

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Email from Jarvis Peay received on June 5, 2020. *
- Email from Marla Tofle received on June 7, 2020. *
- Email from Noel Wright received on June 9, 2020. *
- Email from the Napa Chamber of Commerce received on June 10, 2020.
- Letter from Concerned Citizen and Downtown Business Owner received on June 11, 2020.
- Letter from Rob and Sophia Fischer received on June 11, 2020.
- Email from Mark Gasster received on June 11, 2020.
- Email from Lore Wheeler received on June 11, 2020.
- Email from Colleen Chesler received on June 11, 2020.
- Email and attachment from Terri Smith, Queen of the Valley Medical Center, received on June 12, 2020.
- Email from Elizabeth Dutra received on June 13, 2020.
- Email from Daniel McQueeny received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Nicholas Williams received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Giselle Cisneros received on June 15, 2020. *
- Email from Patricia Damery received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Chris Stevens received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Madison Nuismer received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Aileen Carroll received on June 15, 2020.
- PowerPoint Presentation from Pablo Zatarain, Dorothee Stangle, and Joelle Gallagher received on June 16, 2020.
- Letter from Kelly Leighton received on June 16, 2020.
- Letter from Tara Brown received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Ana Ortega-Biedler received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Mick Slayer received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Beth Nelsen received on June 16, 2020. *
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- Email from Nick Williams received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Debby Fortune received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Andrea Briggs received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Tara Thomas received on June 16, 2020.
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4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

4.E. Public Safety Dispatching Services provided to the County of Napa

- Email from Alyssa Jean received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Brianna Wilson received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Dana Barfield received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Casey Arnew received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Fio Harden received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Monica Guardado received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Karyn Scott received on June 16, 2020. *

- Email from Roger Lewis received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Graham Durfee received on June 16, 2020.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.B. Slow Streets Program: A Proposal from the Napa County Bicycle Coalition

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.
- Email from Christina Benz received on June 12, 2020. *
- Email from Katie Stilwell received on June 12, 2020. *
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- Email from Nicholas Cheranich received on June 14, 2020. *
- Email from Joanna Mittman received on June 14, 2020. *
- Email from Sharon Parham received on June 14, 2020. *
- Email from Darlene Meltzer received on June 15, 2020. *
- Email from Elizabeth Campbell received on June 15, 2020. *
- Email from Darlene Scott received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Patricia Lyons received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Susan Crosby received on June 15, 2020.
- Email from Abe Gardner received on June 15, 2020. *
- Email from Kit Long received on June 15, 2020. *
- Email and memo from Patrick Band, Executive Director, Napa County Bicycle Coalition, received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Diane Meehan received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Roberta Goodin received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Linda Brown received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Jeremy received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Carlotta Sainato received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from David Kearney-Brown received on June 16, 2020. *
- Email from Sharon Sanguinetti received on June 16, 2020.
- Email from Joel King received on June 16, 2020. *

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From: [King Jarvis](#)
To: [Clerk; Lee Reynolds](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:15:38 AM
Attachments: [COMMENT.rtf](#)

[EXTERNAL]

Attached is the completed version of my Napa city council public comment letter, to be read aloud from the city council seating area 6/16. We want confirmation that this will happen. We also would like to know if your gallery is now open to the public. JWP

TO BE READ ALOUD FROM THE COUNCIL SEATING AREA

America's trial period is over, we are now fully subscribed. Subscribed to a package of anxiety and uncertainty far greater than the corona virus. Mother nature will guide us through Covid 2019, but it will take a damn sight more than that to quell the rage that will likely be visited upon America this go round, regarding the murder by blue of Mr. Floyd.. The murder by blue of the late mister Floyd has combined a toxic combination of the thin blue line, qualified immunity, and self righteous police benevolent associations. Just like Covid 2019, this major miff has sent all of our ideas of reality into escape velocity. What the hell is up? Black folk have had to defer relief for too, too long, relief from dirty actions from dirty cops. America, you had your chance, you silently allowed violence to be done in your name, with no repercussions for the perpetrators. The unicorn of active duty police officers penning an essay about police brutality, or murder by blue, has yet to be found. We shall work with the hand dealt us. That hand includes the new legal parameters regarding work/private protocols. With this new era of decision makers, and members of the press working from home, disgruntled Americans will likely resort to staging acts of legal protest at venues and locations that were not used before. Will there be social distancing drone flash mobs aimed at offices, and home offices of the folks in charge? The press? Okay, so big shots get to work at home, in their more often than not fancy homes, they are still at their workplace, and we are sure that new laws and protocols will be enacted regarding just that. We are all the new paparazzi. We are all the press. Swarm, swarm, legally, swarm. Messages to be sent, messages to be received. I can see airborne legal, targeted rallies in the near term. Strange, how technology and new innovations usher in new technology, and innovations. Seer Elon Musk has uniquely sparked new ideas of asymmetrical ways of getting the message out that Blacks are not going to stand for continued police brutality and cover ups. The powers that be, the press, national and local, will possibly face a future of intense, legal swarms of lobbying for decency rights and actions in ways that they would have never imagined. Necessity is the mother of invention, and equal human rights under the law, is definitely, definitely, necessary.

Jarvis William Peay

NOTE: Per Marla's request, this public comment was moved from June 8, 2020 to June 16, 2020.

From: [Marla Tofle](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 8, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:03:22 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Clerk,

I respectfully request the following comments be read during Public Comment at the June 8, 2020 Napa City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Marla Tofle

I urge City Council to undertake an examination of our city's police department related to the following:

Policies and procedures for handling arrests, including the types of force that are permissible;

Policies and procedures for handling suspects, including the types of force that are permissible;

Policies and procedures for communicating with suspects and people taken into custody;

Training that all police receive regarding how to communicate with all community members, suspects and people taken into custody;

Training that all police receive regarding how to de-escalate and communicate in a non-violent manner with all community members, suspects and people taken into custody;

Training that all police receive regarding use of force with community members, suspects and people taken into custody;

Policies and procedures related to crowd control, as well as training that all police receive regarding crowd control.

I also urge Council to make public all of the above, and hold a community town hall so we, as a community, can look at these, give our input, and talk about how to move forward.

I also urge Council to make public demographics related to arrests within the last 5 years, so we can see trends and patterns related to arrests in our community.

It's imperative that we create a new blueprint for moving forward.

I understand that Chief Plummer has been talking with some of the youth leaders in our community about policing and possible changes. That's great. Let's inform the entire community about what current policies, procedures and training so we all understand where we've been, and can support our youth leaders, be part of the dialog and part of the solution that ensures nonviolent interactions by police with community members.

Who amongst you Councilmembers will commit to bringing these policies out in the open in a Council meeting or Town Hall?

Thank you.

Marla Tofle



From: [Noel Wright](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Please read at City Council meeting..
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:57:59 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello, I was watching the news and got statistics on children across the Country without fathers. 75 percent was shocking to me. With all the tension and conflict among communities and police it would be great to have a Big Brother program. A officer would give guidance to a young person and see to it that they go down a positive path. Police officers are already social workers and very involved in public life. A child would have a sense of security with the Big Brother. The officer could get to know the family too. Something needs to be done to stop the violence and keep kids from joining gangs. It would take a lot of the fear and frustration away from communities. It was just a thought I had. I think it would be a very positive thing to do. The big cities really need something like this to keep communities safe and build trust and respect between police and young people. Thank you, Noel Wright

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Lura Compoginis <lura@napachamber.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Jill Techel; Doris Gentry; Liz Alessio; Mary Luros; Scott Sedgley; Steve Potter; Vincent Smith
Subject: OUTDOOR DINING IN NAPA
Attachments: CITY COUNCIL RE OUTDOOR DINING.pdf

[EXTERNAL]

Attached is correspondence from the Napa Chamber of Commerce regarding outdoor dining in Napa.

Thank you,

Lura Compoginis

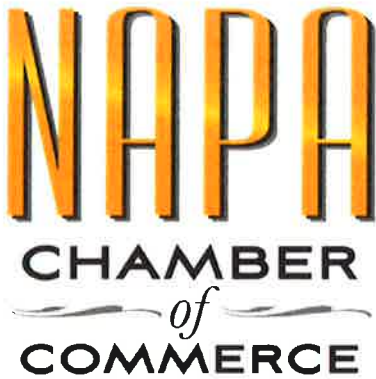
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June 10, 2020

Dear Mayor Techel and members of the Napa City Council,

The Napa Chamber of Commerce is encouraged to hear that the City of Napa is working on deferring or waiving the fees associated with temporary outdoor dining permits for our restaurants.

This is a perfect example of engaging, connecting and collaborating with local business owners/operators, at an especially crucial time.

Our businesses are facing financial impacts from extended closure and incurring ongoing costs for purchasing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), among other expenses.

Our restaurants are eager to welcome customers back but are also deeply committed to maintaining the rigorous safety protocols that mean public health and public trust are maintained. Giving them the option to create permitted outdoor seating will allow them to safely expand their capacity using social distancing guidance and provide economic benefits to restaurants and to the City of Napa.

We are also in support of conversations and actions related to street closures on identified days and time frames. This direction compliments permit fee relief and will bring vibrancy to our community and our economy while also providing for public health considerations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for engaging, connecting and collaborating with the local business community.

Sincerely,

/s/

Travis Stanley
President/CEO
Napa Chamber of Commerce

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June 8, 2020

CITY OF NAPA
CITY CLERK

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Mayor Techel, City Council Members & Police Chief of Napa

As a concerned citizen and business owner, I need to say that I am concerned about the future of downtown Napa; I have been in Napa during both rallies put on for Black Lives Matter, and understand that they are going to continue these protest/rallies each and every weekend thru June. What I would like you all to think about from a business perspective, is that Napa businesses, restaurants and wine tasting rooms have been closed, with no income coming into them for over 80 days, this is very hard on many of us, then we have to take into account that these protests are happening every weekend, which is the time that we have Napa citizens and tourists come downtown to shop and have dinner and go into tasting rooms, most of us have closed our businesses due to the concern of looting and rioting in addition to citizens being concerned for their safety.

I can further tell you that yesterday we saw some friends from Vacaville having dinner during the protest and they were sitting outside at the restaurant, the protestors stopped in front of the restaurant and stood there for about ten minutes with megaphone blaring and chanting, and this frightened our friend very much, we assured her this is not the normal for Napa. We also, have some neighbors who I had informed about the march and they were coming into town from Southern California to see how their house was coming that is being remodeled, and were staying at a hotel on First St, they arrived at six o'clock right when the sit in was happening down towards City Hall, she called me this morning and asked if they could come stay with us as she was scared all night long and did not want to be in downtown Napa. These protestors are taking the streets over, sitting down in the middle of the intersections, not staying on the sidewalks, they are disrupting the cars who can no longer utilize the streets, and are disrupting our citizens. Do they even have permits for this? And if so why are you allowing this?

