving improvements. Given that there are 4-traffic lanes currently, expanding sidewalks on either side into the current parking lanes, & having one moving traffic lane & one short-term pickup lane seems feasible.

Thank you again for considering my comments.

Maxine