

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nicole Hindley <nicolesyoga@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Calm traffic on university ave or side streets

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Hi Council,
Please consider more traffic calming downtown as restaurants and retail open. It will keep pedestrians and bikes safe. It will also make the atmosphere more enjoyable for all of us.
Thank you!!

Nicole Hindley
Redacted
674 Webster St. Palo Alto CA 94301

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Nicole Zoeller <nicole.zoeller@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Arnout Boelens
Subject: THANK YOU! We're enjoying the new California Ave!

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Dear City Council -

Our family would like to thank you for moving forward with the closure of California Avenue to vehicles; early observations indicate it's quite a success! With ample space to walk/ride and seating available at a safe social distance, after months of staying home, we finally feel comfortable enjoying local businesses.

We also noticed that chalk lines were added on Friday through the middle of the street to help guide bikes and pedestrians safely through as some seating from restaurants was making for a tight squeeze and crowded areas. We're glad this was thoughtfully done.

And, while we understand this is a temporary closure as part of the "Summer Streets" program, we certainly hope residents and businesses alike come to appreciate the sense of community a ped & bike-friendly thoroughfare brings. There's something very special about enjoying an iced latte outside and observing the hustle and bustle of people and bikes! We would love to see this become a permanent installation in our city.

Thanks again for helping make this happen. Fingers crossed that University Avenue follows soon!

Sincerely,
Nicole, Arnout, and Ava Zoeller Boelens

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From: john@kovalfamily.com
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Support of Closing University Ave

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City Council,

Please move forward with the program you are contemplating to jumpstart small businesses in Palo Alto return to solvency in Palo Alto. Our city is made up of unique contributors to our city character and need help ASAP!

In order to build our economy up quickly, I am asking the city council to temporarily close the downtown core of University Avenue from Middlefield to Alma and the side streets (i.e. Cowper, Bryant, etc.) from Hamilton to Lytton to vehicle traffic. A similar closure should be put in place on California Avenue in the area where the farmers market is held. We have plenty of unused parking garages for the patrons and most people from the neighborhood walk anyway!

The area would become a pedestrian and outdoor eating area for 6 months to promote social distancing, while allowing these small business to get back in action with more customers (us!!). This would help everyone with improving revenues and give Palo Alto a unique advantage over other cities in the bay area!

Regards,
John Koval
Palo Alto

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From: S S Feldman <ssfeldman1@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: University Ave. Closure

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I support closing off the downtown area of University Ave. to cars to make more room for pedestrians and outdoor diners.

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From: Ashish Gupta <ashish@helionvc.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: support for shutting down streets in favor of restaurants

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Hi,
i am writing to support that we shut down univ ave, cal ave etc to allow restaurants to use the streets

regards.

Ashish

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From: Franco Campilongo <info@terunpizza.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 5:48 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Thank you.

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Thank you city council.

Thank you Palo Alto !

Thursday , Friday , Saturday and Sunday people enjoyed California Ave outdoor seating, we were very very busy , numbers on sale are going back to BC (before covid 19) , that's Amazing, yes we can hire more people, less unemployment, I had time to reach to some new Costomers , many first timers on California Avenue Palo Alto , coming from San Jose , Los Gatos, Santa Clara , Cupertino they said that the reason they came was because they saw on the news that California Ave was close , and everyone loved it , Palo Alto becomes a destination place like Santana Row .

Palo Alto is leading the way of "innovation " again, not only in the high tech world.

Honored of being part of this community.

Thank you .

Maico Campilongo Owner Of Terùn and iTalico Restaurant & C.

My cell. Redacted

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ellen Semaya Krasnow <ellen@thekrasnows.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: California Avenue dining

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I wanted to let you know that my husband and I ate dinner out on California Avenue on Friday night at one of our favorite restaurants, Pastis. There were many people out, socially distanced and wearing masks. Having the street closed is definitely going to help our restaurants come back after the shut down for the coronavirus.

I hope you are still considering doing a similar thing downtown on University Ave, also perhaps making some streets one way so there can be more room for dining. Emerson, Ramona and Bryant street have enough restaurants on those blocks that making those streets ideal to be made one way.

Please consider also closing University Avenue and removing some street parking so restaurants can set up more tables outside.

Please consider keeping California Avenue closed for as long as the coronavirus is effecting eating out.

Thank you.

