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Subject: June 16 City Council Meeting- Agenda Item 21 -Open Streets Initiative

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Public comment for June 16 City Council Meeting:

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>>>> My understanding of the open streets initiative is to boost our city's economy and encourage eating at local restaurants and shopping at local businesses, especially during the current health and economic crisis. I whole-heartedly support this initiative. However, it needs to be done smartly. Looking at the map of the proposed areas for closing off to vehicle traffic are in residential areas.

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>>> Specifically, within the 2nd District, why is Florida between Orange and Junipero proposed. There are NO businesses, including shopping or restaurants on this stretch of street. It is a block away from the business district on 4th Street. This does not meet the goal of this initiative. Also, bringing people into this narrow and residentially dense stretch of street will not allow for distancing and could help increase the spread of COVID-19. In addition, it will be unfair to the residents to bring so many people and noise to their quiet RESIDENTIAL street. Who will be responsible for cleaning the area after people leave behind their trash?

>> Why is the time period for street closures 9-5? There are still people who are working and would love to support our businesses and restaurants; there should be some street closures, at least on weekends, in the evening.

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>> Let's use this opportunity to vitalize our business areas that were suffering even before this crisis. 4th Street between Alamitos and Cherry would be the perfect street for this initiative.

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>>>> Who made these selections? Was there someone with District 2 included in these suggestions? THE communities (residents) obviously were not included. WHY were there no community meetings or surveys conducted?

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>>>> Though I support the Open Streets Initiative, I cannot agree with the current proposal. Please do NOT approve this proposal as it stands.

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>>> Regards,

>>> Beverly Leifer

>>> 1601 E 3rd St, District 2 resident

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>>>> Sent from my iPad

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