

Switzer, Donna

From: lesliadams@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:56 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Ped only Main Street

As a HB resident that lives within walking distance of Main Street, please extend the length of ped only and keep ped only permanently. I have lived in other Ped Only Main Streets – Charlottesville VA which is a GREAT example of a thriving downtown.

Thank you

Lesli Adams

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From: Diane Bentley <dbentley@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 2:40 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Main Street Closures

I recommend that the current closures to traffic on Main Street remain in place for the foreseeable future, for the health and safety of our residents and visitors wishing to dine at Main Street restaurants. Even if inside dining is allowed in the future, outdoor dining will remain my first choice during the pandemic.

Diane Bentley
92646

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From: Rick Black <rb_sales@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 9:15 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Main St Closure

Please, please, please keep Main St closed. Make it permanent! It is so nice to not have to worry about cars when crossing the street. It's quieter and more family friendly. The cars that only circle downtown do not stop and purchased items, only add to the air pollution.

Thank you,

Rick Black
20 yr HB resident

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From: Charlie Bunten <charliebunten@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 6:02 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Surf City Open Air Dining Program Main Street Closure

To: Mayor Semeta and Members of the Huntington Beach City Council;

As residents of downtown Huntington Beach Margie and I are thrilled to see sections of Main Street and 5th Street cordoned off to create outdoor dining spaces for restaurants (the Surf City Open Air Dining Program). Margie and I wish to congratulate the City Staff and the City Council for establishing the very innovative and out-of-the box initiative known as the Surf City Open Air Dining Program. The operators of those establishments say that they are seeing an uptick in business volume, even when compared to this same period in 2019. They also say that this change is transforming the character of downtown in a positive direction.

The Covid-19 Pandemic generated functional restrictions that put many small businesses in Huntington Beach at risk of total financial collapse. Many of those small businesses are resident and visitor serving restaurants. The closure of indoor dining has brutalized the financial health of our Huntington Beach restaurants.

The positive impact of the Open Air Dining Program on the Huntington Beach downtown district is remarkable. While carefully practicing various Covid-19 protective measures, the downtown business community is now on the road to a bit of hard-earned breathing room in their journey toward financial recovery.

As downtown residents for over 20 years we believe that the additional outdoor dining and retail spaces, along Main Street in particular, has created a positive and visitor friendly environment that should remain long after the Covid-19 Pandemic indoor dining restrictions are eased. The closure of Main Street for Surf City Nights for over a decade should be expanded to bring a much larger and more permanent footprint to outdoor dining. To the contrary, the daily cruising traffic up and down Main Street brings little if any contribution to the economic vitality of our town. In fact, we have long believed that the first 3 blocks of Main Street should be transformed into a walking/shopping/dining area (like 3rd Street in Santa Monica).

We believe that a thriving food service community benefits all of Huntington Beach by further opening Main Street to welcome our residents and visitors.

Congratulations to the City of Huntington Beach.

Charlie and Margie Bunten

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From: DARREL COHOON <consultdca@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 9:31 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please maintain pedestrian/bike-only traffic on Main Street

With so many people not wearing masks in downtown HB, it's great to have the more open, pedestrian space available. My wife and I now feel we can walk safely along Main Street. Many other reasons to keep it open as well.

Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Darrel Cohoon

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From: Camerickson1 <camerickson1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 9:34 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Main street closure to autos

We are downtown residents and we have for a long time thought the first 3 blocks from pch on main street should be permanently closed to autos and be a pedestrian street. The response to covid 19 of closing the downtown main street blocks to make room for outdoor dining has been a great success from what we can see when we are walking downtown and we feel it would be beneficial for restaurants and stores, as well as, the public to make this a permanent change to downtown. Pedestrian streets attract more people and become destinations in themselves. Please consider making the closure to autos permanent.

Cheryl Erickson
Downtown/Park resident

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Estanislau, Robin

From: Cecelia Erlich <cerlich@nhresearch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:21 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: outdoor dining - main street, huntington beach downtown

As a resident & homeowner in Huntington beach, I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the outdoor dining on Main St.
I wish the first 3 blocks from PCH were all blocked but I'll take 2 if that's all we can get.

Cecelia Erlich
Huntington Beach, CA
Surf City, USA

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From: DAVID greenhut <DavidGreenhut@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 12:21 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Downtown Street Reopening

My wife and I have lived in HB for almost 40 years. We love the weather, the lifestyle, and the convenience of being able to get to whatever activity we want to within 15 minutes.

Having said that, we seldom went downtown. The area was always nice, but it just didn't attract us; it never felt like "home." However, that all changed with the street closure resulting from COVID-19. Downtown now seems to us like a real part of the HB community. We have spent more time (and money) there in the last few months than we did in the last 40 years!

We have done a lot of traveling in Europe and the beachside communities over there are always wonderful places to hang out...not only for visitors, but also for the locals. HB is an amazing area and being downtown with the street closed, dining outside, and strolling through the shops is awesome! It puts HB on a par with some of the best seaside cities in Europe. In our humble opinion, it would be highly imprudent to capitulate by reopening the street. In fact, we believe that all three blocks should be closed to traffic permanently!

