## Fwd: F Street Closure

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Hi Kay,

I will be working at the time of F ST. Closure meeting.

I want the city to consider WHY they are closing F St. It seems to profit only those businesses on F Street. They make lots of money and the other businesses downtown are ignored. Are they going to do free advertisement for all business on other downtown streets? The game is rigged. And all those parking spaces stolen from the public, just so a few business with clout no doubt with the city council can prosper. I am against the closure of F Street. Other business in town should ban together against this closure. It is unfair to favor only part of the Retail/food business community. Of course the City of Salida makes more sales tax... so is this the real reason? Our city council needs to consider the needs of all the citizens not just lining their own pockets and assuring the success of a few businesses.

And what happens, in a worse case scenario , if there is a fire on the F St. mall? Or a big robbery? or even some terror event?

Another big problem with the closure is folks walk across First Street and never obey the stop light. This is a big problem. The city does not enforce jay walking or when the pedestrians endanger themselves and traffic as they stroll through the stop light at F and 1st without caring if it is green, yellow or red. There needs to be police presence at that intersection in the summer time. This situation is much worse with the closure of F Street.

The parking issue is a big concern. Already the parking lots are full every weekend across the river. The city NEVER considers the importance of a large parking garage. Every lot is always converting into high priced housing. Keep F Street open for good traffic flow and easy parking especially for all the elderly and handicapped in this community.

Thanks,

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