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To whom it may concern,

Not having cars on Castro is my single favorite thing about downtown mountain view. Whenever family or friends visit, it is the first thing I talk about and they always agree how nice it is. More seating for restaurants, it looks nice, there is more space to spread out, and eating outside when the weather is nice is amazing! I would be heartbroken if Castro was returned to the cars. Who cares if it is slightly more inconvenient to cars. Our entire society is built around cars. Can't we just have one street where pedestrians can freely walk around? Best,

Aidan Ramey

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Hello,

I would like to advocate for the establishment of the pedestrian mall on Castro Street. I live nearby in the Shoreline West neighborhood, and having that pedestrian walkway has been a highlight of living in the City of Mountain View. I have had coworkers remark on the europeanesque quality that being able to eat, walk, bike, etc. on the street has brought. It would be an extreme disservice to our community to take this away. I firmly believe that pedestrianized streets enhance commerce, health, and wellbeing for our city. Thank you for the time to voice my opinion.

In community,

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"Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it." -James Baldwin in <u>Notes of a Native Son</u>