David & Sandy

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: 3rd Block Closure

From: Jim Hall <jim@surfcityalehouse.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: 3rd Block Closure

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Hello Madam Mayor,

My name is Jim Hall with Surf City Ale House. Respectfully I submit this email as my support for 3rd block and 2nd block to remain closed until the end of the year. Perhaps longer depending upon pandemic regulations. The 3rd block street closure has been amazing for our business and our 40+ employees, not to mention the locals and tourists overwhelmingly support the street closure.

To add some substance to my position, our sales are up 15% when comparing the 3 weeks prior to the street closure to the 3 weeks after the street closure. The city provided the "opportunity" and we developed our plan and made investments by procuring tables, chairs, umbrellas, heaters, green turf, plants and lighting to make the main street dining experience amongst the best looking on Main Street. We take pride in the final product! We've invested thousands of dollars based upon a commitment that 3rd block was going to remain closed until the end of the year. I've also hired 4 new employees with 2 more about to start this week as the additional sales warranted the hiring of more employees. Proudly, I was able to pay my full rent to my landlord as a result of the increased business in August. I'm happy to confidentially share other financial reports upon request if needed.

I know a select few are not happy about the street closure. Many or most of those business owners did not embrace the closure. Some hibernated within their business and spent lots of energy fighting the city council's decision, rather than embracing the "opportunity." I'm empathetic to them because these are scary and concerning times as a business owner. I've made it a point to support some of the business, such as Rockin Fig. We purchased 2 surf boards and 10 hats for our staff to wear and promote his business. However, as a business owner, we don't have time to fight the changes. Changes have come and will continue to come and they need to be met head on with innovation, adaptive mentality and strategic planning. Just like so many of the businesses have done in downtown. I applaud them and I applaud the city council for providing the "opportunity".

Retail business is under siege right now by Covid -19 restrictions, a sluggish economy, supply chain interruption, Amazon (and other online companies) dominating the market and this is a tough time to be in retail. No doubt! The 3rd block street closure is far from the top of the list of threats to our local retail. In fact, if surveyed the 2nd block retailers have been very vocal about their success. I want all of HB local businesses to survive this pandemic. We will do our part to continue to support our local businesses and cross promote.

In summary, the 3rd Block street closure (as well as the 2nd Block street closure) are great for business, community, employees and the City of Huntington Beach. 3rd block has over 150 restaurant employees and growing. The vast majority of the businesses support the full closure of the street.

Warm regards and Thank you for your service to Huntington Beach,

Jim Hall
Surf City Ale House
301 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
714-403-5857

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Switzer, Donna

From: Fred Lauzier <fredlauzier8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 8:07 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Closure of Main Street....Bravo!

I applaud the council for closing Main Street to traffic. I am a HB resident who enjoys the home-like feeling and nostalgia of Main Street. My enjoyment was often interrupted by the sounds of motorcycles intentionally revving their engines, and some autos doing the same. Often these vehicles also were driven recklessly. Now with them prohibited, the original vitality of the street has been restored, and replaced by pedestrians enjoying what Main Street has to offer without the risk and noise.

This model-elimination of vehicular traffic in the downtown area— has become the emerging trend in Europe's large, tourist friendly cities. And not just a Covid-specific phenomena. Let's make this change permanent too.

Thanks for considering my comment
FredLauzier

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Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Main St open for pedestrians only ...

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Marsden <jennifer.marsden.777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:46 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Chi, Oliver <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Main St open for pedestrians only ...

Good morning City Council and Mr Chi

For several years a large number of citizens have requested to close-off Main St to pedestrian traffic only. In a very short amount of time, store owners put up temporary tables/seating in order to stay afloat. It looks inviting, friendly and charming! I have only spoken to one store owner who shared that their profits increased by 10%, as compared to the same month last year! That's huge!!

Please make a decision for the greater good. 🙏

Thank you,
Jennifer Marsden

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Downtown Closed Streets

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From: Mike McDonough <MMcDonough@laytonconstruction.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Downtown Closed Streets

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Dear Mayor Semeta and Council members;

Mary and I wish to thank you for the courage to do the right thing during these challenging times. The outdoor dining on the 2nd and 3rd blocks of Main St. has been and continues to be a major success. The Surf City Open Air Dining Program is an example of what could be, for our downtown, on a permanent basis. As home owners on Main and Olive here are a few things we've observed;

- Businesses are thriving and finally able to recoup their losses while they were closed. The foot traffic has increased to include more families, tourists, and visitors from our surrounding communities also contributing to our local vendors.
- It appears there has been a reduction in transients and intoxicated individuals passed out on our stairs and sidewalks.
- The loud exhaust from motorcycles and cars has decreased significantly.
- We enjoy a meal downtown every day and have heard all have positive views of the new closed streets from many locals as well as visitors.
- Crime downtown is down!

