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**Subject:** City Council Meeting of 10/18 re: outdoor dining on Baldwin Avenue

Honorable Members of the City Council of San Mateo,

During the past 18 months, my small family business was not only hit by Covid, but also by the lack of parking due to construction at the Trag's location.

After closing my business for about three months due to Covid, we were back in business in June 2020. I lost all the parking spots at the front part of my storefront as the area was being occupied by the two restaurants at the two corners of my block. Yet, the customers were able to park across the street or on the side streets. Once the construction started at the Trag's location, the parking spots across the street, North Ellsworth and North B. were not accessible to the customers. South Ellsworth were/are being occupied by trucks for the construction the entire day. Unfortunately, nobody from the city is supervising the time limit at those parking meter spots.

Fast forward to October 2021: During the past several months, 31<sup>st</sup> Union has gone out of business. Wursthall is not only occupying its store front on B. Street, but also the entire block of Baldwin Avenue, including the space reserved for the 31<sup>st</sup> Union.

The other day, I received a call from a customer. He was parked in front of the barrier by the former 31<sup>st</sup> Union asking me to duplicate a key. I realized he was one of my disabled customers. I grabbed the key, duplicated it and returned it to the car. The entire transaction didn't take more than a couple of minutes.

I am objecting to the idea of extending the usage of the outdoor dining parklets of the 300 block of Baldwin Avenue in **its entirety**. As 31<sup>st</sup> Union is no longer in business, the parking stalls reserved for them should be released.

I would appreciate it if the City Council Members could consider granting three short term 24 minutes parking spots at the west end of the 300 block of Baldwin Avenue for the existing retail stores to facilitate accessibility especially to the elderly and disabled customers who patronize those small family businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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PS.. Most of the pictures are labeled. The one with the sun was the elderly customer who got out of Jozef's Hair Salon on Wednesday. The caretaker had to park the car at the corner to help the customer get in the car. The picture with the circle is where I helped my disabled customer.



*Wursthall on B. Street*



*Wursthall  
property border*

*Wursthall outdoor dining  
area occupying the entire  
block of Baldwin Ave.*







