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Subject: New eComment for City Council Hybrid Meeting - Face masks required for all in-person attendance (Closed Session - 5:00 P.M. and Open Session - 6:00 P.M.), Duly Posted on October 22, 2021 at 8:35 a.m. by E.S.
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dean francois submitted a new eComment.

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Item: b. REPORT 21-0633 STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS FOR TEMPORARY EXPANDED OUTDOOR DINING AND RETAIL AND TEMPORARY LANE RECONFIGURATIONS IMPLEMENTED TO HELP BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (Environmental Program Manager Doug Krauss)

eComment: There's no question people want outside dining and restaurants are happy to have it provided. The real question is what the taxpayers are willing to pay and what the dining establishments are willing to contribute to continue this and make it more permanent. Certainly more established restaurants could afford it but many can only handle it is if it continues as a public gift. Any decisions that are made must be in the best interest of the residents. I am particularly disturbed by the unequitable distribution of free space given to establishments on the plaza. The largest restaurant has been provided the most unfair allocation of public space. There is one area that has been taken over with TV's and permanent equipment not even providing a safe passage for the public. Meanwhile thanks to the many efforts of our volunteers, the proposed massive hotel has been as a minimum put to a halt and the new Vista restaurant is opening on the plaza complete on their property complying with their new permit. This is a wonderful time for the future of our public plaza. Hopefully the continued use of outside covid funding can help us through this transition. The issue of lane configurations needs to be separated from the outdoor dining. Outdoor dining is using parking spaces and lane configurations are using streets and you can have one without the other. Further improvements need to be done made to address the increased traffic on our side streets which has been noted

by the traffic engineering reports.

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