Ellen Krasnow
1065 Greenwood Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Redacted

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elizabeth Wong <elizabethwong2009@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Andrew Wong; Jaime Wong
Subject: Fwd: Closing of University Avenue

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Elizabeth Wong** <elizabethwong2009@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 20, 2020 at 8:10 AM
Subject: Closing of University Avenue
To: Ed Shikada <ed.shikada@cityofpaloalto.org>

Dear Mr. Shikada,

The closing of University Avenue will result in the destruction of downtown and monumental decrease in commerce and revenue for the City. My business is concentrated on University Avenue and I speak from 25 years of experience of a commercial landlord on University Avenue.

Instead, the City could build outdoor decks in front of stores similar to the one in front of Peninsula Creamery which is quite pleasant. A satellite parking lot would be created by the city dump at end of Embarcadero Street and shuttle buses would ferry people to downtown.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Wong

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From: Allen Akin <akin@arden.org>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Kamhi, Philip; Shikada, Ed; J T Gusilin; Carol Scott; Neilson Buchanan
Subject: 2020-06-23 Item 7 (Authorizing Temporary Street Closures)

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The Staff Report notes:

"The ordinance and resolution present a number of policy issues that, were the ordinance or resolution permanent, would warrant more prolonged discussion and deliberation before being considered."

Council is already under significant pressure to make street closures permanent without considering these policy issues, so there is ample reason to suspect that at some point this is exactly what will happen. During the discussion Tuesday, please acknowledge that these issues exist and will be addressed should street closures be extended indefinitely.

Traffic management policy for residential areas is one. 12000[1] vehicles per day normally use the segment of University Avenue that will be closed. We have seen repeatedly[2] that just slowing down the flow of traffic on University (not even stopping it altogether) causes destructive amounts of cut-through traffic to move onto nearby residential streets. This is true even though Lytton, Hamilton, and Embarcadero are readily available as alternatives.

Under the heading "Stakeholder Engagement" the Report also states:

"Hundreds of community members have written to the City Council and provided public comment regarding these ideas, particularly street closures."

This is not even remotely the same as "engagement", especially with the residents who are most likely to be negatively affected by closures. At a minimum, engagement requires acknowledging objective points of concern and responding to them. Equivocation like that in the Staff Report increases distrust of Staff and disappointment that Council fails to insist that Staff pursue meaningful engagement with residents on the same basis as developers and businesses.

Regards,
Allen Akin

[1] 2017 City of Palo Alto Engineering and Traffic Survey
(<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64525>)

[2] Two recent examples: Metropolitan Transportation Commission Program for Arterial System Synchronization (PASS) Final Existing Conditions Report for University Avenue, January 16, 2019. Stanford University 2018 General Use Permit Final Environmental Impact Report, (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T9yLscBI7IZWZdd-cEbeEUe7Rxa7Wu5G/view>)

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From: Heidi Schwenk <heidi29@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:01 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Palo Alto Summer Street Closure!

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Please listen to the Palo Alto Community who will visit both Cal Ave and University Ave Summer Street Closures! All the restaurants, cafes and retailers need foot traffic to finance their businesses to stay open. Take this opportunity and create a healthy community atmosphere where pedestrians can social distance and enjoy themselves. Stop manipulating the community to do what the City Council wants or developers want? Palo Alto will miss an incredible opportunity to make living in the city better than it has been in a long time, and especially with the recent Covid-19 pandemic closure.

Heidi Schwenk

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From: Monica Johnson <monica@ngpcap.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: University Ave closure

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I am a Palo Alto resident, I live 1.5 miles from downtown. I also work on Florence just off of University Avenue. I strongly support the University ave closure, the street is horrible to drive on due to traffic. I also find it dangerous to bike in the street. Lastly, I much more enjoy dining on Cal ave with the street closures which is where everyone is now going, myself included.

Thanks

Monica Johnson

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From: Silvia Console Battilana <silvia.consolebattilana@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: University avenue closure

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We are property owners of 679 waverley and are in huge support of closing university avenue to allow restaurant business and Palo Alto life to start up again. Thank you for your consideration.

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Silvia Console Battilana, PhD

CEO Auctionomics, High stakes auctions
<http://www.auctionomics.com/>

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From: Robert Klein <robertklein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 6:57 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: University ave closure

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Hi,

I wanted to register my very very strong desire to see University ave. turn into a full time (7 days a week, year round!) pedestrian mall for dining and other activities. I'd ban all cars except for deliveries and similar activities (and limit these to early morning).

