

From: [Jennifer Chen](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: FW: Concern about the business loosing due to B street closures.
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:52:52 PM

From: musu jangga
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 8:27 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Concern about the business loosing due to B street closures.

Dear City Council officer,

This is Weiyang from Koja Kitchen, as we are one of the merchants on B Street. Firstly, we would like to thanks to the City Council for the great supports to our merchants over the years. Especially during the Covid pandemic years. As the retail merchant, in the past almost two years of making B Street a pedestrian street, we have noticed that more business are loosing. The lack of foot traffic has caused us to lose a lot of customers. We also received quite some complaints about the same issues from our neighbors recently. We would like to requesting to reopen our block between 1st & 2nd to improve our business income. As soon as we have good result from that, we will reconsider the street closure if the City Council still want to do so. Really appreciate if City Council be able to consider our situation.

Kindly contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and happy holidays!

Weiyang

From: [Jennifer Chen](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: FW: B Street Opening
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:54:40 PM

From: Porter House
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: B Street Opening

Good Afternoon City Council,

My name is Zella and I had the pleasure of attending last night's meeting. I did bring up the possibility of re-opening B Street as the businesses between 2nd and 1st ave are negatively impacted by this closure. The block has turned into a ghost town in the evenings and multiple businesses on B Street have closed down, which is a sad thing to see.

I understand closing the block during the pandemic and even in the Summer, but at least for 9 months of the year having it re-open would be very beneficial to the businesses.

A few handicapped customers have also complained because they have trouble accessing the restaurant. It has turned into a burden for them and we would hate to lose our elderly and handicapped customers because of the closed street.

I appreciate your kind consideration of this request and hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Zella U.- Events Manager

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From: [Patrice Olds](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: FW: B Street Closure
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:29:06 AM

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From: Tracy Volponi
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:15 AM
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Cc: info@dsma.org
Subject: B Street Closure

I understand that the businesses located within the closed B Street section got to vote on the closure and only the movie theater and one other business voted no. Seems a small sample of voters to make a decision of this magnitude. Many people, myself included, feel the street should be open. Even closed the outdoor area is only used a few months of the year. We walk downtown to dinner frequently and the closed section is a ghost down when it's cold, windy or rainy. Might it be better to just close it occasionally when weather permits for special events?

I am asking for the closure to be reconsidered. Or at least allow a vote of the entire San Mateo Community. Having a thoroughfare street would prevent cars having to circle blocks to get around the closure. Having the additional parking would be welcome and also allow those with disabilities to park or be dropped off closer their destinations. – Tracy Volponi

From: [Akash Kapoor](#)
To: [Jennifer Chen](#)
Cc: [Ladan](#); [Rana Saluja-Kapoor](#)
Subject: B Street
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:15:34 PM

Jennifer, what is the plan with our street closure? This street is just dead. Curry Up Now is now almost fully reliant on to go business from DoorDash and UberEats. I have been at the store the last 2 weeks. We get 2-3 diners for lunch and sometimes none for dinner as the whole block feels SHUT. Business are closing and some opening but without traffic, this is the deadest block in all of downtown. I feel as though the city doesn't care about the merchants on the block. One has to only look at how many empty storefronts exist on this block. After the city forced us to remove our Parklet, our business dropped even more. How are we expected to operate and pay the high rents on a dead street.

What's the plan here? Is there a plan?

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