

March 19, 2019

Re: Closing Mercy Street from Bryant to Hope & Closing Castro Street from California to Church

Dear Mountain View Community Members,

The German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV), located on Easy Street in Mountain View, is proud to present its 7th annual German Holiday Market in City Hall Plaza this year. The event is on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 11am - 9pm. To accommodate the size of the event, GISSV is seeking approval from City Council to close Mercy Street between Bryant and Hope streets and to close Castro Street between California and Church streets. These portions of Mercy Street and Castro Street would be closed from 3:00 am on Saturday, December 14 until 1:00 am on Sunday, December 15. Local traffic to residents and businesses between 555-599 Castro Street will have controlled access throughout the closure.

The German Holiday Market brings to downtown Mountain View the European tradition of an open-air market offering items for sale from local artisans as well as specialty items from Germany. German food and sweets are offered with warm spiced wine (Glühwein) and hot cider (Kinderpunsch), which are the hallmarks of this cozy winter tradition. The festival booths will have wooden facades on them to create the village atmosphere enjoyed all over Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

This event raises funds for GISSV, a non-profit preschool through Grade 12 bilingual school that cultivates social responsibility and creativity in students by teaching a challenging and innovative curriculum in German and English.

The City Council will consider this request for closure of Mercy Street as part of the Consent Calendar on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street. Meeting times are subject to change. Please confirm the scheduled start time on the City's website: <http://www.mountainview.gov>. You are welcome to share your thoughts on this matter with the Council when the matter is heard. We also welcome your questions and feedback directly. Please contact Board Member and Holiday Market Co-Chair Rachel Beckert at (415) 378-8877, or send an email to HolidayMarket@gissv.org.

Sincerely,

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