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Subject: Support for Outdoor Patio program

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Hello,

I am writing as I have heard that there is going to be a Council meeting next week and the Outdoor Patio Program is on the agenda.

I am a business owner at 27 King William St. and wanted to share that the Outdoor Patio program that allowed King William, between James and Hughson, to be closed to vehicle traffic during the day, was a huge part of our success in running our business.

The street closure, and our ability to seat guests outdoors in the street has been vital to how we operate and, during the warm months, has taken the edge off of some of the difficulties of functioning during a pandemic. The street patio was great at drawing new people downtown and helped to create a vibrant city that people loved living in, and visiting.

The Outdoor Patio Program deserves to become a permanent program as it allows the businesses in this area to expand, serve more people in the warmer months, and ultimately succeed. The success of small business is correlated to the success of a city. Creating beautiful, hospitable areas within our city for people to gather is vital to urban living and promotes tourism as well.

Please share this email at your council meeting and I hope the outdoor patio program will be made permanent.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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