I am concerned that if this continues and people are afraid to come to Napa, what with what we citizens and businesses have gone thru, that this will be the "nail in the coffin" for the majority of businesses downtown, and I know that this is not your wish, so please take into consideration the businesses and citizens who live here and pay taxes, also.

I have always been in favor of peaceful protests, but when they are threatening to loot our local businesses, as was the case yesterday, then I believe that it is up to the city government to step in and say you have had your time we need to move on and get this town back and alive again.

Thank you for your time!

A concerned citizen and Napa business owner



maya
@mayamagoo

FYI for anyone coming to the June 7th protest: Downtown Joes is located down the street from Veterans Park. So if there is any business that deserves looting this will be the one.

Bee Barrera @bee0532 Jun 6

if y'all say you're about it stop supporting @DTJoeNapa. You can no longer spend your money there with a clear conscious knowing the owner is a full trump l supporter and thinks this whole movement is bs

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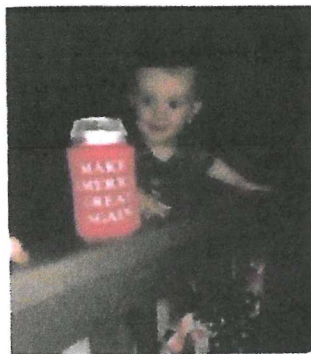
Protesting and blocking traffic is stupid. If you don't stop going for a while up all for get back again. They have some sense. But if you don't stop blocking the fire. God knows the man who lost his life. But chasing away vehicles burning building will not fix his. I wish that was

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But when people take a knee peacefully
You say that some thing

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31st of May, 2020

To: Jill Techel & Napa City Council
955 School St, Napa, CA 94559
Napa Police Department
1539 1st St, Napa, CA 94559

Re: George Floyd Protest & Napa's Police Training

Dear Jill Techel, all of Napa City Council, & all of Napa Police Department:

We know America is in the midst of uncertainty right now. Dealing with an unprecedented pandemic with limited resources has been taxing and, to be frank, scary. Thankfully this city has not been overwhelmed with cases.

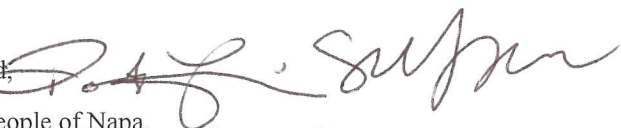
More importantly, the Black Lives Matter movement is retaliating against injustice by protesting yet again, despite the fear of a deadly virus. That is how angering it is to continue seeing innocent people being murdered by the ones who are supposed to protect and serve our communities. It is a shame that it took so many tragedies to get here, and your people are outraged. Yes, the people of Napa are outraged. George Floyd and Breonna Taylor were not from Napa, but Napa has welcomed and allowed racism to thrive in its streets for too long, and it was racism that killed those two and countless other innocent Black lives. We did not forget that Oscar Grant's murderer, Johannes Mehserle, was raised in Napa. We cannot allow another tragedy at the hands of a Napa-raised police officer be the reason we start paying attention and making the necessary changes to prevent it from ever happening again.

First and foremost, our goal is for this message to be clear: Napa's Residents want justice for George Floyd and for his murderer to be charged with first degree murder.

To create a positive change in our own community, we want Napa's Police Officers to go through a mandatory anti-racism program, in addition to a lecture about Napa's history of racism and the KKK's involvement in our city. We all learned in school why we must learn from our past to avoid making the same mistakes now. Here are our clear requests:

1. Napa County issues a statement standing in solidarity with George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Oscar Grant, and every unarmed innocent Black man, woman and child who has died at the hands of racist police officers.
2. Napa Police Department issues an accessible list of actions they are taking to avoid police brutality and eliminate racism in our own communities, not just toward Black people but towards Latinos and other marginalized people as well.
3. An immediate implementation of an anti-racism program Napa Police Officers must go through; such as teaching them and emphasizing how to de-escalate situations without unnecessary force and aggression, holding their peers accountable when they're unjustly targeting a Black person or person of color, and teaching exactly why this program needs to be implemented. To be short; how to not be racist.

Please understand that we, Napa residents, will remain having a peaceful, though probably inconvenient protest as long as we are treated with the same level of respect and peace, until there is an agreement in place with Napa on the right side of history. I am confident these requests will be easy to fulfill as long as the city of Napa is working against racism. Change is long overdue and it is time Napa joins the fight.

Signed, 
The people of Napa. ROB FISCHER
Sophia Fischer

If you want to support and back these requests please sign with one of our petition volunteers or sign online here:

<https://www.change.org/p/napa-city-council-letter-of-demands-must-be-met-by-napa-county?recruiter=1099715141>

31 de Mayo de 2020

A: Jill Techel y Ayuntamiento de Napa
955 School St, Napa, CA 94559
Departamento de Policia de Napa
1539 1st St, Napa, CA 94559

Con relación a: La protesta de George Floyd y el entrenamiento Del departamento de Policia de Napa

Estimada Jill Techel, el Ayuntamiento de Napa, y el Departamento de Policía de Napa:

Sabemos que los Estados Unidos se encuentra en tiempos de incertidumbre en este momento. Hacer frente a una pandemia sin precedentes con recursos limitados ha sido agotador y, para ser sincero, aterrador. Afortunadamente, esta ciudad no ha sido abrumada con casos de COVID-19.

Más importante aún, el movimiento Black Lives Matter está tomando represalias contra la injusticia al protestar una vez más, a pesar del temor a un virus mortal. Es molesto tener que seguir viendo a personas inocentes asesinadas por quienes se supone que protegen y sirven a nuestras comunidades. Es una vergüenza que haya sucedido tantas tragedias para llegar aquí, y su gente está indignada. Sí, la gente de Napa está indignada. George Floyd y Breonna Taylor no son de Napa, pero Napa ha dado la bienvenida y ha permitido que el racismo prospere en nuestras calles por demasiado tiempo, y fue el racismo el que mató a esas dos e innumerables vidas inocentes.

No hemos olvidado que el asesino de Oscar Grant, Johannes Mehserle, fue criado en Napa. No podemos permitir que otra tragedia a manos de un oficial de policía criado en Napa sea la razón por la que comenzamos a prestar atención y hacer los cambios necesarios para evitar que vuelva a suceder.

En primer lugar, nuestro objetivo es que este mensaje sea claro: los residentes de Napa quieren justicia para George Floyd y para que su asesino sea acusado propiamente ante el peso de la ley.

Para crear un cambio positivo en nuestra comunidad, queremos que los oficiales de policía de Napa pasen por un programa obligatorio contra el racismo, y atender una conferencia sobre la historia de racismo de Napa y la participación del Ku Klux Klan en nuestra ciudad. Todos aprendimos en la escuela por qué debemos aprender de nuestro pasado para evitar cometer los mismos errores ahora. Aquí están nuestras solicitudes:

1. El condado de Napa emite una declaración solidaria con George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Oscar Grant y todos los hombres, mujeres y niños de piel negra inocentes desarmados que han muerto a manos de policías racistas.
2. El Departamento de Policía de Napa emite una lista accesible de acciones que están tomando para evitar la brutalidad policial y eliminar el racismo en nuestras propias comunidades, no solo hacia la gente con piel negra sino también hacia los latinos y otras personas marginadas.
3. Una implementación inmediata de un programa contra el racismo debe pasar por los oficiales de policía de Napa; como enseñarles y enfatizar cómo reducir las situaciones sin fuerza y agresión innecesaria, y asegurar que sus compañeros tomen responsabilidad de sus acciones abusivas contra una persona negra o de color, y enseñar exactamente por qué este programa debe implementarse. Ser breve; Cómo trabajar sin llevar acabo el racismo.

Por favor, comprenda que nosotros, los residentes de Napa, seguiremos teniendo una protesta pacífica, aunque probablemente inconveniente, siempre y cuando seamos tratados con el mismo nivel de respeto y paz, hasta que haya un acuerdo con Napa en el lado derecho de la historia. Estoy seguro de que estas solicitudes serán fáciles de cumplir siempre que la ciudad de Napa esté trabajando contra el racismo. El cambio está muy lejos y ya es hora de que Napa se una a la lucha.

Firmado,

La gente de Napa.

Si desea apoyar y respaldar estas solicitudes, firme con uno de nuestros voluntarios de petición o firme en línea aquí:

<https://www.change.org/p/napa-city-council-letter-of-demands-must-be-met-by-napa-county?recruiter=1099715141>

From: [Mark Gasster](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: \$620 Fee for Al Fresco Dining
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:07:44 PM

[EXTERNAL]

It has come to the attention of the citizens of Napa , that after 3 months of house arrest that the City of Napa is imposing a Fee on restaurants using Al Fresco Dining to comply with "Social Distancing." The Fee of \$620 is such an avaricious Fee on these struggling businesses while trying to make s come back. Like any extra charges those go right back to the customer. More than likely that will come in conversation during the meal.

Good will with Citizens of Napa goes a long way. Using the tag line,"We are in this Together" is lost when you charge folks for following the rules. We've been good, followed the rules, give our great restaurants, Chefs, and customers a break!!!

Please pass this note onto all the Council members, thank you.

Cordially,

Mark Gasster

From: lsw1969@comcast.net
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Licensing fees for businesses during Covid 19
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:38:43 PM

[EXTERNAL]

City of Napa,

I am so utterly dismayed that my government can force my business to shutter its doors with absolutely no revenue for three months, ask me to take out loans, and when I am finally able to reopen tell me that I have to limit my seating capacity. Then, in order to try and make ends meet I have to jump through hoops to get permission to temporarily expand my business outside and the City of Napa wants more permit fees from me. Who's team are you on? Not mine. Small businesses need your support, we need the layer after layer of red tape to be lifted. I mean aren't "We all in this together?"

Lore Wheeler
Stone Wheeler Inc.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Colleen Chesler](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Outdoor dining fees
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:32:34 PM

[EXTERNAL]

City Council, I am concerned about the fees the City of Napa charges the local restaurants for outdoor dining.

I know it's a work in progress to get this reduced, refunded or delayed. I hear what you said on FB to everyone's comments.

I would be lead to believe if other cities have done it, we can too. I can't believe it should not take a long time to get that decision made and implemented because if you want our local businesses to succeed, it's better to consider losing \$625 from the revenue pool can whatever you lose because a business tanks. Between fires, earthquakes and other external issues, our downtown will look like a ghost town and you as a City will receive even less income.

Do what's right immediately eliminate the \$625 fee.