By way of background, I'm a long time (23 year) Palo Alto homeowner in walking distance of university ave. I'm not particularly active except on a few issues like this which tend to have a disproportionate influence on my support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Robert

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From: Ross Mayfield <goobox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Re: Open street dining

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I've been volunteering with FrontlineFoods.org to save our local restaurants. And am supportive of the Summer Streets initiative.

If we want our community to be sustainably valuable, in this crisis, we can save our downtowns.

I urge you to support University Ave Summer Streets, not for 3 days a week, but 7. I've made my views publicly known (content is the same in each link):

https://nextdoor.com/post/152532376?init_source=copy_link_share

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/paloaltoopenforum/permalink/3656044544411093/>

<https://twitter.com/ross/status/1275229531985440769?s=21>

Fundamental to all this is a common interest from a common space that helps us avert tragedy.

Thank you,

Ross

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 6:58 PM Ross Mayfield <goobox@gmail.com> wrote:

I just saw the slides for tonight's meeting.

The staff recommendation for downtown is disappointing. There is no reason to not apply a full street closure every day. Cal Ave in effect piloted this with farmers market. Town and Country is in effect piloting it. What does "Piloting it" for University teach us that we already don't know?

Is it fear of foreign invaders that gave use the bad and perhaps illegal decision to curfew? There is no logical difference for health. Drive in pickup business is nominal. Parking can't be an issue when we don't have commuters. Why?

If you want to save downtown local businesses and jobs, you have to act beyond the staff recommendation.

Ross

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 2:54 PM Ross Mayfield <goobox@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm a Palo Alto native and the founder of the Silicon Valley Chapter of FrontlineFoods.org — a 100% volunteer organization that applies 100% of donations to save local restaurants and their jobs, while feeding the frontline of the crisis.

We have 7 Palo Alto restaurants in our program (we cover Burlingame to Gilroy) and I surveyed them. They are all in support of closing streets to enable outdoor dining.

The Restaurant Industry is the largest employer behind the Pentagon. 25% of the currently unemployed are from the industry. In Palo Alto, most had to lay off 90% of their staff.

While Palo Alto only has one Black owned restaurant, Coconuts, the industry employs more minority managers than any other. 9/10 managers had their first job in the industry.

Outdoor dining within safety guidelines can have a meaningful impact on saving local small businesses and their jobs. I urge you to act with swift prudence,

Ross

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From: Christian Bjørn <bjorn@joejuice.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Street closing

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Hi City of Palo Alto

My name is Christian, and I'm a regional manager for Joe & the Juice. We are located in 508 University ave in Palo Alto.

I understand you will close University ave for cars Friday through Saturday for the next 2 months. I think I would make sense to do it all 7 days a week. I'm from Denmark, and we have it in several cities and it gives it city a much better vibe

Thank you,

Christian Bjørn
Regional manager South Bay
US Redacted

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From: Peter Katz <pkatz@thecounternorcal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed
Subject: Expanded Outdoor Dining

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In case I don't get a chance to chime in tonight, I just wanted to let the Council know that I really hope the City approves extending the Cal Ave street dining at least thru Labor Day.

We have not reopened yet but had planned on doing so on July 8th. But this is based on having expanded capacity because of the street dining experiment. If this is not extended past July 6th, I think we would have to reconsider our reopening. It will be difficult enough to stay afloat even with the expanded outdoor dining and nearly impossible without.

Thank you for approving the test and for your consideration of its continuance.

Peter

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From: Dave Shen <dshenster@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed
Cc: dshenster@gmail.com
Subject: Reopening PerformanceGaines on California Ave

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Distinguished City Council Members and City Staff,

My name is David Shen and I am a personal trainer at PerformanceGaines, a boutique fitness studio on California Ave. PerformanceGaines is an asset to the community, servicing a sizeable population of Palo Altans, providing them with a place to pursue their health and fitness goals.

Since the pandemic began and the shelter in place order came into being, those who work at PerformanceGaines have been suffering. It's been many long months of stressing and watching finances dwindle. And not to mention stressing about if and when PerformanceGaines will even pull out of this crisis intact.

Likewise, Palo Alto residents have been without the ability to use the space and its equipment, and get real time, live direction and instruction from its trainers, and interact with them and other members. Online workouts are done by some but unfortunately can't replace the face to face interaction nor allow the use of the equipment for workouts.

