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Subject: Parklets: Significant Loss of Parking (56 spaces currently) in Belmont Shore to dining Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

Parking has always been a hot topic in Belmont Shore. Through the nearly 40 years we have lived here - the 2nd Street business community and residents alike have struggled for parking. So the ongoing loss of 56 (more or less spaces) is a big deal!!

*Just before COVID hit (in the fall of 2019) Coun. Suzie Price asked Public Works to locate all the Red Curbs in the Shore that could be eliminated or shortened. The almost desperate need for parking was evident!

* A few years ago the Belmont Athletic Club wanted to turn one (1) parking space into a bike corral, but the Belmont Shore Parking Commission said NO! that vehicle parking space was needed.

* And also a few years ago George's Restaurant formally applied for a 'Permanent Parklet' - again the Belmont Shore Parking Commission said a resounding NO! Those were critically needed parking spaces that should not become a parklet!

I hope you will carefully consider the important need for metered parking spaces in the 2nd Street Business District for use of small businesses, restaurant/bar customers, and all the various types of offices in the Shore. [Also private City-required restaurant parking lots (such as Roe's) that have been turned into COVID dining 'gardens' should return to needed parking.]

When customers and employees cannot locate metered parking spaces, they park on residential streets - taking up spaces needed for those who live in the Shore.

We hope you will consider the big picture and immediately phase out the COVID allowed Belmont Shore Parklets.

Thank you.

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Subject: NO NO NO to parklets on 2nd Street

-EXTERNAL-

Good Evening,

I am very supportive to the 2nd Street businesses, and have supported them over the past 2 years. Unfortunately I would never sit and eat in one of those parklets. We either order to go or go to Seal Beach. I have been selling Real Estate in the area since 1986, and have never seen the Shore look this bad. It was not even this bad with the widening of the sidewalks. It is time to take back our streets, and the beauty of the Shore.

I am a BIG NO! Make them go away.

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