



August 19, 2021

City of Huntington Beach

Attention: City Council 2000 Main St. Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Re: Extension of Closure of 2<sup>nd</sup> Block of Main St. through Dec. 31, 2021

Dear Mayor Carr and City Council Members,

The Huntington Beach Downtown BID Board of Directors requests an extension of the closure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> block of Main St. through Dec. 31, 2021 for the following reasons:

- The recent increase in COVID cases necessitates a continued presence of outdoor dining patios.
- The upcoming “second summer” of events through the fall requires as many outdoor options for dining and retail as possible to ensure public health and safety.
- The majority of businesses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> block want the closure to continue.
- The public enjoys and supports the closure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> block of Main St as noted in previous BID surveys.
- An extended timeframe through at least December 31, 2021 allows for a thoughtful and more thorough design review with the Downtown Ad Hoc Design Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> block and possibly other areas within the downtown footprint as part of the City’s strategic desire to improve connectivity via innovative placemaking throughout the larger downtown HB footprint.

The HBDBID has been consistent in its support of opportunities for additional outdoor dining and retail space – on both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> blocks – and has developed a deeper appreciation for the role of planning and design.

The HBDBID hopes that the Council recognizes the value of Downtown outdoor dining spaces both in terms of public safety and business recovery and that future developments may serve as a template for successful adaptations to the Downtown HB experience.

Thank you,

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