With best regards,
Colleen Chesler

With best regards,
Colleen Chesler

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please take action and issue a city-wide moratorium on evictions to protect the most vulnerable residents in our Napa community
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:09:22 PM
Attachments: [QVMC Request for Action 6 12 20ml.pdf](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, Teresa S" <Teresa.Smith@stjoe.org>
Subject: Please take action and issue a city-wide moratorium on evictions to protect the most vulnerable residents in our Napa community
Date: June 12, 2020 at 12:49:14 PM PDT
To: "mluros@cityofnapa.org" <mluros@cityofnapa.org>
Cc: "spotter@cityofnapa.org" <spotter@cityofnapa.org>

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Councilmember Lueros,

At this time St. Joseph Health Queen of the Valley is advocating for secure housing for Napa's most vulnerable.

We appreciate your attention to this request on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our community.


Thank you, Terri

Terri Smith
COMMUNITY HEALTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMS MANAGER

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June 12, 2020

Councilmember Mary Luross
955 School Street
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Councilmember Luross:

On behalf of St. Joseph Health Queen of the Valley, I am writing to urge the Napa City Council to take immediate action and issue a city-wide moratorium on evictions to protect the most vulnerable residents in our community. We are concerned that the same communities that are most vulnerable to the health impacts of the COVID-19 virus are doubly at risk of being evicted from their homes due to their inability to pay rent. A crisis of this scale requires a community response and we urge the City to take swift action to provide immediate relief for low-income tenants.

At St. Joseph Health, we believe health is a human right and that safe, secure housing is essential to health and well-being. The record number of unemployment claims and businesses in crisis have placed financial pressures on both renters and landlords alike. While Americans of all backgrounds are feeling the economic pain, renters represent some of Napa's most vulnerable communities, including low-income families, disabled individuals, seniors, and a substantially disproportionate portion of the County's Latinx households.

These communities also represent over a quarter of Napa's workforce, many of whom are employed by sectors hardest hit by COVID-19 (restaurants, hospitality, retail, entertainment, transportation & warehousing). At least 73% of workers in the hardest-hit sectors earn less than \$3,333 per month. At full time, this is equivalent to \$39,996 per year, compared to the median household income of \$84,753 per year. In Napa, 5,223 of 16,614 renters are considered severely cost burdened and spend 50 percent or more of their household income on housing.

We are now three months into this crisis and there is no indication at this time that the state will enact protection measures to prevent evictions. On May 29, Governor Newsom issued an extension of local authority to enact protections regarding evictions. However, until a local provision is issued, landlords in Napa will still be able to serve eviction notices, even if a tenant has notified them of their inability to pay rent due to COVID-19 related issues. Therefore, we are calling on the City of Napa to enact the following local policies:

- COVID-related nonpayment of rent cannot be a cause for eviction.
- 12 months to pay back rent related to COVID-19.
- Terminate late fees as a cause for evictions.
- Assume COVID-19 as a reason for non-payment of rent.
- Allow tenants with emergency-related causes to break their leases.

St. Joseph Health believes that in these trying times, short-term solutions such as these will provide immediate relief and support to low-income residents. Queen of the Valley is committed to finding ways to ensure this crisis does not further exacerbate our housing challenges. Several Bay Area Cities and Counties have enacted moratoriums covering residential tenants unable to pay because of COVID-19 financial hardships and we encourage you to do the same. We appreciate your attention to this request on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our community.

Sincerely,

Terri Smith

Terri Smith
Programs Manager Community Health Investment
Queen of the Valley Medical Center

From: [elizabeth.dutra](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Dog barking
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:15:25 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Here's a request..I understand that it may seem unnecessary to send police out every time a dog barks uncontrollably because the owner does not respect their neighbors request to quiet their dog or dogs down, and the barking just continues out of spite. Want to make extra money for the city, start placing fines for every time the same owner of a barking dog or dogs does not comply to forms, letters, calls from sheriffs or animal control. It works with tickets why not uncontrollably barking dogs. I do not blame the animals for they do not know that their natural instinct is causing discomfort for other homeowners in their area. It is the disrespect of the owners. Obviously when the sheriff dept receives a call we all have heard it over and over that they cannot answer to the call and that they can send paperwork for us to fill out. Why bombard the courthouse when really all you have to do is start placing fines on them..imagine for every call that is placed and obviously there is addresses being given so you can send fines to those addresses .. Imagine the amount of money the city can make, and the complaint calls that would diminish...just imagine..Thank-you

P.s. I recommend \$250.00 per fine

From: [Daniel P. McQueeney](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Napa Parks & Recreation!
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:27:26 AM

[EXTERNAL]

I Daniel McQueeney am in support of keeping Napa Parks & Recreation Department as a whole.

Thank You!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Nick Williams](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Napa Parks & Rec
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:06:06 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

My name is Nicholas C. Williams. I am a resident of Napa and I am in support of keeping the Napa Parks & Recreation Department as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Giselle Cisneros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR 06/16/2020-PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 2:51:49 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello All,

This comment is in regard to the Back the Blue march happening on 06/17/2020. I strongly disagree with any decision to allow this to happen in our beautiful peaceful city. This march would send the wrong message to the world, and to its own citizens. As a person of color, I would feel betrayed by my own community. In fact it would show that Napa is an active participant in the trivialization and outright disrespect and devaluing of black lives. This would be an action to supporting systemic racism and would be absolutely shameful.

From: Patricia Damery
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Statement for Tuesday's Council Meeting
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 5:56:15 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council Members,

I am worried about the rally planned for Wednesday evening on the First Street bridge. "Blue Lives Matter" and "We Back Blue" are mockeries of a very serious, important movement in our country, one generated by tragic killings and undo suffering by people of color for years. This is true in our nation and it is true in Napa. This rally is not organized by the Napa police, but a national right wing group with connections to an internet radio conspiracy theorist and Breitbart. I hope our local law enforcement makes a statement clarifying who backs the rally.

I am proud of Police Chief Plummer, who knelt with protesters a couple of weeks ago. We need empathy and understanding to navigate this period of time. We need officers who are willing to change the way police interface with the community so that people of color are not singled out and punished in ways whites are not. Chief Plummer has shown that he is doing this in talking with groups about police reform. This rally threatens to only strengthen a divide and encourage polarization, not bring the change we so desperately need. We need to not be silent on this. I ask Napa City Council to take a position, supporting the process Chief Plummer has engaged upon.

Patricia Damery

From: [Chris Stevens](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Concern over Black Lives Matter / De-fund The Police
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:00:54 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hi,

I attended a Black Lives Matter / Defund The Police protest this weekend with the hopes of understanding more about the issues which have come to the forefront of American life. After attending this protest I became concerned that the Napa City Council may be unaware of the feelings shared by the attendees of this protest. I urge you to please review the following bullet points which I would appreciate be implemented in our Napa police department.

<https://8cantwait.org/#>

- 1.) Ban chokeholds and strangle holds.
- 2.) Require the use of de-escalation methods (talk it out in a non-threatening manner, use your words...)
- 3.) Exhaust all alternatives before shooting and be able to justify actions that resulted in shots being fired.
- 4) Require warning before shooting.
- 5.) Duty to intervene and report any other officers who abuse their power.
- 6.) Ban shooting at moving vehicles.
- 7.) Establish a Force Continuum that restricts the most severe types of force to the most extreme situations and creates clear policy restrictions on the use of each police weapon and tactic.
- 8.) Require comprehensive reporting when force is used and why.

I am a 32 year old white male and recognize that the last census (2010) showed only 0.8% of our population was African American. There are just not enough black voices in Napa to make a real ripple in the pond of democracy. I highly encourage you to attend one of these events as they are very welcoming and accessible.

Sincerely,

Chris Stevens



From: [Madison Nuismer](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Black Lives Matter
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:08:23 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

My name is Madison and I just want to express that the black lives matter movement is important and changes needed in order for our society to go to a place that is truly ethical, sustainable, fair, and healthy. I know I am not alone in feeling this. Thank you for your consideration.

With love,
Madison N

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From: [Aileen Carroll](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: letter to the council
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:04:32 AM

[EXTERNAL]

To the Napa City Council Members;

I am writing today to express my support for the Black Lives Matter and Defund the Police movements. As a 33 year old white woman, I believe that racism will not end until white people like me start acting like racism is an issue they need to help SOLVE rather than something they need to just *empathize* with. Black people in communities all across the world and here in Napa are *screaming* for help. Will you choose to help them?

Have you heard of the **8 Can't Wait** campaign? It is my understanding that Napa only has 2 of the 8 policies that have been shown to reduce killings by police: warning before shooting and duty to intervene.

I urge you to do everything in your power to enact the following 6 policies here in Napa:

- 1) Ban chokeholds and **strangleholds**
- 2) Require **deescalation** whenever possible
- 3) **Exhaust all other options** before resorting to shooting
- 4) **Ban shooting at moving vehicles**
- 5) Require use of the **force continuum**
- 6) Require comprehensive **reporting**

More information can be found at 8cantwait.org

As far as Defunding the Police goes, it is clear to me that our current system is broken. Weekly, and for over a year, my nextdoor neighbor, with whom I shared a wall, would call 911 because she needed help coping with her alcohol withdrawals. She would go into withdrawal if she drank less than 1.75L of vodka a day! On average, 4 police officers *and* 4 firefighters would show up when she called 911, sometimes more(!) even though it only ever took 2 people to handle the situation. The rest of the men would end up standing around doing nothing while my neighbor drunkenly pleaded to go to rehab. Ridiculously, it took the better part of a year for there to finally be **space** for her in the County's rehab facility. This was *incredibly* frustrating to watch play out. I would be very happy if some of the police budget was reallocated to services that could have helped my neighbor the *first* time she asked for it. Instead, who-knows-how-much money was wasted on her countless calls to 911 and the excessive show of support from police and fire. She *wanted* help, but inexcusably, our local government was not set up to give it to her. I would like to see funds taken from the police and given to programs that focus on helping alcohol and drug abusers.

I urge you to do everything in your power to get Napa on the right side of history and show strong leadership for the rest of the Valley.

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Aileen Carroll



City Council Meeting

6/16/2020

Supplemental I - 3. Public Comment

From: Pablo Zatarain, Dorothee Stangle, and
Joelle Gallagher

COVID-19 & Tenant Protections:

“Flatten the Curve” of Evictions

Pablo Zatarain

Fair Housing Napa Valley



The Issue: Evictions and COVID-19

- Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, a surge in evictions following the pandemic would substantially de-stabilize the rental housing market in Napa and ultimately result in the displacement of many (primarily low-income) Napa households.
- With an eviction on their tenancy record, impacted residents would be significantly impeded from obtaining, or even being considered for, needed alternate housing following the emergency.
- Additional protections can “flatten the curve” of evictions Napa residents face as a result of the pandemic

Recommended Tenant Protections

- ▣ No Residential Evictions for Unpaid Rent Due to COVID-19
- ▣ No Late Fees for Unpaid Rent during COVID-19
- ▣ Up to 12 months to Repay Unpaid Rent
- ▣ Right to Break Lease due to COVID- related cause
- ▣ Tenant Education and Awareness

Why Napa Needs to Act

- Keep Tenants Housed!
 - Public safety
 - Viability of re-paying rent (more realistic when tenant is housed)
 - Homelessness due to COVID-19
- Urgency and desperation- many tenants are now 3 months behind on rent, with no clear guidance on how to address unpaid debt(s)
 - CA Judicial Council Rule temporarily addresses evictions, but not a long-term solution
 - Evictions can still be filed, including due to COVID-related nonpayment of rent

Why Napa Needs to Act, cont.

- Cohesive and local approach to challenges that impact Napa County
 - Recommendations & Enforcement
- Stabilization of rental market and economic recovery
 - Addressing workforce housing needs to spur economic recovery
- **Equity**: Ensuring all renters have an opportunity to recover from the pandemic, especially Napa's most vulnerable communities

Who Are Napa's Tenants?

- ▣ 36% of Napa County households
- ▣ Higher proportions of families with children, households with a disability, and seniors (fixed income)
- ▣ Disproportionate impact on Latinx community
 - ▣ (35% of population, 60% of County's renters)
- ▣ Low-income families face an even higher housing cost burden
- ▣ COVID-19 & Workforce Impact (BARHII)
 - ▣ 26% of Napa's workforce is employed in the hardest hit sectors
 - ▣ 73% of that workforce earns less than half of median income

Questions?



Joelle Gallagher, First 5 Napa County- joelle@first5napa.org

Dorothee Stangle, Community Leaders Coalition- dorothee@clcnapavalley.org

Pablo Zatarain, Fair Housing Napa Valley- pablo@napafairhousing.org

Kelly Leighton
Student Athlete at Napa High School

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June 2, 2020

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Councilmember Scott Sedgley

955 School Street Napa, CA 94559

RE: Dissolving Parks & Recreation

Dear City Council,

My name is Kelly Leighton, I am writing this letter in support of the Napa Park and Recreation program. I have been involved with the Evolve Prep Volleyball program for many years

Please take a moment to seriously consider the loss of the Napa Park and Recreation department and what that will mean to many of us that enjoy recreating in the community.

Covid has hit everyone, but our community will return, and when it does, we will have well rounded citizens that will continue to support our special place we call home. The challenges ahead with budget cuts are enormous, however, I am asking that your decision making look into using city reserves to protect the wellbeing of our small community.

Sincerely,

Kelly Leighton

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2020 JUN 16 AM 9:19

Tara Brown

June 2, 2020

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955 School Street Napa, CA 94559

RE: Dissolving Parks & Recreation

Dear City Council,

My name is Tara Brown. I am writing this letter in support of the Napa Park and Recreation program. I have been involved with the Evolve Prep Volleyball program for a few years now, and I have 3 children, 2 of which have participated in Napa Rec programs (mini sport programs, flag football, basketball). These programs were invaluable to us as a family and teaching my kids a love for activity and sports!

Please take a moment to seriously consider the loss of the Napa Park and Recreation department and what that will mean to many of us that enjoy recreating in the community.

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Sincerely,
Tara Brown

From: [ana cadle](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Wednesday March
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:29:00 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my concern about the following event happening this Wednesday in Napa. I strongly believe it should be canceled since our community is still healing and it's NOT the time to be talking about anything other than BLM and working in reconciliation between our great local police and the minority in our community. I encourage you to do the right thing and take action immediately. Thank you!

Ana M Ortega-Biedler

From: ZuZu Napa <mick@zuzunapa.com>

Date: June 16, 2020 at 10:41:49 AM PDT

To: Mary Luros <MLuros@cityofnapa.org>

Cc: Jill Techel <jtechel@cityofnapa.org>, "Sedgley, Scott (External)" <ssedgley1@yahoo.com>, Doris Gentry <dgentry@cityofnapa.org>, Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>

Subject: Re: Mick from ZuZu and La Taberna

[EXTERNAL]

Hello Mary, Again thank you for the follow up. I thought I should share my response with your fellow Council members.

Craig Smith has informed me that the Downtown Merchants Association is in support of a street closure. As well, the Napa Chamber of Commerce seems to be willing to raise funds to cover the cost of the \$900 weekly cost of the street closure. Personally I am not sure why the private sector should cover any associated costs of a street closure.

\$900 to close a street is a strange cost associated with a weekly closure. I understand the economic structure of labor but perhaps I am not understanding a staffing structure at a government level. At \$100 an hour for a city worker, it will take them 9 hours to put up signs and place the bollard in infrastructure that already exists. If these costs are accurate this dictates that a seasonal closure would be far more cost effective.

If all of the restaurants on the 800 block of Main were to participate in seating on the sidewalk there is capacity for about 120 seats. It was clear with ZuZu and La Taberna over the weekend that people are leary of dining indoors and far prefer to dine outdoors. The taxed income of sidewalk dining should offset any costs to the city for closures.

My sincere frustration is based on the fact that ZuZu and La Taberna will only be able to run at half capacity, however none of our fixed costs have changed, the math does not work for viability on a restaurant's razor thin bottomline. The blunt of this regulated business closure and the reopening capacity falls on the operator, not the landlord nor the city of Napa. For us rent, taxes and insurance and all associated costs are due. Tramer of Gran Electrica made the SF Chronicle today, which is just a small window of the plight we are facing, this one just happens to be in your city. (<https://www.sfgate.com/food/article/Bay-Area-restaurant-owner-closed-again-15341979.php>)

I watch as other communities roll up their sleeves and get outdoor seating done in public spaces. I watched as my home town of Santa Barbara closed State Street for 8 blocks the week that they were able to reopen so that restaurants were able to get traction on opening and helping them to stay solvent.

(<https://www.edhat.com/news/downtown-state-street-closes-to-vehicles-for-outdoor-dining>).

We are 12 weeks into when we were forced to close our business and now it is still just talk-talk from the City of Napa on helping us merchants. It seems to me that

no one on the staff level of this city wants to get dirty, we can always find reasons not to do something such as this closure, but it takes real leaders to get these things done, if there is the will. I have reached out to the department heads and the city managers to discuss this issue, yet to hear back from any of them.

Over the weekend we had so much positive energy on this block with some outdoor seating, loads of pedestrians and the park full of people. The city of Napa has a chance to create a great spot for pedestrians with such a closure but seems to be dragging the discussion out in the typical bureaucratic BS.

Kindly and sincerely, Mick Salyer

Mick Salyer

La Taberna Napa **ZuZu** ZuZu Wood Fired Paella
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From: [Beth Nelsen](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE READ JUNE 16, 2020 BETH NELSEN NAPA CITY RESIDENT
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:51:58 AM

[EXTERNAL]

I see you trying your best and I say this with my best intentions. Over the last few weeks I have witnessed a race to the narrative that Napa is somehow special, that we have found a way to peacefully protest and work with our police department. You have said something in your own way as best you can. However, in racing toward this narrative of "Napa protests are peaceful," you are building blockades to healing. I know this is not your intention.

Some of you are very vocal in your support of our police and military. I am not writing to shame, I do believe that those who support these institutions do so because you believe in them, but in your public support, as public leaders, you are ignoring hundreds of years of pain inflicted by these government institutions.

It is potentially a very sadistic way of thinking, to expect generations who have been so badly abused by our police and military to never fight back. Our historically marginalized are asking for equity, not revenge, but as leaders I call on you to validate their anger. We must face these discomforts, head on, before we can claim peaceful society.

Many more have joined the national conversation on race that so many of us have already been having for decades. Shelter in place has been an introspective time. George Floyd reminded me that the most racism I ever experienced was in 1970's and 80's Napa as a racially mixed child that everyone deemed their business to inquire. My birth father told me a story of playing with his white friends in the vineyards. The cop asked only him for his papers, not realizing my family are First Americans.

The national conversation dates back 400 years to the kidnapping of Africans, brought here for our economy. You must remember, our local conversations concern history that is much younger at just 170 years old. Napa was the oldest inhabited place in all of North America. The last "bloody run" of forced marches of our first people was in 1851, when military forces abused and marched them north. The reservations where the people were placed and whose relatives remain, like Napa's farmworker housing of today, are not places where any of you would feel comfortable living.

Napa is special to us all, Napa has unique issues, but Napa is no more special than any other city. Napa has pain. Napa is suffering from the monoculture that will eat us alive in the name of a product that is responsible for many deaths and a whole lot more violence. A monoculture that has bought our politicians. Napa has a long and ugly history of police and military abuse. Napa has a lot of work to do and I call on you to say so. We can do this, together, but we cannot race to the "all is well" narrative until we address, head on, the

inequities in our Valley. You cannot fast forward healing.


From: [Ann Troussieux](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Black Lives Matter to my family in Napa
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:07:39 PM

[EXTERNAL]

As a 57 year old caucasian, mother of 2, married 32 years, resident of Napa I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of other people that looked alot like me supporting the BLM movement the other Sunday in Napa. I think it was a larger crowd than the most recent women's march. This made me feel so glad about the city I live in. Everyone was just taking in what the young organizers had to say. I am proud to live in a city where we can re-think how we address every individual in all situations. I am proud to live in a city where we can re-evaluate how police are taught to use force and how much force is necessary to keep them safe as well as those that have made a bad choice. No one deserves to die from being drunk and falling asleep in a drive though. Since when do we shoot to kill someone running away from us?

White supremacy won't die until white people like myself and others see it as a White issue we need to solve versus a Black issue we need to empathize with. Let's all work together.

Ann Troussieux



From: [Nick Williams](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Concerning Police and Racial Justice
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:48:06 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello, my name is Nicholas C. Williams. I am a resident of Napa and I would like to express my support for community problem-solving regarding racial equality, as well as police use of force. I believe we are desperately in need of non-police community-minded outreach services, especially for those with mental illness in our community. I have heard of a number of police killings here in Napa over the last decade or two, and I believe we need to fund social services that can not only improve the value of life for individuals that are suffering from poverty and mental health issues, but for our community as a whole. We can't keep sending in cops to do the job of a counselor. They are not equipped to do that, and they too often resort to physical violence as a means of "serving" the community. Let us please start funding more social services and wellness checks.

Thank you for your time,
Nick

From: [Debby Fortune](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Please to be read at the City Council Meeting today
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:19:08 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Please find my comments below

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing about the planned We Back Blue march for tomorrow at 6pm.

My heart aches for those who have suffered for generations, and the systemic racism that is alive in this town.

At its best, the march is meant to support our law enforcement officers and to show appreciation, locally, for the recent challenges they have faced.

At its worst, it is ill timed, insensitive to the gaping wounds now open with the recognition that we have hundreds of years of damage to redress and undo. This highly provocative event seems designed to divide us, spur anger and to further demean a cause that has reached a national peak at this moment in our history.

For this reason, I urge any action to cancel, postpone, or formally distance the City of Napa from this event.

Additionally, my head is aghast at the now national portrayal of the City of Napa as a hub for the [webbackblue.com](#) political, partisan, and racist organization which has launched these events around the US. Its website features Napa's involvement, leading viewers to see it as an official Napa sanctioned event. As the ONLY city in California, it especially highlights Napa as one of its allies.

Is this the image that Napa has so carefully curated for tourists? Is this how we wish to be seen? Allied with a conspiracy theorist internet radio host, Breitbart, and hateful rhetoric?

I applaud the professionalism, and thoughtful approach of our Police Chief and his work with the peaceful protests of our residents, families and youth.

In high contrast, I am very concerned by the stance taken by the Napa Police Officers Association, and how it further may lead to more division and strife, not reconciliation and communication. as it culminates in a very unfortunate with the event tomorrow.

Thank you,

Deborah Fortune Walton

Napa, CA

From: [Andrea Briggs](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: BLACK LIVES MATTER
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:37:36 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I 100% stand behind this movement. Everyone is equal. Everyone deserves equal treatment. Period.
Sent from my iPhone.

Andrea Briggs

From: [Tara Thomas](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Black Lives Matter
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:20:50 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I support the Black Lives Matter movement, and urge the City of Napa to address the issue.

Tara Thomas

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Claire Troussieux](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Why Black Lives Matter in my Community - please read
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:52:55 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

I am writing to share my feelings on the Black Lives Matter movement in the Napa Valley. I am a 27 year old caucasian resident of Napa and I have been very inspired and pleased to see the organized BLM peaceful protests over the past three Sundays in Downtown Napa, along with the on-going efforts of The People's Collective for Change group. However I do want to express my extreme concern for a community that is made up of predominantly caucasian men and women. I urge my fellow community members and City Council Members to view this as a call to action and a problem that faces our community too; despite the lack of people of color within our town. Just because we are fortunate enough to have cooperation with our Police Department, an open line of communication and willingness to work together does not mean that we should not be a part of the change our country desperately needs. I believe that collectively we are only as strong as our weakest neighbor and I truly believe that until white people see systemic racism and white supremacy as a white issue we need to solve and not a black issue we need to empathize with- the unrest and unjust treatment will continue to occur. I believe that if we do more then sit back and watch, do more then just be passively anti-racist but ACTIVELY stop racism, Napa can be an example for other communities around the country of how to peacefully, and effectively create change, reform, transperancy and equality for all individuals.

Thank you,
Claire

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Claire Troussieux



From: [Alyssa Jean](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:10:24 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

Regarding item 4.E on today's agenda June 16th 2020

As a citizen of this community I believe we should relocate some of the \$2,097,574 funds the police department will receive and bring back Napa's LEGACY program.

This community believes in their youth and wants to see more programs for children of color.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Brianna Wilson](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL JUNE 16TH 2020 MEETING ! PLEASE READ !
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:13:04 PM

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From: [Dana Barfield](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Council June 16, 2020 meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:25:02 PM

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Signed,

Dana Barfield

From: [Casey Arnew](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL JUNE 16TH 2020 MEETING ! PLEASE READ !
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:28:52 PM

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- A concerned Napa Citizen

From: [Fio Harden](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Item 4.E on today's agenda June 16, 2020
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:36:09 PM

[EXTERNAL]

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Sincerely,

Resident of Napa

From: [Móni G](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING (PLEASE READ)
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:37:26 PM

[EXTERNAL]

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I believe that educating our youth on their history and/or providing funds into after school programs will help stabilize the youth in our community and provide them with more security and confidence.

Thank you,

Monica Guardado, a resident of Napa.

From: [karyn scott](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Please find the legacy program
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:43:30 PM

[EXTERNAL]

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Sent from my iPhone.

From: [Roger Lewis](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Legacy Program
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:49:10 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

Regarding item 4.E on today's agenda June 16th 2020.

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Roger Lewis
rjlnapa@aol.com

From: [Graham Durfee](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Legacy Program
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:49:23 PM

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Thank you for considering the opinions of the community

Graham Durfee

Slow Streets Concept Proposal

June 16, 2020



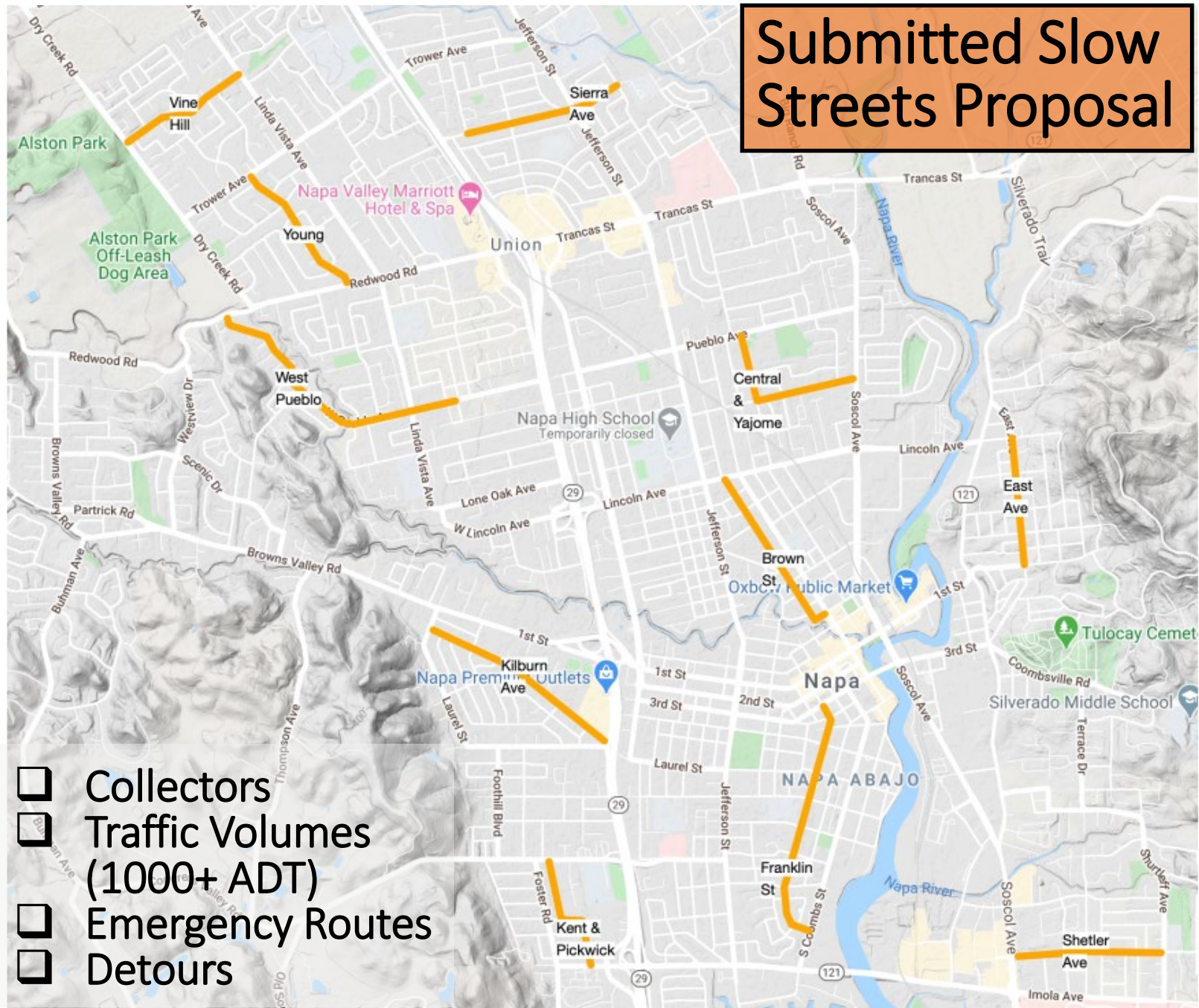
Recommendation

Receive a report from staff regarding the infeasibility of implementing the proposed Slow Streets Program due the City's fiscal emergency and the resources that would be necessary to further evaluate, develop and implement the program.

Program Concept

- Vehicle traffic detoured and “soft closure” of streets
- Proposal is to accommodate pedestrians and bicycle riders in streets
 - Covid-19, promote and increase “active” travel, health benefits, reduction to GHG’s
- Local traffic with destination along closed street allowed
- Intersections along closed street handled differently among jurisdictions with similar programs

Submitted Slow Streets Proposal



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City Responsibilities



Safety



Street Operations



Communication/Outreach



Limited to Temporary

Concept Work Plan

Operations Staff

- Fabricate signs
- Place signs and barricades
- Inspect all signage and respond to reported issues (On-going)
- Reset and replace as needed (On-going and likely to be frequent)



Concept Work Plan

Engineering Staff

- Develop **criteria** and select appropriate **candidate locations** for study (considering **emergency routes, traffic volumes, detour routes**)
- Coordinate with **Public Safety** for input/concerns/modifications
- Broad **communication** & targeted **outreach** to affected neighborhoods—some living along closures and detours will be **concerned**
- Design **intersection** treatments (open or closed to vehicles)
- Incorporate **input** and tailor program for Napa
- Design site specific **traffic control** plans, evaluate operational **safety**
- Written **program**, process for **approval**, temporary in duration (**BTAC** & back to **City Council**)
- **Monitor** and **document** program operations (On-going)
- Respond to **public input** and address **feedback** (On-going)

Department Vacancies & Budget Reductions Fiscal Year 20/21

- 18-20% Department Vacancy
- Reduced Contract Budget
- Eliminated Part-time and Extra Help Positions

*internal recruitment in progress

Associate Civil Engineer

Associate Civil Engineer

Associate Civil Engineer

*Construction Inspector

Construction Manager

Engineering Aide

Engineering Aide

Engineering Assistant

Equipment Mechanic

Junior Engineer

Junior Engineer

Maintenance Worker II

Maintenance Worker II

Park Maintenance Worker III


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Plus 3 more planned retirements/resignation

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Alameda First Week Feedback/Issues

- Survey (233)
 - 75% Support, 19% Don't Support; 4% Somewhat/No Opinion
 - Of respondents that live **on the street**, 60% Support, **35% don't support**, 5% Somewhat/No Opinion
 - Stats from those living **along detours** would be important
- 25 Service Requests, 20 Concerned Calls
- No Enforcement Included as Part of Program
- Temporary Program will be discontinued after Shelter at Home

Alameda Community Concerns from Staff Report (5/19/20)

- Not enough barricades at cross streets, so many drivers are still driving on street (staff increased the number of barricades)
- Additional streets needed
- Streets are for cars, not people
- People aren't wearing masks
- People should not be encouraged to leave their homes
- Program is taking City resources away from more important COVID-19 responses, and
- Residents not informed or asked about the program in advance

From: [Christina Benz](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:04:48 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program

Hello Mayor and Council. I'm Chris Benz and live at [REDACTED] Napa.

As you know, I'm a climate activist and I try to walk--and cycle--my talk as much as possible. The Slow Streets program is a win-win-win proposition: It makes active transportation safer. It reduces auto emissions, especially along the routes selected. And it costs practically nothing and can be rolled out tomorrow.

It doesn't require a study or report. Just put up some barricades as a pilot project. Let people know how to comment on it via the City's website and let's see what happens.

I think the proposed route near my house--Pickwick to Kent Street--is a perfect choice. It's a corridor on the way to two schools (Harvest to the north and Snow to the south) and contains **7** basketball hoops facing into the street--so residents are already recreating in the street. I spoke with a Pickwick St. homeowner when I was cycling the route. He said that he would love to have his street closed to through traffic and he told me that residents have complained for years about fast traffic due to parents dropping off students at Harvest. Wouldn't it be great if those students had a safer route to ride their bikes to school?

You as a Council have done an excellent job of listening to residents as you've dealt with the COVID situation and its financial fall-out. I hope you will listen again and find a way to bring Slow Streets to Napa.

Thank you.

From: [Katherine Stilwell](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Christina Benz](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:51:00 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program

Hello, my name is Katie Stilwell and I live at [REDACTED]. I've lived there my entire life until I left for college in Southern California. I usually spend my school breaks at home in Napa, visiting my family, friends, and nearby hiking spots. At school I am an Environmental Science and Public Policy double major with a Spatial Studies minor, and I'm involved in Students for Environmental Action Club, as well as an international service fraternity called Alpha Phi Omega. This summer in Napa, I'm a Sierra Club intern, a member of Citizen's Climate Lobby, a member of Students for Climate Action, and I work alongside Napa Climate Now! with some amazing colleagues. The environment is one of the most important things to me. As a counselor for Great Outdoors Camp, I learned how much kids are receptive to outdoor recreation. Outdoor-ed is something that really enchanted me as a kid, and I wanted to replicate that for others as a young adult in camps. To further that, I am presenting this letter to the City Council in hopes they agree with me in support of the Slow Streets Program. As a kid, I loved being outside and constantly moving. Bicycling was a big part of that experience, and I remember being picked up from school on a tandem bike after track practice and going for a ride before going home to do homework. I remember going up to Yountville on Solano Avenue to get hot chocolate with my dad and sister. We had family bike rides of about 12 miles regularly. We are a biking family. I believe that the proposed Slow Streets Program will allow more fond memories to occur for young biking families, as well as reduce vehicular emissions in our neighborhoods. Young Avenue has a lot of families with children and beautiful roads for bike riding, skateboarding, rollerskating, street hockey, playing catch, flying kites, playing basketball, and plain old walking. It would be a wonderful service to the community if streets were closed to through traffic so that people can more easily get moving outside and start to love their environments as I have. During this time of decreased togetherness due to the Coronavirus, we need recreation more than ever. More space to be outside means more space to social distance while also enjoying the outdoors. Similar programs in Alameda and Oakland have support rates of 75% and 78% respectively. Slow streets would not require many financial resources and is completely do-able with a single truck of signage and traffic cones. Thank you for your time, and please support the proposed Slow Streets Program.

From: [Carol Glaser](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for June 16, 2020 meeting - Please Read
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 2:33:35 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program

I am Carol Glaser, a resident of Napa and living at [REDACTED] and involved in Napa Climate Now! and UC Master Gardeners organizations. I am an avid walker and bike rider and so enjoy walking and riding in areas where there is no or very little traffic. I especially love riding on the Vine trail for this reason particularly with my grandchildren, because I know they are safe when riding there there are so many in our community now enjoying the Vine Trail. We need more places where riding is safe. I think we need to reclaim parts of our community for residents by creating spaces without traffic, for riding, walking, playing games, and being together outside with our neighbors and friends. I hope that all the identified streets as Slow Streets become slow and would hope that this is something that can spread throughout Napa. In these times when we need to learn new ways of being in the world, to protect our planet by reversing Climate Change, cities and counties need to take a stand in guiding citizens to learn new ways of being in the world that doesn't include cars or traveling long distances. This is an example used in many cities across the US that does not involved significant investments of staff time or money. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Glaser

From: [Lori Stelling](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 2:44:52 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program

Dear Council,

My name is Lori Stelling, I live on [REDACTED], and I've been a Napa Resident for over 20 years. I'm on the leadership team of Napa Climate NOW! and care deeply about addressing our climate emergency. Besides contributing to the health, safety and well-being of Napa residents, and increasing safe biking, running and walking areas for families throughout this time of COVID-19, I view the SLOW STREETS programs that have been implemented in 50 jurisdictions across the US **as valuable opportunities to educate residents about our climate emergency and what they can do to help Napa County reach the necessary goal of zero carbon emissions by 2030.** Additionally, being a resident of north Napa, I would welcome the opportunity to bike on Sierra Ave as a safe route on my way to grocery shopping. I also see a lot of potential for families and residents to enjoy biking a safe exercise loop from Solano to Orchard to Dry Creek to Vinehill and back to Wine Country. **I'm excited about the potential opportunity for families to sponsor the Slow Street Program on their block, educating their children about the importance of car-free travel, creating signs, building community, and having a lot of fun in the process. As a world-wide travel destination, Napa has the opportunity to be an example of what a healthy, climate-aware city can look like.** I strongly urge you to create the proposed Slow Streets Program as part of Napa's many pronged approach to addressing climate change. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lori Stelling

From: [Neil Watter](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Slow Streets Initiative
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 3:23:50 PM

[EXTERNAL]

To the Napa City Council, I support the Slow Streets Initiative which will be a good start in showing that Napa is taking the Climate Emergency seriously. It will close certain streets to motor vehicle traffic so that people who want to cycle or walk to work or to the grocery stores can do it safely.

I know that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency situation, but there are other issues to deal with. The Pandemic will eventually be over, but the Climate Emergency is not going away. Implementing the Slow Streets Initiative would be a great way to start fighting it.

Neil Watter



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nicholas Cheranich](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Christina Benz](#)
Subject: "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ"
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 3:33:20 PM

[EXTERNAL]

"Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program"

Hello, my name is Nick Cheranich. I live at [REDACTED], which is very close to a couple of the proposed slow street closures: Central Ave., and Yajome St. I am a retired educator, having worked with the Napa Valley Unified School District for 20 years. I am also on the Executive Committee of the Napa Sierra Club Group, and a volunteer with students of the Schools for Climate Action Committee.

Since retiring, I ride my bike almost every day. I hate riding in places that have poor or no bike lanes such as the two streets I mentioned above. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, I have seen a sharp increase in people bicycling and walking around the city of Napa. In light of the pandemic, it is quite evident that the city needs to address this increase in non-automobile traffic. By blocking off several streets within neighborhoods, we can provide people with "safe zones" for walking and bicycling to and from highly used places. These safe streets would encourage even more people to use these alternative modes of transportation. Therefore, the need to walk and ride without endangering each other from close contact would become even greater.

As an example, by blocking off Central and Yajome, people would be able to have a safe route all to and from Soscol Ave., via McPherson Elementary School and O'Brien Park. These are areas that serve numerous families, many with small children. Most of Central Ave., from Soscol to Yajome, has no sidewalk or bike lane, currently making it very dangerous to pedestrian and bike traffic. I have witnessed many cars traveling way above the 25-mile an hour speed limit. Dozens of my ex-students and their brother and sisters, many of whom are economically disadvantaged, live on or near these streets and need them to make their way safely to either Napa High, McPherson School, or the school bus stops where they get picked up to be driven to Silverado Middle School. By closing these two streets, many of my neighbors would be much safer, happier and healthier.

I also think the City of Napa should consider closing many more streets to car traffic in the heavily used restaurant area in downtown Napa. In closing off parts of Main St. and First St. for example, more people would be able to enjoy walking, riding, and eating outdoors in a much safer way. It certainly would be better for those businesses.

Lastly, by "slowing down" certain streets to through traffic, we will help to make our neighborhoods safer not only from cars, but by keeping the spread of the corona virus lower. We would also be helping our neighbors stay

healthier by breathing better quality air while getting much needed exercise. And when the present crisis is over, Napa can be well on its way to combating another danger: the Climate Change Crisis.

Please adopt the Napa Slow Streets Program. Thank you.

Best,
Nick Cheranich
Schools for Climate Action
Napa Sierra Club Group, Political Chair
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [Joanna Mittman](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 5:26:33 PM

[EXTERNAL]

This is a Comment for Agenda Item 5B - Slow Streets Program.

My name is Joanna Mittman, I live at [REDACTED], where I have lived for 29 years. I am retired General Counsel for the Napa Superior Court, and a working artist. I have served on the Board of Directors for Napa CASA and for two community choirs in Napa, and am a regular volunteer for Cope Family Center.

I am an avid walker and hiker, and would be a more frequent biker if I felt safer on the streets of Napa. I live just off of East Avenue, one of the proposed slow streets. I believe that implementing the program on East Avenue would be a huge benefit to the increasing number of adults who, in order to keep socially distance, often walk with one person in the street and one on the sidewalk (in the few places that have sidewalks), and to the many children who walk and bike to Alta Heights school. The other proposed slow streets would reap the same benefits.

I'm aware that implementing this program will require people to change their habits and will feel like an inconvenience to some, but history has repeatedly shown us that doing the right thing does not always mean doing the easy thing. Giving the community safer and more wide open streets for walking and biking will allow people to have proper social distancing, and will encourage more people to leave their cars at home, thereby also reducing carbon emissions, which is a critical step in fighting the climate emergency. It seems to me that the minor inconvenience caused by these slow streets is far outweighed by the benefits to everyone in our community, young and old, and to the planet as a whole.

Thank you,

Joanna Mittman
JoannaMittman.com

From: [Sharon Parham](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING PLEASE
READ
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:45:28 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hi, my name is Sharon Parham and I have lived in Napa for 18 years.

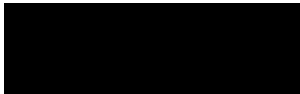
I want to let you know my support for the Slow Streets program.

It will help with reducing pollution for climate change, will encourage people to get out of their cars and exercise and bring more of a community back to downtown.

