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**To:** [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: EXTENSION OF INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CITY'S TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING AND LANE RECONFIGURATION  
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On the west side of Hermosa Avenue, NONE of those businesses on that side opted to use the street for outdoor dining (none were surveyed prior before the expense of striping?).

I had used Hermosa Avenue to travel to South Hermosa as to pickup food. Hermosa Avenue became congested as down to just one vehicle travel lane, I then travel to and from South Hermosa via Monterey Avenue.

I used to order food for pick-up from Downtown Hermosa, but since no parking there I stopped ordering. So businesses that needed my business lost it. Though on NEXTDOOR were some that loved how Downtown was re-designed, with even those suggesting to pick up food via bicycle, but how does one carry a 20" pizza box on a bicycle? You can't. I then ordering from AMECI'S Manhattan Beach, as they with a parking lot. They with a 2nd best pizza, though Downtown Hermosa with a #1 best. Downtown Hermosa being 5 minutes via vehicle, or 20 minutes on foot - the pizza would be cold when getting it home if walking for it.

The west side of Hermosa Avenue should be put back to 2 traffic lanes southbound as soon as possible as no outdoor dining there. That would help with the present traffic congestion.

Locals on NEXTDOOR voicing how long it taking them to do what had been easy travels.

I would hope for the east side of Hermosa Avenue to also go back to 2 traffic lanes/no dining as soon as possible, so those of us who order food for pick-up can start patronizing those businesses again, as we then are able to park.

Best yet, of outdoor dining is really needed, have part of Parking Lot A with eating tables and trash barrels. ALL restaurants offering "to-go" boxes (banners in their windows announcing such), the patrons taking them to the outdoor tables or a restaurant runner delivering them. The restaurants pulling together for a table cleaner (or each restaurant assigning a worker for a shift). Similar on how the tables at the Food Court for the fairs are managed.

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Dear City Council  
Dear Environmental Analyst Krauss  
Dear City Clerk  
Dear Planning Commission

**Ref: Item XIV.b of the 5/24 City Council meeting agenda and Staff Report 22-0333**

I read the 6 or 7 documents included in the staff report (22-0333) and it certainly did not answer any substantive questions about the CEQA process that I have been asking for over a year AND that should have been answered before the first extension was granted more than a year ago.

That the city is asking for another \$60k and it can't or won't answer questions about when the initial study will be complete, will a full EIR be done, what is the budget for the CEQA process, what format will public hearings take (i.e. will residents be able to ask questions as well as followup questions of staff like with the North School EIR or will the city attempt to mute our concerns by limiting us to a 3 minute comment period and so on.

**Moreover, staff report 22-0333 and the accompanying documents used the word "TEMPORARY" over 225 times and every one of those times was a bold-faced lie.**

The city knows damn well it is using every trick in the book to avoid a meaningful CEQA analysis of the potential significant direct and indirect impacts of the lane reduction project on vulnerable neighborhoods with collector roads and it knows damn well it is attempting entrench these changes with one temporary extension after another.

225+ times our city leaders have lied to us by implying these changes were TEMPORARY and a steady stream of lies have been coming out of your mouths for almost 2 years now.

**The temporary designation was just a bold-faced manipulative lie.**

**It's as simple as that!**

To date the city has used a temporary six month extension "*game*" to delay the CEQA analysis for the outdoor dining project, the lane closure project and the bicycle lane project.

I call it a "*game*" because everyone knew from the outset the city had no intention of making these projects **temporary** and everyone knows the city used the temporary designation to unnecessarily delay the CEQA analysis and **entrench** these projects.

Mr. Krauss you promised a full update on the CEQA project in the upcoming 5/24 council meeting.

Nothing in staff report 22-0333 comes close to a detailed CEQA update.

Residents in vulnerable neighborhoods have a right to hear the detail of the CEQA plan before the council votes on any extension but apparently you and the city manager don't share this view.

Thank You  
Anthony Higgins