

## **Downtown Street Closures**

# **Considering the Duration of the Closure of the Second and Third Block of Main Street for Restaurant / Retail Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*City Council Meeting*  
September 8, 2020

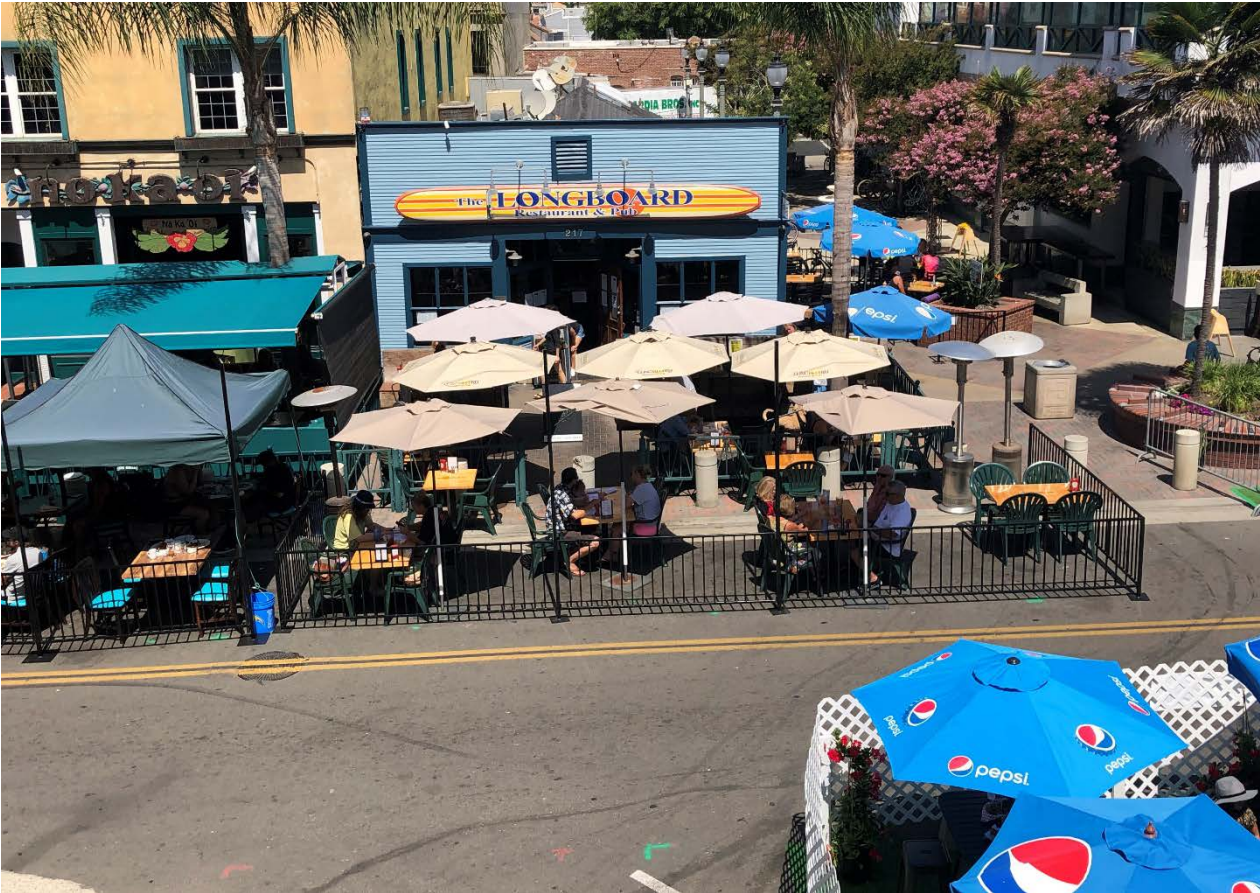


# Background

- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Governor Newsom ordered the closure of indoor operations for restaurants, personal care services, hair salons and other services.
- The City Council approved the closure of the second block of Main Street on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the Third block of Main Street on August 3



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# THIRD BLOCK OF MAIN STREET DIAGRAM OF CURRENT SETUP WITH STREET CLOSURE





THIRD BLOCK OF MAIN STREET  
POTENTIAL DIAGRAM OF SETUP IF STREET REOPENED





## Second Block of Main Street Update

- The Second Block of Main Street closure has been successful for all restaurants and businesses
  - Strong consensus of Businesses, Downtown BID, and Store owners to continue the closure through the end of the calendar year.



## Third Block of Main Street Update

- The Third Block of Main Street closure has had mixed results
  - The Restaurants support the continued closure and report an increase in revenue
  - All businesses and the property owner on the West Side of the street support the continued closure
  - There are currently three businesses/property owners that are requesting that the street is open to vehicle traffic:
    - > Huntington Beach Realty
    - > Making Waves Salon
    - > Dare Me Bikini Swimwear Store



## City Council Action

The City Council may authorize and direct the City Manager to take the following actions to coordinate Downtown street closures on the second and third block of Main Street related to restaurant / retail use during COVID-19:

A) The City Council is being asked to choose one of the following options for the second block of Main Street:

1. Authorize the City Manager to extend the temporary closure of the second block of Main Street through at least December 31, 2020;

-or-

2. Direct that the existing determination for the second block of Main Street (i.e., that the street be reopened to vehicular traffic once indoor restaurant dining is allowed) be maintained.

B) The City Council is being asked to choose one of the following options for the 3rd block of Main Street:

1. Maintain the 3rd block closure of Main Street to vehicle traffic in coordination with the determination made on the 2nd block of Main Street;

-or-

2. Reopen the 3rd block of Main Street to vehicular traffic, while also allowing restaurants and commercial operations to continue utilizing parking spaces and / or walkways for business expansion purposes.



## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council consider extending the closure of the second and third block of Main Street through the end of the year.

The City may evaluate if there are substantial changes to COVID-19 regulation by the State or County.



**Questions?**