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Temporary Closure of Several Streets Extended

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Public Demands Action on Illegal Squatting

Supervisors kicked the can down the road when they unanimously voted to extend the temporary closure of portions of several streets plagued by unlawful occupation, blight creation and various other unlawful acts.

The streets, or portions of, are Union St., Broadway St., National Blvd., and Madison Ave, us-ing a combination of gates and K rail.

The previous extension expired August 27, 2025.

The new closure ban hopes to address ongoing illegal dumping and serious, continual criminal and drug activity.

Though mitigation has been virtually non-existent allowing conditions to worsen, nothing has improved, irking the public's outrage and demand for action.

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) authorizes local jurisdictions to temporally close high-ways when certain conditions are met and a public hearing is held. Those conditions are:

• Serious and continual criminal activity exists.

• The highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street.

• Vehicular or pedestrian traffic contributes to the criminal activity.

• The closure will not substantially, adversely affect traffic flow, public safety or sur-rounding neighbors, and operations of emergency vehicles.

With the passage of this resolution, Community Development (CDD) will be allocated $50,000 toward Code Enforcement. The County is presently seeking a third Code Enforce-ment Officer.

Over the next 18 months, the County’s emergency shelter is expected to be completed and the shelter hopes to address housing needs for those illegally occupying these properties impacted by illegal squatters.

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