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**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Suja Lowenthal](#)  
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Please add to council agenda.

Dear Council & Staff,

The outdoor dining decks have not only helped our local restaurants and retailers continue their recovery from the pandemic, they also have added a new vital social dynamic to our beautiful community.

There are costs to both businesses and the City. The staff recommendation of \$2/foot seems fair for the high traffic Pier Plaza businesses. I would encourage you to consider a staggered approach, \$2/square foot for Pier Plaza and \$1/square foot for businesses on Hermosa and Pier Ave. where foot traffic has never been as high.

It is energizing to walk up Pier Avenue and find friends and neighbors enjoying a glass of wine and acoustic music at Uncorked and adjourning to Hermosa Brewing Co. for dinner as the sun sets over the Pacific. The added space on Pier Plaza makes it easier to find a table and has had zero negative impact on the public experience. I commend all of you for your continued support of this important change that is one of the few long-term benefits that have come from the trauma we survived.

The extended patios are not just helping the restaurants recover from the pandemic, they are helping us as residents too!

Sincerely,

Raymond Dussault