

From: [Ruth Malengo](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: State street
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:28:09 PM

EXTERNAL

I know there are a lot of different options about state street.

I wanted you to know my opinion.

I think the parklets are ugly and I miss the parades that go down state street.

I like to eat outside so I understand the appeal but is it fair to destroy non restaurant business and the look of our beautiful city.

We just returned from trip to Mexico and their areas for the most part in tourist areas are very neat without homeless and bikers that aren't considerate. I didn't see outside eating that distorted the beauty.

Have you stood in the daytime looking up from Haley or walked down the street in the daytime. It's ugly.

Please reconsider the parklets and the closing to vehicles.

Ruth Malengo
2433 Calle Andalucia
Santa Barbara, Ca 93455
805 708-5847

Sent from my iPhonei

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Kandler](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Parklets
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023 1:12:57 PM

[Some people who received this message don't often get email from rjkandler@gmail.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

EXTERNAL

While most cities are realizing the pandemic is over and it's time to remove what was a temporary fix to ease fears about indoor dining , Santa Barbara is determined to push pandemic fears. The parklets must stay for the next variant surely will surge any day! , they cry! Our city council is an embarrassment!!! These parklets are an eyesore and a blight on our once beautiful downtown. We spend our money at any restaurant NOT on State St and without a parklet. What's wrong with tables and umbrellas on the sidewalk.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ernest Salomon](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Cc: [Kristen Sneddon](#); jean@independent.com; nick@independent.com
Subject: Are You People Nuts?
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023 2:35:47 PM

EXTERNAL

The first option would have a flat monthly charge of \$5 per square foot for space directly in front of the business and a gradually increasing rate for additional space beyond the frontage. If a business parklet were to stretch 100-200 percent beyond its frontage, the cost would be \$7.50 per square foot, and \$10 per square foot if the parklet stretched more than 200 percent beyond.

CRAZY!

From: [CM Powers](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Whatever has happened to our lovely State Street?
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:41:01 PM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from cm.powers@live.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL

Dear Mayor Rowse and Council Members,

We would like to start off by saying that we appreciate you, and your willingness to step up to try to guide the City of Santa Barbara in these difficult times; thank you.

Long-time residents of nearly everywhere are often prone to remember “better days”; sometimes it is warranted, but at other times it is perhaps a misremembering of the actualities. Sadly, in the case of Santa Barbara, it is warranted. The structural and physical layout of Santa Barbara is beautiful. Rich and poor alike are able to enjoy the sun, the sea, the beauty and the historic architecture, all for free.

What has changed is the ability to shop, to dine, to walk freely, and to breathe deeply without gagging, on State Street in downtown Santa Barbara.

Attempting to patronize downtown merchants has become an exercise in endurance.

The stench of urine hits you at every step of the filthy sidewalks and street. The bushes and shrubbery contain far worse. Many locals no longer walk downtown with their young families, to spare them the crude comments of aggressive homeless hangouts on the sidewalks. The large number of shuttered and papered-over storefronts is another reason people have ceased patronage of downtown businesses. Many locals and returning visitors have taken their purchasing power elsewhere. And the magic and sparkle of State Street at night has been gone for quite some time now.

Residents of Hope Ranch and Montecito, supported by extreme wealth, once upon a time would head for downtown Santa Barbara to shop and patronize the many cafes and restaurants there; this is no longer the case. And for regular working families, be they blue collar or professional, what is left but the beautiful weather and the beach, to justify the high cost of living in Santa

Barbara, when they have a difficult time just being able to enjoy their downtown area?

Even for tourists – how much longer will downtown State Street in Santa Barbara be a destination vacation if it continues to end where the underpass begins? The advent of cruise ship arrivals in Santa Barbara was initially a hopeful boon for local business; now however, when these passengers disembark, as they head up State Street, once the top destination for both locals and tourists, the stuff of shopping dreams – they now find a dirty, sometimes dangerous area to navigate. What impression of Santa Barbara and State Street will they take away from their holiday? What will they tell others who might be planning to visit?

