Dear Mayor Steinberg and Sacramento City Council,

During these unprecedented times, people need safe places to get outside and exercise. Unfortunately, the surge in people seeking outside space close-to-home is putting a considerable strain on our public spaces. Trails, sidewalks and parks are overcrowded, making it difficult for people to safely maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others.

With dramatically-reduced car traffic due to the pandemic, we have an opportunity to create more public spaces for people to safely get out—by opening up our streets for walking, biking and physical activity. Closing off selected streets to cars or converting some traffic lanes for biking and walking use can expand access to the outdoors, which is essential to maintaining physical and mental health.

**[Organization name]** urges the City of Sacramento to consider fully or partially closing streets for residents to be able to safety exercise and access essential grocery stores, restaurants, and parks.

**[Provide additional organizational background, add further organizational asks to the City such as specific street recommendations or implementation recommendations, etc]**

Opening streets for exercise and active transportation is an attainable tactic to improve quality of life and promote public health during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Organization]

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