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Dear Planning Commission (PC) Secretary, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) Secretary, and Architectural Board of Review (ABR) Secretary,
I am forwarding this email with the letter that was just sent to the Mayor and City Council, with copies to city staff, as indicated.
The letter is from Concerned Citizens regarding State Street and Downtown.
Please distribute copies to your PC, HLC and ABR members for their information.
Thank you,

Cassandra Ensberg

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Mayor and City Council—

Please see the attached letter from Concerned Citizens regarding State Street and Downtown.

Thank you, Kevin
May 17, 2022
To: Santa Barbara Mayor & City Council
From: Citizens for the Restoration of Community Equity
Re: Extended ‘Interim’ Period thru Dec 2023

Restoration of community equity for State Street and Downtown. Focus on Santa Barbara’s culture and built and natural environment.

Dear Honorable Leaders – Santa Barbara Mayor and City Council,

Your action as our mayor and council leaders is needed!

The Public Realm belongs to the community – for all to use and to enjoy as is agreed through consensus and a formal, transparent, inclusive democratic process. When emergencies happen, temporary measures are necessary, and Santa Barbara did instigate temporary measures when the Covid 19 Global Pandemic came in 2020. 2 years is a long time to be temporary. Some businesses have benefitted and done very well, others have seen revenues decline, and bikes took over the State Street.

The Mayor and Council now need to work in concert with each other and the City Administrator to provide the leadership necessary to take immediate ‘emergency’ measures and help our struggling small businesses by restoring equity / fairness and refocusing on our city’s culture and beauty. Many cities have made this step and have realized the benefits. Now is that pivotal time for Santa Barbara.

There are so many ideas from our community about how State Street and the public areas should be used. This underscores the reason we need to let the many ideas be hashed out as part of the Master Plan. Everyone has an opinion. Let the Masterplan process help us - as a community - to figure out what Santa Barbara will ultimately decide to do. In the meantime, and right now, let's get back to what we know has worked for the majority and implement the following:

1. Make permits available rapidly over the counter for outdoor dining on the public sidewalk leased to the business by the city with the following suggested requirements:
   - An over-the-counter permit for outdoor dining on public sidewalks requires the applicant to prepare and submit a complete application for approval including a proposed plan layout based upon the area allowed, and specifications for all components proposed for use within the allowed area.
   - All applications that are within the El Pueblo Viejo District (EPV) must meet EPV Guidelines.
   - The city has the information regarding the area allowed for lease compiled and readily available for each property location.
   - The area allowed will not intrude into the area required for pedestrians on the sidewalk.
   - The allowed area shall be contiguous to the business, and shall not exceed the width of the business’ storefront.
   - The rent is based upon a per square foot basis.
   - A Deposit and first and last month rent is due at the time permit is issued.
   - Monthly rent is due on the first of each month.
   - Components shall include:
     A. Easily removable black metal posts and rails to contain the space
     B. Outdoor patio chairs and ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant tables
     C. White string lights are allowed low in plants in planters or on black perimeter posts and rails.
        Overhead lighting is not allowed. City has installed overhead ‘Tivoli’ style string lighting at intersections and is in process of adding more parallel to the street.
     D. Market style umbrellas are allowed in approved designated colors.
E. Potted plants and clay terracotta pots are allowed, other planter types may be approved for
the EPV district. Plastic planters are not allowed.
F. Heaters as may be approved.
G. Signage according to the Municipal Code Sign Ordinance.

2. Remove all 'parklets'
Require removal of all 'parklets' as soon as possible and ideally before the end of May to allow the
clean-up and restoration of equity and parity to be completed before the high summer season. The
removal date shall not be tied to any permit for outdoor dining that may be under consideration or in
process. Removal includes but is not limited to:
A. Prefab or custom constructions,
B. Platforms,
C. Debris under platforms shall be hauled away, and properly disposed of to leave area of
sidewalk and street (as applicable) cleaned and hosed off.
D. Railings,
E. Overhead elements,
F. Lighting,
G. Heaters,
H. Tables, chairs, planters and plants. Tables, chairs, planters and plants may possibly
be reused for permitted outdoor dining if they meet requirements of #1 above.

3. State and downtown street use and restoration measures
A. Eradicate - Paint out green bike graphics on the street.
B. Continue bike use on State Street within bike lanes. - Restore and refurbish the white
lines, where required, to designate bike lanes - down and up State on the sides of street.
C. Maintain State Street closed to private autos. Allow center lanes of street to be used
exclusively for:
C.1 Emergency Vehicles
C.2 Delivery Vehicles at specified times of day
C.3 Open Air Trolley
   The city consider negotiating with private open air trolley services, (at no cost or
liability to the city) to allow private Trolley Companies access to operate and provide service
up and down State Street from Cabrillo to Sola.
D. Restore automobile use of Victoria Street.
E. Create a fair and equitable environment by treating all blocks the same from the 400
through the 1300 block (Gutierrez Street to Sola Street).

We ask the Mayor and Council to act swiftly to make these adjustments in the short term to restore
equity and the beauty that is Santa Barbara for all to enjoy and benefit from moving into the summer
high season. The separate Master Plan effort will take on the work to consider the many ideas,
develop design solutions, and help the community reach a consensus for Santa Barbara’s future.
Thank you for taking responsible action that will help to restore our community.

