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I would like to advocate the return of increased outdoor seating at restaurants in downtown San Mateo. A loss of parking spaces is a small price to pay for a more welcoming and friendly downtown space. Combined with investments in transit, and walk- and bikeability of areas around the downtown, the reduced parking spaces will not be missed, especially since there is almost always garage space open.

In addition, electric vehicle charging should be a priority. The lack of charging points in existing apartment buildings will be a blocker to adoption by renters, and homeowners using street parking are also challenged. These issues can be mitigated with ample facilities charging reasonable rates available in publicly accessible spaces. Even with improvements to mobility in San Mateo, cars will still be a fact of life for many residents for some time to come, and reducing the number of fossil fuel vehicles on the road is a priority.

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