Now I am excited at the prospect of closing California Ave to traffic and allowing businesses there to use the streets and sidewalks to conduct business.

In your Interim Ordinance, you call out and describe many uses for the street in several specific categories. I am happy that this can happen for many of the restaurants and retailers on the street, and welcome the step to returning back to the way things were.

One other area that is not specifically called out is fitness studios. I would guess that it is vaguely covered in either or both of Personal Services and Indoor Recreation, to be performed outdoors. I would be grateful if Councilmembers and City Staff would consider allowing a fitness studio such as PerformanceGaines to move parts of its services to its Palo Alto membership on to the sidewalk and street. This would be things like:

1. Allowing the non-permanent marking of designated areas for members to work out in, thereby preserving social distancing and health related rules;
2. The temporary, daily placement of exercise equipment and other equipment, such as water dispensers and towel racks, into designated areas for use by members;
3. The erection of temporary structures like portable canopies to shade trainers and clients during workouts;

There could be other ideas along the same vein.

Allowing such actions would mean PerformanceGaines is partially reopened and be able to not only generate revenue to survive, but also service its existing Palo Alto membership who used the facilities daily prior to the pandemic shutdown.

My fellow trainers and I who work there - and note that we are independent contractors and not employees of PerformanceGaines, so our revenue is heavily dependent on our meetings with clients - would be eternally grateful and happy that once again we see some income during this tumultuous time.

I appreciate your kind consideration on this matter, with a sensitivity towards the plight of us personal trainers whose livelihood has been especially threatened by the economic fallout of the pandemic, but also with an eye towards helping the Palo Alto community whom we serve to be healthy and return to a sense of normalcy.

Thank you in advance,

David Shen
PerformanceGaines trainer
Palo Alto Resident

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From: Judy Ohki <judy@lpetal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed
Subject: Summer streets

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Hello

As the owner of Leaf & Petal, the one boutique on Cal Ave, I support extending Summer Streets through Labor Day. Over the past two weeks to hear and see the positive reaction to the street closure from customers is heartwarming. The energy on the street is infectious which benefits all businesses on the street, not only the restaurants.

Thank you for supporting Palo Alto local businesses during this time.

Best regards
Judy Ohki
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Judy
Leaf & Petal

Baumb, Nelly

From: choying chodron <yingdron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: 7 days closures

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Hi, I would like The street closure in downtown Palo Alto for 7 days a week instead of 3 days, because it's better for our business.

Thank you

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From: TRACY GULBRANSEN <teamgul@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Shelter in place

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My name is Tracy Gulbransen and I am a personal trainer at PerformanceGaines, a boutique fitness studio on California Ave. PerformanceGaines is an asset to the community, servicing a sizable population of Palo Alto residents, providing them with a place to pursue their health and fitness goals.

Since the pandemic began and the shelter in place order came into being, those who work at PerformanceGaines have been suffering. It's been many long months of stress and watching finances dwindle, not to mention the fear of wondering if and when PerformanceGaines will even pull out of this crisis intact.

Palo Alto residents have been without the ability to use the space and its equipment, and get real time, live direction and instruction from its trainers, and interact with them and other members. Online workouts are done by some but unfortunately can't replace the face to face interaction nor allow the use of the equipment for workouts.

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In your Interim Ordinance, you call out and describe many uses for the street in several specific categories. I am happy that this can happen for many of the restaurants and retailers on the street, and welcome the step to returning back to the way things were.

One other area that is not specifically called out is fitness studios. I would guess that it is vaguely covered in either or both of Personal Services and Indoor Recreation, to be performed outdoors. I would be grateful if Councilmembers and City Staff would consider allowing a fitness studio such as PerformanceGaines to move parts of its services to its Palo Alto membership on to the sidewalk and street. This would be things like:

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2. The temporary, daily placement of exercise equipment and other equipment, such as water dispensers and towel racks, into designated areas for use by members;
3. The erection of temporary structures like portable canopies to shade trainers and clients during workouts;

There could be other ideas along the same vein.

Allowing such actions would mean PerformanceGaines is partially reopened and be able to not only

generate revenue to survive, but also service its existing Palo Alto membership who used the facilities daily prior to the pandemic shutdown.

My fellow trainers and I who work there - and note that we are independent contractors and not employees of PerformanceGaines, so our revenue is heavily dependent on our meetings with clients - would be eternally grateful and happy that once again we see some income during this tumultuous time.