Sincerely, Citizens for the Restoration of Community Equity
Kevn Boss, Downtown Property & Restaurant Owner
Cassandra Ensberg, C tzen
Ann & Craig Add s, Funk Zone Business Owners
Richard & Sue Ayng, C tzens
John Bennett, Downtown Restaurant Owner
Gwynn Boss, Downtown Property & Restaurant Owner
Kev Brown, Downtown Restaurant Owner
Thomas Byrne, Downtown Bar Owner
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA REGARDING OUTDOOR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

WHEREAS, in May of 2020 the City Council received the Covid-19 Business Advisory Task Force Recommendation to Assist Businesses;

WHEREAS, several members of the Access Advisory Committee (AAC) expressed concerns to the City Council and the City Administrator that the recommendation did not adequately protect the civil rights of disabled community members;

WHEREAS, this Covid-19 Business Advisory Task Force Recommendation has lead to the adoption of municipal ordinances which now constitute a service, program or activity;

WHEREAS it has been two years since the Santa Barbara City Council directed City staff to allow businesses in the City to expand their sales and services into new "outdoor business areas" in the public's right of way;

WHEREAS all of the businesses in Santa Barbara that have taken advantage of this new program are "public accommodations" as defined under both state and federal accessibility law;

WHEREAS after two years of persistent advocacy by the members of the Access Advisory Committee, only a minority of these public accommodations operating in the Public Right of Way are fully accessible to people with disabilities;

WHEREAS this constitutes discrimination, both by the businesses, and by the City, against people with disabilities;

WHEREAS these Civil Rights violations are occurring city wide, and the ineffective enforcement efforts have been limited to a few blocks of State Street;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Hereby expresses its disappointment and its objection, to the lack of accessibility of the outdoor business areas operating in the Public Right of Way throughout the City;

Believes that the City of Santa Barbara has undermined the Civil Rights of its disabled community members;

Requests that Council allocate sufficient funding, resources and direction to resolve these injustices and Civil Rights violations without further delay
Dear Nicole and Historic Landmarks Commission, Jessica Grant and the City Transportation Department,

Mission Creek Bridge, 51C-51 at W. Mountain Dr. was hit on Saturday 5-21-22 by a vehicle evidently going northbound on E. Los Olivos St. (from look of sandstone tire marks on asphalt) between 4:30 PM and 4:40 PM (info. from pedestrian on NextDoor who evidently did not see the accident but saw the results on her return walk to and from the Mission Rose Garden).

1. Nicole and HLC, Jessica and City DOT:  I hope HLC will have a good stonemason once again to put our bridge’s end back together. Please keep the bridge without DOT stuff on it. See photos #1 and #2.

2. Jessica, DOT and HLC and Nicole:

a) May we place a nice historically appropriate wooden sign at E. Los Olivos St. and Laguna “Slow Historic Scenic Area” or “Slow Historic Scenic Road” or just “Historic Scenic Area” or “Historic Scenic Road”. We need one in County too on Mission Canyon Rd. at Foothill Rd. If permitted two signs would be needed. Maybe this will keep drivers attentive on E. Los Olivos St. On southbound MC Rd. maybe drivers will slow down on the straight section.

b) Could City DOT extend the white road edge line at W. Mt. Dr. to even cross the intersection? See photo #3

c) Suggestion made c. 2016 was to add a six feet wide or narrower zebra stripe crosswalk across W. Mt. Dr. Pedestrians have been asking for it. It might help with driver awareness. See photo #3 and #4.

d) Suggestion on NextDoor (5-23-22) was to put a speed bump on E. Los Olivos before W. Mt. Dr. The Fire Department seems OK with speed bumps, humps and tables. Speed Limit already is 25 MPH. This would wake up driver. A warning sign would be needed in this historic area. Not nice but maybe needed?

di) A historic educational solution might be to join the aqueduct remnants at the Mission and Historical Park with a sandstone rubble strip across E. los Olivos St. This is the on ground aqueduct at the Sycamore trees to the “wall” aqueduct between the two parts of lower Mission Historical Park. This would slow traffic for the upcoming crosswalk and the Y split to APS/MC Rd.

e) Future idea might be to move the last five feet of E. Los Olivos St. two feet westward. This gives enough room for a three feet wide pedestrian path at the buttress of the 1806 lower reservoir and the potential in the future for a three feet wide ADA ramp/landing. All historic resources and landmarks are preserved. All traffic is moved two feet westward for five feet or less if that works. Drivers won’t notice the difference. Aqueduct remnant at former Monastery stays protected by a path.
Photos attached are all by Paulina Conn.

Photo 1. 5-22-2022. Damaged end of Bridge looking north. Sandstone tire marks on pavement show where, I assume, driver backed up after hitting end of historic landmark Mission Creek Bridge, 51C-51 going north on E. Los Olivos St. at W. Mt. Dr. evidently between 4:30 and 4:40 PM on Saturday 5-21-22.
Photo 2. 5-22-2022. View south from pedestrian bridge of damaged end of Mission Creek Bridge 51C-51. Intersection with W. Mt. Dr. is visible. A zebra striped crosswalk across W. Mt. Dr. would aid pedestrians and perhaps help wake up drivers.
Photo 3. 1-24-2020. Showing stopping line at W. Mt. Dr and relationship of all sides of the roads and pedestrian paths.
Photo #4. c. 2016. Sketch of how zebra stipe crosswalk might look. Make it the narrowest permissible.

Hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Paulina Conn
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Lower Mission Canyon Resident
Member coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon