

**From:** JAMES BELFORD [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:30:02 PM

**To:** Nachbar, John [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Main Street Closure

Dear Mr. Nachbar,

Our names are James and Ann Belford we own [REDACTED] Main Street, which has been in the family for 60 plus years. Only recently the Main Street plaza plan has come to our attention. Without parking on Main St. this would make it extremely difficult for any disabled or elderly persons to access any of the businesses on Main St. This seems to be disregarding the very foundation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is a federal law. I have multiple sclerosis which would make it virtually impossible for me to access my own property. This would also effect all the other businesses who's clientele falls in the same category. We would think the easiest and least expensive way to address this situation is to allow parking on Main Street. Just adding additional

disabled spaces in the parking structures does not solve the problem, it seems that it would fly in the face of the true meaning of the law.

This plans seems to be rushed through without any of the landlords or tenants being shown any plans or even drawings of this project. The fact that half the street is L.A. (Bagley) and the other half Main St. which is Culver City, how does L.A. feel about this? They get parking and we don't?

Thanking you in advance for your response.

Sincerely,

James and Ann Belford



## New eComment for BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE on 2022-02-17 6:00 PM - Special Meeting

Darrel Menthe submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE on 2022-02-17 6:00 PM - Special Meeting

Item: A-7. 22-776 Receive a Presentation on Options for the Closure of Main Street, Between Culver Boulevard and the City Boundary South of Venice Boulevard.

eComment: As President of the Culver City Downtown Business Association, I want to urge you to listen to the comments of the downtown restaurants and other businesses that are most affected by street access issues. The DBA supports installation of hydraulic bollards for safety and aesthetic reasons. The DBA supports the creation of a pedestrian plaza every weekend. I also support staff's recommendation to City Council on 1/24/2022 for vehicular traffic on weekdays with expanded on-street weekday dining (parklets). Washington Boulevard between Ince and Irving was turned into a large pedestrian zone now called Town Plaza. There is not sufficient residential density to support an additional full-time pedestrian space downtown, but there is enough consumer interest to support it on weekends. On weekday afternoons, the space is empty. The conditions that supported full-time closure no longer apply. Access to the garage at the Culver Steps is also critical. We want to encourage traffic to be routed down Venice and Main, not Culver Boulevard, in keeping with the Move Culver City project. Staff's recommendation does not suit those who wish Main Street to return to pre-pandemic condition but it is an excellent compromise that creates an amazing weekend pedestrian space we have never had before! - Darrel Menthe -Darrel Menthe

**Subject:** Fw: Public Comment for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**Date:** February 16, 2022 at 11:39 AM

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**From:** Ali Lexa

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:38 AM

**To:** Public Comment at Culver City

**Cc:** Clerk, City

**Subject:** Public Comment for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Hi,

I would have liked to attend your Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting on Thu Feb 17th but I have a work related obligation.

If I could contribute an important observation that would be great.

My Comment:

Please consider removing the dedicated "Bike" lights.

As a cyclist who rides along Washington Blvd in the "Arts District" on a daily basis I would like to point out that the dedicated "Bike" traffic lights are unnecessary. Bicycles go when the pedestrian lights are green and when the traffic lights are green. 90% of the time I see the Bike lights turn on when there are no bikes, this makes each light cycle longer than it needs to be. You have cars and pedestrians standing and waiting needlessly. Also, at the intersections where the bike lights are, you can only see them if you are looking straight into the light. There is not nearly enough bike traffic to justify a dedicated light. I observe almost all cyclists, including myself crossing with the green traffic light and pedestrian light.

Thank you, Ali Lexa

**Subject:** Fwd: Elenda and Bike Lanes  
**Date:** February 16, 2022 at 4:16 PM

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**From:** Lorri Horn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:08:33 PM  
**To:** Public Comment at Culver City [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Elenda and Bike Lanes

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that there is a meeting scheduled to once again address the issue of a bike lane on Elenda Street from Culver down to the school.

As a resident on that street, I remain opposed to that proposal for the following reasons:

1. We do not have driveways as part of our zoning and parking is already an issue due to that and our shared time with the school during school hours
2. We look out our windows and this is our home. We moved in knowing we live across from a school as our "view" but I do not wish to have more distractions than the large "Frost Theater" signs the big electronic marquees out my living room window. Pylons and cones are unsightly. This is my home.
3. The Ballona path is accessible in other ways that do not require restructuring Elenda
4. A bike bath on Elenda during school traffic hours is ill-thought out given the high density of cars and the low numbers of bike riders. Kids riding to school could have a path another direction with a street that has driveways if that's what is needed for kids. The argument that if you build the bike path they will come has not proven true based on the Roll to school campaign's efforts which made a very small dent in the cars and density of traffic despite a large campaign, signs, and effort. Children need a safe place to ride and it's not with cars rushing to get to work, honking their horns, and sharing the road with them. Give kids another entrance to school for their bike path from the cars.
5. On the weekends when we have no school traffic, the density of traffic is low enough combined with a lack of drive ways means that there is no need or justification for a bike lane when weighed against the above issues as they impact neighbors and the environment.

We are not opposed to bikes. We ride bikes. Our kids ride bikes. We opposed a bike lane here though.

Thank you for your time and concern,

Lorri Horn  
[REDACTED]

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Bubba Fish submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I am writing to express my opposition to re-introducing car traffic on main street. I have experienced a nearly two year experiment on this subject already. Main street has been closed to cars for a year and a half, and the results have been extremely positive. A lively street for people walking, biking, and dining. My friends and I now patronize Main Street businesses much more frequently than we ever did, simply due to the fact that there is ample public space to enjoy. The consequences of reintroducing cars on this street even during the week is not only that Culver City will lose its only remaining car-free street. It will also lose quite a bit of public space, character, and charisma. The idea that it must be open to allow cars to access the Culver Steps garage is a fallacy. The garage is already fully accessible from all directions on Washington Blvd. Introducing yet another direction and sacrifice this wonderful community amenity for parking access that was placed there despite protests from the community would be yet another historic mistake. Please continue moving us forward by introducing more car-free streets, not taking away the only one we have.

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George Plato submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: My name is George Plato. I am the property owner of 3830 Main St and 3835-3837 Main St.. I am against the permanent closing of Main Street, as are my tenants. It took us so long to turn Downtown Culver City from a ghost town to a destination that people want to come to. Now with the gridlock on Culver Blvd. , which is awful, people are going to go elsewhere to eat ,shop, etc. and all the businesses are suffering. Open up Main Street and put the parking spaces back ,it will give people another way to navigate thru downtown. Also it will help the businesses on Main Street to have vehicles to drive down the street and see what is there .If you permanently close it businesses will continue to suffer and close. Also trying to attract new businesses to rent the vacant stores on Main Street will be impossible under these conditions you close Main Street. Closing for the Farmers Market and Special Events is fine. We do not want another ghost town, Please open up Main Street George Plato Property Owner