

We are writing to you regarding a proposal by the Avenida de la Playa Street Event regarding the 8000 block of La Jolla Shores Drive. On October 27 we received a hand delivered letter from Darren Moore, a restaurant owner who represents the *Avenida de la Playa Street Event*, describing a proposal to create a paved lot with 26 parking stalls on our entire block.

A few days later, a man paid to represent the restaurant owners, Phil Wise, asked our neighbors and us to attend a meeting to show us their proposal. This was a shocking discovery; we were shown architectural plans for a parking lot that we, as residents of the site involved, had no prior knowledge of, and no input on.

Blessed with mild weather, the restaurants in the Shores were able to continue to make a profit during Covid-19 by converting 26 parking spots into outdoor dining. Now, having seen the increased profits of this plan, they want to make this permanent. Installing a commercial parking lot in a residential neighborhood goes against cogent and nature-minded community progress. Would you like to walk out your front door onto a parking lot filled with cars? The pollution alone would bring tears to your eyes. The stop light on Avenida de la Playa and La Jolla Shores Drive is also a dangerous crossing.

To the immediate north of us, every single home has a private driveway onto La Jolla Shores Drive. Our street is actually a shared driveway that we must navigate onto a side road (Paseo Dorado to the south and Avenida de la Playa to the north) and then, either with a traffic light at Avenida de la Playa or waiting for traffic to pass on Paseo Dorado, we access La Jolla Shores Drive. Ironically, the name of our street is La Jolla Shores Drive, and yet we already deal with a very different driveway than our other Shores neighbors.

We have other issues of concern. You are aware of how popular the Shores is in the spring, summer and fall months. The traffic is horrible, bumper to bumper long after dark, going north to south on La Jolla Shores Drive. To have a parking lot on our shared driveway would create more back up and potential obstruction to any Emergency vehicle who might need to access our homes, and to us, in case of a personal emergency. Pedestrians use this driveway to walk their dogs and children. A parking lot on this residential "street" is antithetical to the safety of La Jolla's residents.

In the recent past we have had cars back into our planters, leave garbage in front of our home, and twice we have called *Get It Done* to remove an RV and a car parked under a tree in front of our home for a month. One neighbor had his mailbox run over twice.

This proposal is a bad idea that benefits restaurants who have voluntarily converted their parking spaces into outdoor dining, solely to make more money. They need to come up with a different solution to the problem they created.

Sincerely,

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