I highly encourage you to support it.

Thank you.

Sharon Parham



From: [Darlene Meltzer](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Jill Techel](#); [Doris Gentry](#); [Mary Luros](#); [Liz Alessio](#)
Subject: Comment to council for JUNE 16th for agenda 5B SLOW STREETS PROGRAM
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:00:09 AM

[EXTERNAL]

I am Darlene Meltzer, I live at [REDACTED] in Napa. I have lived in Napa for 36 years.

I am a member of the Sierra Club and Napa Climate Now. NCW I love biking, walking and hiking. I want to see a Slow Streets Program implemented in Napa!

Now more than ever we need safer areas to ride bikes, walk with Social distance, and with more children on the roads we need to create safer roads. This is a pivotal time to create positive safe changes for our local Napa community! I hope you will make the right choice and support this program.

Thank you,
Darlene Meltzer

From: [Elizabeth Campbell](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:11:39 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Comment for Agenda Item 5B Slow Streets Program:

My name is Elizabeth Campbell. I am a teacher for NVUSD, and a 26 year resident of Napa. I currently reside on Stonehouse Drive, and have worked at Shearer School for 23 years. I am writing in support of a Slow Streets Program for a number of reasons. As a teacher, of course, I want the children to be able to walk, ride bikes, and play safely. As someone who enjoys cycling and walking, I want safe, quiet options for myself. Finally, and most urgently for me, as a resident on the planet, I want to reduce emissions and help restore nature to the health and beauty hinted at in the early stages of shelter-in-place, when the air and water were clearer and wildlife was becoming more visible.

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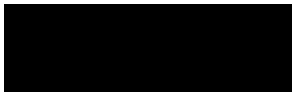
From: [Darlene Scott](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Christina Benz](#)
Subject: Slow Streets Petition
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:42:29 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council<

I have been a 40 year resident of Napa County and believe strongly in support of the Slow Streets Petition. The pandemic forced us all to distance ourselves and once it is safe to do so I believe that Slow Streets will promote a sense of community once again. The decrease in the amount of pollutants during this crisis has taught us that it is possible to live a different and better way. I am a member of Napa Climate Now! And as a group we urge the Council to consider this program as a benefit for all of us.

Sincerely:
Darlene Scott



[REDACTED]

From: Mary Luros
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fwd: slow streets

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Lyons <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fw: slow streets
Date: June 15, 2020 at 10:38:18 AM PDT
To: "dgentry@cityofnapa.org" <dgentry@cityofnapa.org>
Cc: "ssedgley@cityofnapa.org" <ssedgley@cityofnapa.org>, "mluros@cityofnapa.org" <mluros@cityofnapa.org>, "lalessio@cityofnapa.org" <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>

[EXTERNAL]

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From: Patricia Lyons <[REDACTED]>
To: jtechel@cityofnapa.org <jtechel@cityofnapa.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020, 10:33:45 AM PDT
Subject: slow streets

Hello Mayor Techel, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers.

I am writing to you to oppose closing streets to through traffic. The streets selected by the bicycle coalition are main thoroughfares. W. Pueblo. Orchard ave. Vine Hill. If you close a street it forces traffic onto another. We have experienced this on our street many times when a neighboring street is closed, our street turns in to a race track. Twice as much traffic with no regard to speed limits and no policing. I hope this doesn't happen in the W. Park neighborhood. These are the wrong streets to close.

Thanks

Pat Lyons

From: [Susan Crosby](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: slow streets, quiet streets, walkable and bike-able streets
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:21:24 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members, neighbors, and friends,

Please support the Slow Streets proposal.

With its mostly level and shaded streets, our town lends itself especially well to walking and cycling. During this time of relative confinement, in the shadow of COVID19, bicycle sales are up by a factor of 6 and walking has become a form of recreation as well as a mode of transportation. **Slow streets** will encourage Napa residents to leave their cars at home, and might well become a more favored activity for visitors. We have a good start on a network of bike paths, and the slow streets measure would make our town even more appealing and handy. Or would it be footy and wheely?

The pandemic will eventually become less threatening, and, with luck, may disappear, but Climate Change will only come into clearer focus. It is the crisis of our lifetimes. Time is running out to mitigate the amount of heat we are adding to our atmosphere. The decisions, large and small, that we make today will determine the health of our natural systems and our own quality of life in the future. And not the distant future, not anymore.

Snarky, but true: **This is your Trial Apocalypse; if you don't cancel by 2030, you will be automatically enrolled in the Full Apocalypse.**

Slow streets would be a quick and easy way to reduce noise, exhaust, and dangers to pedestrians and cyclists. It would add a human dimension to our neighborhoods and make our town more appealing and unique. Please back this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,
Susan Crosby

From: Abe Gardner [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:36 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

Cc: info@napabike.org

Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ - Agenda item 5.B. - Slow Streets

[EXTERNAL]

I would like the following comment read regarding 6/16/2020 agenda item 5.B. - Slow Streets:

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If possible, please include these photos for your record, this is Luna and me just itching to ride safely downtown!

From: [Amy Gerbasi](#)
To: [Jack](#)
Cc: [civic@brownvalley.com](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING - PLEASE READ - Agenda Item 5.B. - Slow Streets
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:58:00 PM

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Abe Gardner

From: [Kit Long](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment on Slow Streets program
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:10:05 AM

[EXTERNAL]

We all understand that we must make changes to our lifestyle that create pathways for adapting to climate change, and the Slow Streets program could be a good way to experiment with some of those changes.

Thanks for your consideration, and sharing this comment at the meeting today,
Kit Long

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Supplemental Memo - Slow Streets
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:11:56 AM
Attachments: [Slow Streets Memo - June 2020 Update.pdf](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick Band <pband@napabike.org>
Subject: Supplemental Memo - Slow Streets
Date: June 16, 2020 at 8:18:02 AM PDT
To: "Techel, Jill" <jtechel@cityofnapa.org>, "Gentry, Doris" <dgentry@cityofnapa.org>, "Sedgley, Scott" <ssedgley@cityofnapa.org>, "Lueros, Mary" <mlueros@cityofnapa.org>, Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>

[EXTERNAL]

Mayor Techel & Councilmembers -

Thank you for adding a discussion of our Slow Streets program to the Council agenda for this afternoon.

Following interviews with a half dozen other communities that have adopted Slow Streets programs in the past 2 months, and our review of the Staff Report, I have drafted the attached supplemental memo, which outlines our findings and responds to some of the issues identified by staff.

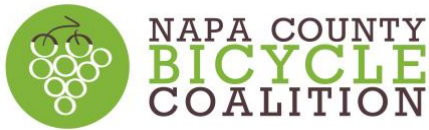
We are keenly aware that the major barrier to adoption is the unprecedented strain being placed on City resources due to the pandemic, and wish to reassure Council that NCBC is committed to being a full partner with the City to enact the Slow Streets program. To the extent that NCBC can take on elements of review and implementation of a program, we are ready and willing to do so.

Thank you for your time, dedication to our community, and consideration of our request.

Best regards,

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Patrick Band
Executive Director, Napa County Bicycle Coalition
O: (707) 258-6318. C: (707) 319-1538
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June 15, 2020

**Slow Streets Napa County
Program Update & Research**

TO: To Whom it May Concern
SUBJECT: Slow Streets Program Update & Research
FROM: Patrick Band, Executive Director

June 16, 2020 Update:

Our thanks to Mayor Techel and Council for agreeing to hear more information about our Slow Streets proposal. Since our initial request one month ago, NCBC staff have been overwhelmed by the positive show of support for this concept. Our Change.org petition requesting adoption of Slow Streets has over 900 signatures, and we have received dozens of comments from local residents expressing why Slow Streets is so vitally important to ensure that their families can safely walk and bike in Napa. Many of those individuals have also reached out to you.

NCBC staff have also prioritized a series of phone interviews with other communities that recently implemented similar programs, to better understand the opportunities and challenges they faced. Details of those interviews are shared below, and support our initial assessment that adoption of Slow Streets can be done quickly, safely, and at very low cost.

We have also heard from Council and staff that while there is broad support for this program, that the unknown costs associated with City staff time and budget make this infeasible under the current economic crisis. Recognizing the unprecedented strain on City staff and budgets, NCBC welcomes the opportunity to work closely with City staff to address any concerns about the impacts of Slow Streets, and identify possible cost savings through the use of volunteers, online tools, and the existing capacity of our organization.

Response to Staff Report:

We have had a chance to review the Staff Report, and wish to respond to several assertions to both clarify the intent behind our original request, and to further inform staff and Council based on significant work NCBC has done to evaluate the potential for implementing Slow Streets in Napa.

Our May 15th memo identified eleven corridors which we felt would warrant consideration for Slow Streets treatment. This list was developed with the intention of starting a dialogue with City staff about Slow Streets, and is neither exhaustive nor limiting. We believe that a pilot program consisting of 3-4 corridors with the lowest ADT (Average Daily Traffic) and that avoid emergency routes would give our community a chance to experience Slow Streets, as well as limit the staff burden of evaluating a longer list of possible locations.

Staff asserted that “the timing for the temporary closures of streets...has passed,” due to Napa County entering Phase 3, presumably because many locals are returning to work, and traffic volumes are increasing. Nevertheless, social distancing guidelines remain in place, many parks and trail systems continue to experience near-record levels of use, and the influx of tourists from outside the County only further support the need for neighborhood-level opportunities to get outside, be active, and limit unnecessary travel. With the recent end of the school year and severely limited opportunities for kids to participate in structured activities, safe places to be active have never been more important.

The primary objection raised by staff is one of severely limited staff time and financial resources, something we do not dispute. In an effort to minimize the burden on staff to implement Slow Streets, NCBC staff have been in touch with officials from numerous communities across California and beyond that have adopted Slow Streets or similar programs since the start of the pandemic.

Some of our learnings are outlined below, and we would be delighted to partner with the City to address any outstanding concerns, and assist in any way possible with addressing program implementation and ongoing management.

Learning From Other Communities:

NCBC contacted City staff from numerous communities, including Alameda, Redwood City, Foster City, Petaluma, and Bend (Oregon), as well as advocacy organizations that have worked with numerous other communities on implementation and ongoing maintenance of the program. Communities were selected due their rough approximation to the City of Napa in both population and density.

- *Legal Authority* – Several cities cited Vehicle Code 21101(e), which allows local authorities to close a street under their jurisdiction, “temporarily...for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when...the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.” Staff also identified existing COVID-related emergency declarations as supporting the need for and authority to enact soft closures of streets in the program.
- *Staff Hours for Implementation* – City of Alameda staff (among others) expressed concerns about limited staff capacity, and started with a pilot program with 2 streets. Estimated 10-15 hours per week to launch program, plus some ongoing maintenance needs. Foster City program (closure of 2 lanes of 4-lane collector) required 8 hours of staff time and was implemented in 3-4 days. City of Petaluma staff indicated program took “less than 20 hours” to launch, including involvement from Public Works Director, Police & Fire, and City traffic engineers.
- *Staff Hours for Ongoing Maintenance* – City of Alameda has recruited volunteers via local nonprofit to check on signs and barricades, reducing staff hours. City of Oakland has also begun working with volunteer groups. Ongoing hours largely dependent on number/length of streets in program.

- *Maintaining Emergency Access & Transit Routes* – All communities notified first responders and transit partners, but because closures do not limit access by vehicles, there were no issues identified. City of Alameda staff addressed the question of whether police would be asked to enforce the closure; absent other calls for service, closures are not actively enforced. NCBC also spoke directly with NVTa Vine Transit staff, who did not express any concerns about Slow Streets programs.
- *User Conflicts* – None of the communities surveyed identified any user conflicts, and several identified the program as reducing conflicts due to greater room for non-motorized users. All use some mix of on-street signage, social media, and website to educate community members. Redwood City includes a webform and FAQ on a dedicated webpage [here](#). Nearly all Slow Streets programs avoid commercial and retail zoned areas.
- *Public Input on Corridor Selection* – Most communities surveyed adopted a pilot program of 2-4 streets, and evaluated community feedback prior to expanding, using that feedback to inform location of future Slow Streets. City of Oakland was the outlier, adopting 74 miles of current and planned neighborhood bikeways (Class III) for their program. NCBC was unable to identify any jurisdiction that went through a Committee/Commission process prior to program rollout.
- *Community Feedback* – City of Petaluma expressed “huge support” and comments from many community members to adopt some version of program permanently. City of Alameda has received over 800 responses to an online survey, with “lots of positive feedback.” Foster City identified that walkers “appreciate the feeling of safety.” All agencies identified continued engagement with residents via online tools and social media as central elements of program success.

In summary, we believe that an 8-week Slow Streets Pilot Program of 3 to 4 streets can be implemented by the City of Napa with a total staff time investment of less than 30 hours, and less than 10 hours per week of ongoing staff time, divided across several departments. With the exception of printed signage, no new purchases would be required to implement the program, as Public Works already has an ample supply a-frame barricades, traffic cones, and other traffic control equipment. And based on our research, we believe a program could be implemented within 7-10 days.

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Napa County Bicycle Coalition Slow Streets Initiative
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:12:27 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: DIANA MEEHAN [REDACTED]
Subject: Napa County Bicycle Coalition Slow Streets Initiative
Date: June 16, 2020 at 8:20:46 AM PDT
To: mlueros@cityofnapa.org
Reply-To: DIANA MEEHAN <[REDACTED]>

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Councilmember Lueros,

We are all facing unusual and difficult times and one simple, healthy way to clear the weight of our thoughts is to go outside for a walk. Sadly, many neighborhoods in the City of Napa don't even have sidewalks to walk on and are forced to walk in the street, or if they do have sidewalks, they are so narrow in order to keep a safe distance to comply with public health orders, they have no choice but to use the streets.

What the Napa County Bicycle Coalition is requesting is a soft closure of a small number of streets to allow more space for people to get outside and maintain a healthy distance from others without the fear of a speeding vehicle. Many cities across the nation and several in the Bay Area have stepped up to manage this situation by implementing slow streets in their cities.

While City staff is ultimately concerned over finances and focusing on staff shortages and managing their current workloads and projects, Slow Streets does not have to be expensive, nor would it require significant staff time. Under the lead of the Napa County Bicycle Coalition and local neighborhood volunteers and community organizations, soft street closures could be easily implemented under the guidance of the city. The coalition is not asking for full street closures as suggested in the staff report, but rather soft closures to still allow local residents, city services and public safety through.

While there are fewer cars on the roads today, speeds have become significantly higher due to less traffic. School campuses and parks are closed and many people who live in multi unit housing are not afforded the luxury of having their own yards to get outside in.

Please consider working with the Napa County Bicycle Coalition to implement Slow Streets in Napa.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Diana Meehan



From: [Roberta Goodin](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:02:02 AM

[EXTERNAL]

My name is Roberta Goodin. As a former Library Commissioner, and Founder of NapaLit, Your Literacy Connection, as well as other literacy-support activities, I want to support the Napa Slow Streets Program. All the children of Napa should be able to play safely on our streets. I enjoy walking several times a day, but am slow needing to use a cane for stability. I love walking outdoors, as do other senior citizens whom I see walking. At a time when we are working to reduce gas emissions, it makes no sense to plan for streets conducive to more and faster vehicles.

From: [Linda Brown](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:21:21 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members and staff,

My name is Linda Brown. I have lived in downtown Napa for 21 years with my husband, and it was here that we raised two daughters. I want to strongly raise my voice in support of the Slow Streets Program. Here are a few reasons why:

Having lived in San Francisco and the East Bay, where traffic can be unbearable, I was anxious to get out of my car when I moved to Napa. We purposely chose this neighborhood, a few blocks from downtown and Fuller Park, so that we could walk or bicycle to just about everything. Our kids regularly walked or biked to school, setting up healthy habits that will last them a lifetime.

One of the scariest days was the call we got that our daughter had been hit by a careless driver while riding her bike. Fortunately, it was a slow-motion accident, and the injuries were minor, but it was a wake-up call that we need to do more in this city to promote safe bicycling and walking.

Another factor impacting cyclists is the debris that gets tossed out of moving cars or dropped off the back of pick-up trucks. If you've ever bicycled in this city, you've seen for yourself how this debris, which includes everything from broken bottles to screws and bolts, collects on the sides of the road surface where we are supposed to ride, threatening to puncture tires or worse.

A third issue is the number of times I've seen speeding cars race through the neighborhood to avoid main thoroughfares. Stop signs help, but there's more we can do.

Finally, the pollution from our cars is everyone's responsibility. It not only diminishes our air quality and makes life miserable for asthmatics and others with respiratory difficulties, but it contributes directly to climate change. We have an urgent need to address these issues.

The Slow Streets Program is a simple, low-cost step toward sanity. The initial proposed scope will encourage safe walking and bicycling in neighborhoods throughout the city. My hope is that this scope will be expanded over time to encourage even greater active transportation access. I would also like to see the program extended into the downtown shopping district. Research demonstrates the connection between slow streets and increased retail foot traffic, which could be a boon to our economy in this tough time. And the large majority of residents in other cities who have adopted Slow Streets initiatives remain in strong support of these measures.

Please adopt the proposal. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Linda Brown

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From: [Jeremy](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:59:42 AM

[EXTERNAL]

This is in regard to agenda item **5B: Slow Streets Program.**

Hello, my name is Jeremy Mostafanejad. I have two young children, and since the beginning of the shelter-in-place, we have found ourselves enjoying Napa by bicycle much more often. The slow streets proposal is an exciting one because with little to no cost, it provides safe alternatives to typically busy thoroughfares. This program would provide greater peace of mind during our rides and allow a safer space for the kids to work on their bike handling and safety skills. I think that this proposal is a great compromise because it does not completely stop vehicle traffic; residents, construction, delivery, and emergency vehicles would all still be able to reach their destinations. It simply places a visible deterrent to through-traffic which would limit the number of vehicles traveling these routes. I encourage the City Council to consider the potential long-term benefits of a slow streets program in making our streets safer for everyone.

Thank You,

Jeremy

From: [Carlotta Sainato](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment to Council for June 16, 2020 Meeting - Item 5.B.
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:40:30 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Techel and Councilmembers,

My name is Carlotta Sainato, and I am the Program Coordinator at the Napa County Bicycle Coalition. Thank you for considering our Slow Streets Napa proposal on this afternoon's agenda. I am greatly appreciative of the work you do to serve the City of Napa and its residents.

I am writing today in support of the Slow Streets proposal. Implementing this program would have numerous benefits for our community. In partially closing a selection of residential streets to through traffic, this program provides the necessary space for residents to maintain a safe social distance while recreating or commuting by bicycle or foot. It prioritizes residents' health and wellbeing by creating an active space that immediately serves them while greatly reducing the risk of traffic conflicts. This is especially impactful now that schools have been released for summer vacation and students are home with extremely limited summer activity opportunities. By encouraging the utilization of active transportation, this program may also contribute to greenhouse gas reduction by decreasing the number of vehicle trips taken.

Several communities, both in the Bay Area and nationwide, have successfully piloted and expanded similar programs, with the majority of responses being positive in many of those communities. With over 900 signatures on the Change.org petition in support of Slow Streets, I believe Napa Slow Streets would see similar feedback. This program is low-cost, largely utilizing materials already available to the City and requiring little maintenance, easy to implement, and benefits our community without hindering emergency response or public transit. Consequently, its adoption would have a positive impact on the Napa community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: [Dave Kearney-Brown](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to be read aloud during the public comment section of the City council agenda
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:04:43 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Council Members,

My name is David Kearney-Brown and I live here in the City of Napa. Biking and walking are my main forms of transportation.

I bike and walk because it is healthy, saves money and, most importantly, I feel strongly that it is a significant way that I and all of the residents of Napa can help to solve the currently unfolding global climate emergency.

I urge you to take the science to heart-we are running out of time to solve the climate crisis. We must act now. This plan will make biking and walking easier and safer for the citizens of Napa, and for visitors. It is the right thing to do, at the right time.

Please move forward with the Slow Streets proposal.

Sincerely,
David Kearney-Brown

From: [Sharon Sanguinetti](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Slow Streets
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:35:08 PM

[EXTERNAL]

I am in favor of the bicycle coalitions proposal for slow streets please give this strong consideration. We all need to help fight climate change and promote alternative transportation. Thank you Sharon Sanguinetti 1138 La Homa Dr Napa

Sent from my iPad

From: [Joel King](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to Council for June 16, 2020 meeting- please read
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:41:10 PM

[EXTERNAL]

For Item 5.B Slow Streets

As a long time city of Napa resident, I support the plan for slow streets. I live on a street in the city with no sidewalks. During the Corona virus shutdown, I have noticed many more people walking and riding their bikes on the streets. I often see families with small children walking and riding on the streets. Many drivers are driving safely, but not all of them are. I have seen a lot more cars going well over the speed limit, and I have even seen drivers doing doughnuts on residential streets. We need to provide safe places for people to walk and ride bikes in Napa. Many other cities have done this with no problems. This plan will provide safe places for people, including children, to be active. It will also encourage more people to walk and ride their bikes. We can start life-long habits for people to change their transportation methods by doing this, and this is very important while climate change is causing all kinds of problems.

Please support the plan to provide slow streets in Napa.

Joel King

