

September 9, 2013

City of Monterey Planning Commission
City Hall
580 Pacific Street
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Please preserve Custom House Plaza and Alvarado Mall

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Please preserve Custom House Plaza and Alvarado Mall. It is the best thing going for downtown Monterey. I often ride my bicycle through this area as a preference over other routes. I bring visitors through there with pride. I enjoy many events held there each year.

If you want to improve Custom House Plaza, I suggest putting lawn in front of Custom House and fixing the fountain. If you want to bring more customers to the businesses in Alvarado Mall, I suggest installing a welcoming archway at each end, remove some of the clutter, and ask food businesses to bring tables outside.

There are other ways to revitalize the area. Cars are not the answer. Bringing automobile traffic is the opposite direction you want to go. This area is way too valuable to the community to put cars there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nathan Pierce