We would like to propose some potential solutions to mitigate the aforementioned negative aspects of what has transpired with State Street:

- Create a single one-way lane of traffic going *down* State Street to the ocean.
- All parklets *located in the street* should be on the *left side only* of State Street down to the ocean.
- All barricades should be removed.
- Safety posts should be installed at parklets to prevent accidental vehicle contact.
- Provide more bicycle patrol officers on State Street.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Lee Hood and Mary Powers

“Don’t waste electricity, paper, food. Live the way you want to live, but just don’t waste. Look after the natural world, and the animals in it and the plants in it too; this is their planet as well as ours.”
-- Sir David Attenborough

From: [Judy Flanagan](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [Community Development ABRsecretary](#)
Subject: Parklets
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:51:06 PM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from flan2002@yahoo.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL

Dear Mayer Randy Rouse, Santa Barbara City Council members, and Architectural Board of Review members,

I am writing in response to the news that city fees that will be imposed on businesses with parklets. Since these businesses will now be paying fees, it seems that parklets are here to stay with their current run-down, ramshackle appearance. This is unfortunate. The Architectural Board of Review has always done a phenomenal job keeping Santa Barbara beautiful. I'm wondering why I haven't seen a response from the Board regarding the parklets. The ramshackle look of the parklets is destroying the beauty of State Street's buildings and landscape. If the parklets are here to stay, there needs to be a cohesive design in keeping with the high standards the Architectural Board of Review requires. What is the Board's response to parklet design?

Sincerely,
Judy Flanagan

From: [John Burnett](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Concerned citizen and business owner
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 7:51:35 AM

[Some people who received this message don't often get email from info@hookandpressdonuts.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

EXTERNAL

To the mayor and City Council,

What are we doing to combat the recent string of vandalism downtown? Businesses are having windows broken on an almost daily basis. It feels like nothing is being done. It would be good if any of you could come on the news to address this and tell us what is happening. This is not a time for committees to be formed or to have long talks about how to first approach this lawlessness. The way I see it is we either add more cops to the downtown and areas at night, or purchase a camera system to monitor every street. But before any of that we need to hear from you. We feel like we have been left to fend for ourselves which is troubling. What's the plan to tackle this problem now?

Thank you for your time.

From: [JUSTIN GUNN](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Written Comment for "Create State" Master Plan, Jan 24
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 9:04:43 PM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from justin.gunn@me.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL

Attn: Santa Barbara City Council

Re: The State Street Cruiseway - A Vision for Safe Coexistence

Greetings,

My name is Justin Gunn and I am a homeowner here in downtown Santa Barbara. I'm also a filmmaker and an artist and I proudly serve on the boards of TV Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Summer Solstice Parade & Festival. I am also the organizer of the monthly light up, art-focused bike ride, Night Cycles.

I am here today because I had the great privilege of participating in the recent Create State workshops. I want to give special thanks to the City and the Friends of State Street organization for providing the platform for the public to engage in the process of envisioning the future of State Street.

As an avid cyclist who utilizes the State Street Promenade on a daily basis to access both retail shopping and dining, I most appreciate being able to engage in the simple pleasure of "cruising" on my bike down the Promenade, where I can see and be seen by my friends and neighbors, stopping to chat and connect along the way. "Cruising" on State Street is a time honored tradition here in Santa Barbara - albeit one that used to involve motor vehicles. I believe that this same functionality can be reimagined for the modern era in a way that embraces the myriad modes of non-motor vehicle transportation increasingly being enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike, all while keeping pedestrians safely separated.

One of the concepts that came out of the Create State workshop in which I participated was the idea of a slow speed, meandering pathway with a constantly curving design that would prevent anything more than a slow "cruising speed." Such a pathway could be wide enough to accommodate the needs of emergency vehicles while also providing enough room in both directions to allow for the safe coexistence of everything from parents with strollers & kids on big wheels, walkers & joggers, wheelchairs & mobility scooters, roller skaters & rollerbladers, bicycles & tricycles and yes, personal electric vehicles like One Wheels & e-bikes.

This pathway - what I am calling a "Cruiseway" - would be interrupted every half block to allow for pedestrian crossing, further slowing the speed of those traveling along it. At each crossing, bike racks and BCycle stalls would allow for easy access to businesses along the route. Public pedicabs could also be envisioned - perhaps styled to resemble classic horse carriages from throughout Santa Barbara's history.

I believe that fresh ideas like this will help to set the State Street Master Plan apart from

anything that has come before and further establish Santa Barbara as a forward thinking city that embraces new, environmentally friendly and healthier forms of transportation in a way that honors the social tradition of “cruising down State Street.”

As such, a multi-modal State Street Cruiseway would serve as a fun destination experience in its own right - “Come to Santa Barbara and ride along the Cruiseway!”

