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TO: Mayor Brian Turnbull, Mayor Pro Tem Barb Morowski-Browne, Councilperson John Carter, Councilperson Laura Genitti, Councilperson Andrew Krenz, City Council, City Manager George Lahanas

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER INTO THE RECORD FOR 4/15/24 COUNCIL MEETING DURING CITIZEN COMMENTS

There are many rumors and much misinformation swirling around this city about the street closures and the role of Let's Open Northville. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what Let's Open Northville is all about.

We started as a grassroots movement of neighbors and businesses. Our organization is composed of people who are impacted by Main and Center Street closures. For fund-raising purposes, we became a 501 (c) (4) non-profit organization.

- We are not anti-Social District. But Social Districts do not need to have closed streets.
- We believe in continuing outdoor dining, on the sidewalks and in our elegant town square.
- We support closing the streets just as we did pre-Covid – for concerts, block parties, parades, festivals, and other special events.
- We approve and accept the bollards as a safer, aesthetic alternative to highway barriers of old. We would like to see a transparent process and communication process around bollard usage.
- We also believe in the restoration of visibility of all our stores and businesses.
- Let's have street parking during the week for shoppers, deliveries, and drop-offs. We stress the need drop-off areas for families' w/strollers, seniors, people w/temporary or permanent medical issues, and people with large packages.
- Street parking is more necessary than ever with the loss of Cady Street Parking spaces, Cady parking deck maintenance and Cady Street closures due to construction-related and infrastructure work.
- We believe that we can work together as a community to find a solution, to accommodate people, parking and accessibility to all our special and historic downtown.

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Open Streets All Seasons 2024

Mayor Turnbull and City Council please open Main and Center Street all seasons except for special events. The street closures for 2020 Covid to save the restraunts has long passed. Only 6 out of 14 eating establishments served food in the middle of the streets last summer with a total of 32 restaurants in the city. We have so many positive projects we need to focus on in the next few years, not to mention all the demolition of the Downs. Please start to bring the community together now anticipating our 200th Anniversary. Stop the expensive litigation that will drive our insurance rates way up. Use the tax payers bollards to close the streets for as many special events as possible.

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