It is understandable how some may resist change and would like to return to the old set up, but I would offer to you and the counsel that courage and vision are what make change possible. Please don't let the network of social and business politics get in the way of progress and positive change. These are our neighbors and we support them as we all should as members of the same community.

With all that Corvid 19 has impacted and the divided social issues of the day, it is a bright spot to see a city that has vision and is using this opportunity during a pandemic to show all the property owners and residents of Huntington Beach what a future vision of down town could look like.

Please keep block 2 and 3 on Main street closed forever!!
Thank you

Mary and Mike McDonough

CC: Jill Hardy; Patrick Brenden; Kim Carr; Barbara Delgleize; Erik Peterson; Mike Posey

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Open air dining

From: Larry Orcholski <larryorcher@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Open air dining

We would like to support the surf city open air dining program as an ongoing program on Main Street and [5th Street](#). We love it! And our balcony overlooks Main Street! It is so helpful to local businesses, especially restaurants. It also provides a safe family atmosphere for Main Street.
Thanks

Larry &Patti Orcholski
382 5th Street
92648
Sent from my iPad

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Switzer, Donna

From: Samantha Russell <sam1russell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:32 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Traffic closure Main Street

Not sure if this is the correct place to send my comments about Main Street. Please forward if needed.

I'm a resident of Huntington Beach and for years I have been disgusted by the loud cars, motorcycles and other vehicles on Main Street. My comment has always been. Why doesn't the city close Main Street for the first 3 blocks and have a nice walking promenade. It would allow for outdoor seating and really upgrade our town.

So one of the positives of covid is that the 2nd and 3rd block of Main Street have been closed. It has been so positive. More families and people walking, eating AND shopping on Main Street.

I have to say that covid has limited shoppers (and many stores currently limit the number of people coming in).

However I encourage the city council to look into keeping Main Street PERMANENTLY closed to traffic at least the 2 & 3 block. Locals and tourists love the ability to walk and so much more foot traffic will actually help downtown merchants.

Let's take this positive and make it permanent.

Thank you.

Samantha Russell
807 Huntington St

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From: Amanda Shepherd Yoga <amandashepherd yoga@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 7:58 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re: 20-1854 Keep Main Street Pedestrian

Hello:

Please keep Main Street closed to vehicular traffic through 12/31/20 (and maybe permanently).
It is safer and so much more enjoyable.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

/s/
Amanda Shepherd ☺
20982 Seacoast Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Sent from my iPhone

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Estanislau, Robin

From: Steven C. Shepherd, Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:26 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Comment
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item #28 - SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF MAIN ST CLOSURES

Dear City Council Members -

At a time when our city is seeking to do whatever it can for our downtown businesses and increase the potential for more tourism, extending the current closures along Main Street should be a "no-brainer".

I not only support the proposed extension of both current closures, but I would support expanding the program to include all of Main Street extending to PCH permanently.

In addition to providing extra space for the businesses along Main Street, the dedication of existing parking and drive lanes to pedestrians creates a unique environment that extends the "beach experience" from the water's edge directly into our downtown business district. Additionally, these closures also create an attractive environment for locals looking to safely venture into our downtown.

Let face it, in southern California, there's nothing special about vehicles. They are noisy, polluting, take up tons of space, and are everywhere. By simply carving out this small sliver of our city for people rather than vehicles, you would be enhancing the unique character of "Surf City". BTW: last time I checked, it's the people buying goods and services in our downtown area, not cars. So why dedicate so much of our downtown cityscape to accommodating vehicles?

PLEASE VOTE TO EXTEND THE MAIN STREET CLOSURE.

Regards,
Steven C. Shepherd, Architect
P: 714 785 9404

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Main Street

From: Vince <hbsip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 4:36 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Main Street

City Council Members:

1. I hope that Main Street will continue to be blocked off as it now is. The road is so narrow that when large pickup trucks park on the street, they stick out so much as to block the traffic lane. In my opinion, Main street should be a plaza with no cars from Pch for 3 blocks.
2. I hope that once the homeless center is operational, something can be done with the numerous homeless people sleeping near business and parks.

Vince Sipkovich
Huntington Beach, CA

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From: Deirdre Williams <dalmagick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 10:14 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Main Street closure to vehicles

Resubmitting...

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Deirdre Williams <dalmagick@gmail.com>
Date: September 6, 2020 at 6:53:03 AM PDT
To: //supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Main Street closure to vehicles

My husband and I have been HB residents within walking distance of downtown Main Street since 2013. We have always patronized the merchants each week and especially love the Tuesday night street fair with the street closed to vehicle traffic.

Please continue the closures you've implemented during COVID-19 to allow the merchants into the street for dining and open air bars. With the 2 parking structures and Olive open for Uber/LYFT, it's a safer more enjoyable experience for pedestrians.

Many thanks for considering our input!!

Deirdre and Gary Williams
20981 Coastview Lane, HB, CA

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