I appreciate your kind consideration on this matter, with a sensitivity towards the plight of us personal trainers whose livelihood has been especially threatened by the economic fallout of the pandemic, but also with an eye towards helping the Palo Alto community whom we serve to be healthy and return to a sense of normalcy.

Thank you in advance,

Tracy Gulbransen

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From: Carole Rafferty <carolerafferty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Performance Gaines Boutique Gym on Cal Ave

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Distinguished City Council Members and City Staff,

I am a resident of Palo Alto and a member of PerformanceGaines, a boutique fitness studio on California Ave.

Prior to the pandemic closures, I enjoyed its friendly, knowledgeable staff and its facilities. I went regularly each week to maintain my path towards my health and fitness goals. I consider PerformanceGaines a true gem of Palo Alto and a great asset to the community.

Then the pandemic hit and I found myself without my usual place to train. Yes, some of the trainers have gone online but it is simply not the same as context matters, as well as the community experienced there, and availability of equipment which I do not have at home.

It's been many months since closure and we now have hope that facilities like PerformanceGaines can reopen. San Mateo County has already allowed gyms to reopen, why not ours? It seems odd that I can drive a mile and cross the border to Menlo Park where I can find a gym to train in?

However, I thank you all for the interim ordinance being proposed which closes off California Ave and provides an opportunity for PerformanceGaines to reopen.

My understanding is that it may mean indoor recreation should be performed outdoors. My hope is that Councilmembers and Staff consider a fitness studio like PerformanceGaines as such and allow them to move its operations outdoors.

If restaurants can serve people in the street, why not let PerformanceGaines do the same with its exercise equipment, fitness training, and group classes? They can hold some fitness classes in the street, as well as move some of their equipment outside for our use. We can still leverage guidance from our favorite trainer in designated areas that can be marked with chalk or removable tape.

All of this would allow me to get out of my house, use the excellent equipment there that I do not have in my home, meet up with my trainer, and attend my favorite group classes.

Please allow PerformanceGaines to partially reopen using the sidewalk and street! I am thankful for your efforts in finding ways to reopen these local services which we have come to love and do not want to see them close down due to an inability to reopen.

Thank you for your time,

Carole Rafferty

PerformanceGaines member

Palo Alto Resident

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From: Dominique Vincent <dominique@blossombirthandfamily.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed
Cc: tom.dubois@gmail.com; alisonLcormack@gmail.com; Filseth, Eric (external); kou.pacc@gmail.com; liz.kniss@gmail.com; Adrian Fine; greg@gregtanaka.org; info@paloaltochamber.com
Subject: In Favor of CalAve Summer Streets

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Hello dear council members and Mr. Shikada-

Thank you for your willingness to support local businesses by being flexible with local ordinances and making swift changes to policies.

Blossom Birth & Family is in favor of supporting the pilot Summer Streets program and extending the program. I was personally able to take advantage of the outdoor dining last Friday and I must admit that it was very nice to be able to meet a friend and feel not only safe, but normal as well. This will be a good thing and supportive in improving mental health in the community. There are many that are suffering right now, and this program can actually go a long way in easing some of that stress.

Furthermore, I urge the council to consider closing the street in the CalAve business district from park to birch as well. The street was closed in 2019 for the Halloween event and the closing went well. It increased safety and would allow the rest of the businesses on the street to benefit as well.

Thank you for listening,

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



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Executive Director

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Palo Alto, CA 94306



Thank you for your message. Please allow 24 hours for non-urgent responses during the week. If you need an immediate response, it's best to text or call me. Emails received after business hours on Friday will be responded to on Monday.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jacqueline Flaherty <jacqueline.flaherty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Position #7-Tonight's Meeting

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Distinguished City Council Members and City Staff,

My name is Jakki Flaherty and I am a personal trainer at PerformanceGaines, a boutique fitness studio on California Ave. PerformanceGaines is an asset to the community, servicing a sizable population of Palo Altans, providing them with a place to pursue their health and fitness goals.

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Thank you in advance,

Jakki Flaherty

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Jakki Flaherty CSCS, TPI-L1
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I'm afraid that I may be late in submitting this for tonight's meeting but nevertheless I'd like to state a preference. I'm in favor of the plan to close University Avenue do as to support outside dining. I also think that modifying the traffic on that corridor will improve the street in so many ways...it has long needed a change.

Thank you.
Mary Rodocker

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