

Send an email to the city council in support of Pedestrian Plaza in the Downtown

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Subject:

Support for a Weekend Pedestrian Plaza in the Downtown

Message:

Dear Santa Cruz City Councilmembers,

I am a Santa Cruz resident. I'm writing in support of piloting a weekend pedestrian plaza for Cooper Street AND the "T" section of Pacific Avenue that borders Cooper Street. A car-free plaza would make downtown safer, more vibrant, and more welcoming for residents, families, and visitors — a vision Santa Cruz residents have supported for decades.

Abbott Square is not living up to the legacy of the Cooper House.

Across California, cities are embracing pedestrian spaces in order to:

- boost the local economy
- improve public health
- build stronger communities

A weekend pedestrian plaza at the intersection of Cooper Street and Pacific Avenue would invite connection, creativity, and calm — helping local businesses thrive and countering the isolation of modern life.

I support a car-free downtown plaza with outdoor dining, street furniture, and musicians. Let's make it happen!

Thank you for your leadership and consideration,