

# It's time to show your support for a car-free downtown!

**VenturaPOP**  
invites you to the

**VENTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CAR-FREE MAIN ST RALLY**



**AND PIZZA PARTY!**

Join your fellow Venturans in voicing  
your support for a car-free downtown!

When: Jan 28th, 2025

4:30p Pizza

5p City Council Meeting

Where: Ventura City Hall – Pizza Party in Parking lot  
501 Poli St, Ventura, CA 93001

**City Council will decide** if Main Street remains car-free and pedestrian-friendly on Tuesday, January 28. If you love Main Street as much as we do, we hope you'll join us in showing your support **to approve staff recommendations A through E of [agenda item 12](#)** for an indefinite closure.

We'll provide more details below, but here are three ways you can help:

1. Attend the upcoming city council meeting.
2. Send an email to city council members.
3. Tell everyone you know to do the same.

Keep in mind — mentioning positive impacts on the environment or traffic will help City Council certify the environmental impact report.

## **1. Attending the City Council Meeting**

Attending the meeting is the most impactful thing you can do, whether you choose to make a comment or show your support from the audience. The meeting starts at 5PM, but comments will be heard later in the evening.

We're having a pizza party in the [parking lot](#) starting at 4:30pm. Stop by to say hi and grab a free slice from Happy Place Eatery. We'll be there to answer any questions about the process, or you can text 805-666-0828 if you run into issues.

If you want to speak in person or remotely, you can reserve two minutes of time. Fill out and submit a speaker card when you arrive. If you choose to participate remotely via [WebEx](#), send a message to the meeting host when you sign in.

If you don't want to speak, you can still help by being there in person! We'll have some other ways you can show your support, including awesome stickers you can wear. Those who do speak will also appreciate seeing friendly faces.

## **2. Sending Emails**

The next best thing you can do is send emails to [council@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:council@cityofventura.ca.gov). Last time City Council voted to extend the closure, over 200 Venturans wrote in expressing support. Let's keep the momentum going and send in even more emails this time.

If you're feeling writer's block, just share your district, reference agenda item 12 and something you love about Main Street. You don't have to write much. Sometimes the simplest messages are the most impactful. If you're still stuck, you can reach out to us for ideas. FYI – All emails sent to City Council are public record, with the exception of your email address.

### **3. Getting The Word Out**

Please share what's happening with your family, friends, coworkers, and anyone else you can think of. The more people who know how to participate, the better. One easy way to get the word out is to forward this email. We also have an [Instagram](#) and [website](#) you can point people to for up-to-date information.

**This is your chance to help keep Main Street car-free. We look forward to seeing you!**

### **Now Open**

#### **Night Owl Ciderworks**

[Cider Tasting Room 607 E. Main](#)

#### **Urban Claws**

[Claw machine arcade in Zander Alley 433 E. Main](#)

### **Events**

#### **Now through Apr 5**

[Art Show at Fox Fine Jewelry](#)

#### **Jan 25, 8:30am**

[Downtown Farmer's Market](#)

#### **Jan 25, 7pm**

[Music Extravaganza](#)

#### **Jan 26, 12pm**

[Aroma Fusion- Winter Protocols at Ema's Herbs](#)

#### **Jan 26, 2pm**

[Book Swap at Smitten](#)

**Jan 30, 7pm**

[Live music at The Twist on Main](#)

**Feb 1, 10am**

[Hey Lover Market & Music at 500 block](#)

**Feb 2, 2pm**

[Live music at Winchesters](#)

**Feb 17, 11am**

[1st Anniversary Party at BellRinger](#)

### **Who are we?**

We're VenturaPOP – *Venturans for People Oriented Places* – a group of Venturans who care deeply about the vibrancy of Ventura's downtown. We think Main Street should stay car-free and family-friendly.

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