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Subject: re: 4/19/23 EP Meeting - Agenda Item 5.1 Code Amendments for Pedestrian Mall

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Honorable EPC Chair and Commissioners:

I will not be able to attend your meeting today but wanted to provide some comments on that agenda item.

The code amendments defer a lot of implementation (and enforcement?) details to the yet unpublished guidelines.

While your agenda doesn't seem to include a review the current draft guidelines themselves, I wanted to bring your attention to some guidelines that you might want to revise:

On page labeled P-23 : Electric heaters are prohibited.

This is completely inconsistent with Mountain View and the whole State push for electrification and eliminating gas everywhere. In contrast, last night , Los Altos adopted their own guidelines for outdoor patios and they include a phasing out of propane type heaters with electric heaters (once proper electrical infrastructure is set up).

On page labeled P-9 Live entertainment restricted to 11am-8pm , Only allowed upon approval from City , No dancing

Who came up with these killjoy guidelines? We should want Castro to be vibrant until 10pm and even later on weekends. Why is City approval required? As to no dancing, it's completely baffling as the City itself organizes many events encouraging dancing on or near Castro?

On page labeled P-19 Monetary transactions shall occur only within the retail establishment. That restriction applies only to merchandise stores and doesn't make any sense. Many restaurants on Castro will process your credit card right at your table...in the outdoor patio. Why the double standard?

Sincerely,

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