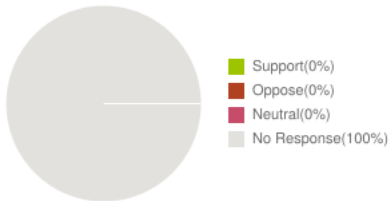


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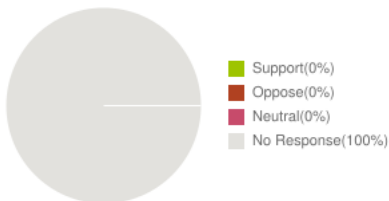
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Overall Sentiment



Sam Canter

Location:

Submitted At: 4:36pm 05-24-21

First of all we'd like to thank the Mayor and council members for taking time to hear our concerns.

Our office is located on the 6000 block of Washington Blvd in the Culver City Arts District. For the past two years we have loved being a part of this community. When we first came to the Culver Arts District we were energized to be a part of this amazing group of businesses, residences, and dining establishments. When the pandemic took hold, we made the decision to weather the storm and stay in our lease due to a belief in the resiliency and importance of this neighborhood. However, the current closures along Washington have started to adversely affect our business.

Though the stretch of our block from Hargis St. to Melvil St. contains only two restaurants, the city has blocked off all of the parking on the northside of Washington Blvd. along the entire block, as well as closing Melvil down entirely where it borders the entrance of Washington Blvd.. This has left much needed office parking space unused, as the eateries on our block which we happily support only use the spaces directly in front of their businesses. As well, all of the neighborhood parking on the north side of Washington Blvd. is permit parking for

LA city. Because of this, the only place for any of our employees, clients, or guests to park is in the metered parking on Washington Blvd. (and previously on Melvil St.)

The current barriers block significant access to our business, and force an unsafe crossing situation where we are forced to cross Washington Blvd. unsafely, as the nearest crosswalk is La Cienega Ave, three blocks away.

Additionally, the closure of Melvil St. presents no visible benefit to the residents or businesses of the area - we have yet to see this space utilized and it too forces an unsafe crossing situation and prevents streamlined access to our office.

With our lease up for renewal in June, we will have to weigh these developments in the access to and safety of our business against our love of being part of the Culver Arts District Community. We gladly support our local restaurants and their new outdoor dining patios, but unused space in front of shuttered or non-dining establishments, especially those so blatantly left empty, may force us to take our business elsewhere. We formally request that a review is made of the actual utilization of these blocked off streets, and that any unused space be returned to regular parking and through traffic.