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Owner/Occupant
Street Address
San Carlos, CA 94070

Subject: Notice of Intent to Establish a Pedestrian Mall on the 700 Block of Laurel Street

Dear Owner/Occupant,

On April 24, 2023, the San Carlos City Council directed staff to move forward with a bold vision to transform the 700 block of Laurel Street into a plaza, thereby paving the way for a more pedestrian friendly downtown. On August 28, after a series of community workshops, surveys, and stakeholder meetings, the Council adopted Resolution 2023-108 (attached for your reference) to close the 700 Block of Laurel Street to vehicular traffic. For more information about this process, I encourage you to visit www.sancarlosdowntownplan.com.

As a next step, the Council recently initiated the process to establish a pedestrian mall on the 700 Block of Laurel Street, between Cherry and Olive Streets, under the authority granted to the City Council by the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960. ("Pedestrian Mall Law") (See Street and Highways Code Section 11000 et seq.) Read the full text of the Pedestrian Mall Law available at www.cityofsancarlos.org/pedestrianmall.

Public Hearing

You are receiving this letter to inform you that the City Council will hold a public hearing on this matter on **November 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** at San Carlos City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 Elm Street, San Carlos, California. Participation and instructions will be available on the agenda, which will be posted online by November 22, 2023, in compliance with the Brown Act, at www.cityofsancarlos.org/agenda.

Protests and Objections

Prior to the time set for the hearing, any interested person may, individually or with others, file with the City Clerk, written objection to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall. Any protest or objection may be withdrawn at any time by written notice of the withdrawal filed with the City Clerk.

At the November 27, 2023, Public Hearing, the City Council will hear protests and objections to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall from those holding any legal or equitable interest in any real property concerning the establishment of the pedestrian mall.

Pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Law, if the owners of lands abutting on the proposed pedestrian mall representing a majority of the frontage on the proposed pedestrian mall make written objection to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall, the City Council must terminate the proceedings, unless a sufficient number of protests are withdrawn in writing.

All protests and objections must be in writing to the City Clerk and provide the following information for determination of the required vote threshold:

1. Property owner name(s) and title
2. Building address(es) or Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN's)
3. A statement under penalty of perjury that the owner has authority to vote on the proposed pedestrian mall

Claims

Persons owning, or having any legal or equitable interest in, any real property which might suffer legal damage by reason of the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall may file with the clerk of the legislative body a written claim of damages. Such written claim must describe the real property as to which the claim is made, must state the exact nature of the claimant's interest therein, must state the nature of the claimed damage thereto, and must state the amount of damages claimed. The failure to file such written claim within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for damages or compensation and shall operate as a bar to subsequent action seeking to prevent the establishment of said pedestrian mall or to recover damages on account of such establishment. The filing of such claim shall operate as a bar in any subsequent action to the recovery of any damages or compensation in excess of the amount stated in such claim. Any such claim may be withdrawn by the claimant at any time by written withdrawal.

Public comment from any and all interested parties is also welcome.

All objections, claims, and protests must be received by the **City Clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on November 27, 2023**. Please email, mail, or hand deliver the letters to the **City Clerk at 600 Elm Street, San Carlos, CA, 94070**. Note - all protests, objections and claims will be posted and available for public inspection on the City's website at www.cityofsancarlos.org/pedestrianmall.

If you have any questions regarding the pedestrian mall or would like to discuss the impact on your property, please contact Emily Marden, Administrative Assistant, at (650) 802-4204.

For questions regarding submitting a public comment , claim or protest letter, you may contact City Clerk Crystal Mui at cmui@cityofsancarlos.org, or by phone at (650) 802-4219.

Sincerely,

Steven Machida,
San Carlos Public Works Director

Enclosed: Resolution 2023-108