I bring this idea to your attention today with the hope that it be tested as a candidate solution for the safe coexistence of pedestrians and all other forms of personal mobility as part of the development of the State Street Master Plan.

Thank you very much.

-Justin Gunn

From: [Jay Parker](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Crime on State St and in downtown Santa Barbara . For Council Meeting 1/24/23.
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:28:01 AM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from jpsmrlnr@msn.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL

Dear Sirs – As a long time Santa Barbara area resident, and frequent downtown lunchtime visitor, I have witnessed numerous crimes in downtown Santa Barbara, particularly on State St. These crimes include public urination, public defecation, and indecent exposure, sometimes in broad daylight at High Noon. I have personally witnessed assault, vandalism, and the shouting of obscenities, racial epithets, and slurs, all during the lunch hour. I have witnessed out of town tourists stepping over the bodies of people on the sidewalk, who are passed out in their own filth. Some of these tourists appeared to be expressing disgust in a foreign language, sometimes holding their noses. I have witnessed awful disgusting things, things that cannot be unseen. I have smelled smells, that cannot be unsmelled (Is that a word?). It should be. I have seen children who are exposed to these things clinging to their parents in fear. Many people who have spent any time on State St. recently have witnessed many of the same things. People who have witnessed these things do not typically describe these crimes in the detail that I have. They just politely say.... “Oh, I don’t go downtown anymore”. What happened to the enforcement of existing laws on State St.? Crime seems to have increased dramatically in Santa Barbara in the last couple of years. What can be done to simply enforce the laws that are already on the books? Is this really the Santa Barbara that we want to live in? Thank You – Jay parker, PO Box 771, Summerland, Ca. 93067

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Kristen Santiago](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Westside: Parking, Driving, Traffic & more crime
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:20:30 PM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from kristen121648@yahoo.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

EXTERNAL

Mayor
Council Members
City Clerk

PARKING:

I am very concerned about the state of the Westside currently I have lived in the 1300 block of Chino St for almost 40 yrs (and was born in Santa Barbara). We need some sort of permit parking to control the flow of traffic and people in our neighborhood People park and leave their cars in front of my house or other houses in the area for a week at a time...Or they come, park, leave cars and are off to work. There are so many cars here. One house renting out rooms has 7 cars. My renter can't find parking most of the time. I've had people threaten me who were parked in my driveway. That was a yr ago. I believe they were under the influence of some narcotic. They had left their brand new car and went off across the street, most likely doing drugs. I had to call dispatch and speak to the officer of the day As I am talking on the phone to the officer on patrol They came running from across the street screaming and yelling at me "you cunt...Get off the phone..What are you doing?..You'll see. You cunt" And went speeding off I didn't follow up with this incident and I should have. I no longer speak to anyone who lives in that house as they pretended they never saw anything & all the sudden they didn't speak English, (although they know I speak Spanish). I was a little intimidated too since I have worked in law enforcement; so I was worried about revenge etc. More recently maybe 2 months ago Someone parked in my driveway and I managed to calling the

parking dispatch. He came & instead of issuing a ticket & towing him He walked around & found him. He was a gardener I guess & made him move and gave him a break. I was not happy. These are just my stories but there are other people on the street they have had issues. I have talked with them. Please assist me/us to get a permit in front our homes.

CROSSWALK:

I also want to advocate for a crosswalk & stop sign or a stoplight between Chino And Sola. That is a very dangerous corner and there have been many traffic accidents there. I know the Day Care across the street would be very supportive. And probably every resident that lives on or adjacent to this part of Chino Street.

CRIME:

Recently, in fact last week the middle of 1300 blocked off to top of 1400 was all blocked off because SBPD was investigating a major crime. I get it, it's important. It caused a lot of consternation as no one knew why they were doing this etc. It now turns out part of WS Gang was in a house up there and the swat team was called. They were the killers of the innocent bystander from the wharf on Dec 9. I am glad they were located and arrested. But it goes to show you how volatile the neighborhood is becoming. I know there are other minor incidents my neighbors have told me about, that happened to them at heir individual residences.

I would be willing to meet with whomever about these issues. Just a thought: I'm thinking reducing the number of cars would certainly make this spot on the Westside more climate friendly...

Thank you for taking the time to read and digest my email

PS I will be around until Feb 18th or so as I go to Arizona to see grandkids

Kristen A Santiago
1315 Chino Street
Santa Barbara CA

93101-4749

805 680 4031 (Mobile)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows