

From: [Cait Steiner](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:59:56 PM

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*Sincerely,
Cait*

From: [Candace](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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> Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

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> As a loyal customer of the businesses at Barn 5400, I am writing to ask for your support in approving the zoning amendment and annexation of this property to the city of Petaluma.

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> Barn 5400 is home to a wide array of small businesses, including a coffee roastery, farm and garden supply shop, a ceramics studio and school, a local farmer-owned produce co-op, and several artists and makers who contribute to the creative and agricultural fabric of our region. By annexing this property, you will be supporting an ecosystem of local commerce that enriches Petaluma's culture, economy, and sustainability.

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> The annexation will allow these businesses to fully operate within the city, contributing to Petaluma's economy through sales tax revenue and licensing fees. In return, residents will continue to benefit from having access to an incredible array of goods and services in one location—everything from local produce and handmade ceramics to garden supplies and art. This collective space fosters collaboration among small businesses and offers the community a unique hub for shopping, learning, and gathering.

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> Furthermore, Barn 5400 is not just a place of commerce, it's a community gathering space where events are hosted, partnerships are formed, and local makers are given opportunities to thrive. By approving this zoning amendment, you are supporting the growth of small businesses that are rooted in values of sustainability, creativity, and community.

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> I strongly urge the council to approve this annexation and help these local businesses continue to flourish and serve the residents of Petaluma. The Barn 5400 community is a perfect fit for our city, and I look forward to seeing it become an even more integral part of our shared future.

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> Thank you for your consideration.

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> Sincerely,

Candace Birchfield

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Petaluma Ca 94952

From: [Carl Pilcher](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Retrograde Coffee Roasters
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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Carl Pilcher

From: [Caroline Martin](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Best,
Caroline

From: [Chelsea Fordiani](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

As a patron of Retrograde Roasters, I urge you to approve the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the City of Petaluma. Their quaint coffeeshop in Sebastopol is a gem, and to have another attached to their roastery would only be a benefit to the community. Their coffees are unique and outstanding, and the welcoming atmosphere they cultivate simply brings more good into this world.

In the Bay Area, we suffer from the decay of communities when there are no anchors - the places for people to gather and enjoy; the places that enrich our lives; the places that strengthen the foundation of a community. It is the duty of local governments to help small, family run businesses sustain and grow, especially in an economic climate when so many have been forced to shut down.

Please help Retrograde Roasters continue to thrive and support the community they've been a part of for so many years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Fordiani

From: [Chelsea](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Sincerely, Chelsea Lee Kramp

From: [Cristan Ruberto](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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It has been a joy to experience all that Retrograde has to offer in Sebastopol, and I sincerely hope this can be extended to Petaluma as well. Attached below are a few photos of my coffee trips to Sebastopol - Retrograde is the best coffeehouse in Sonoma county by far, and the greater Petaluma community deserves to experience the same joy it has brought me.







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Sincerely,
Cristan Molinelli-Ruberto
SRJC Student
Oak Leaf Reporter
Coffee enthusiast

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From: [Clare Sitzer](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Dear Member of the Petaluma City Council,

My name is Clare Sitzer. I am an employee at Penngrove Elementary School. Although I work in Penngrove, I live in Sebastopol and have the honor and privilege to go to Retrograde multiple times a week! They have created a true sense of community within the town of Sebastopol.

Below you will find a letter urging your approval of the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the city of Petaluma.

As a proud support and request customer of Retrograde Coffee Roasters, I am writing to urge you to approve the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the city of Petaluma. This decision is essential for allowing the team to open a coffee shop in the same space where their coffee is roasted, and it will bring countless benefits to the community. This location is down the street from our school, so I foresee it being a great spot for parents to stop for their coffee and regular community building.

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Best,
Clare Sitzer

From: [Colleen Ostrye](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Sincerely,

Colleen Ostrye

From: [Courtney Avvampato](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Respectfully,

Courtney Avvampato, Psy.D.

[REDACTED]

Petaluma, CA [REDACTED]

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From: [Dani Sheard](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Thank you,
Dani Sheard & Mike Esparza
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From: [David Lannon](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support of Annexing Board 5400 to the city of Petaluma
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To: -- City Clerk
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Deanna

From: [Dillon Gilleece](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Dominique Mailloux

She/Her
[REDACTED]

From: [Dylan Stein](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Best,

Dylan Stein
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Eli Melrod](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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I am a huge supporter of Retrograde Coffee Roasters. I have been a long time customer and am so impressed with the amazing community space they have built. They are a vibrant, community-oriented small business that any town would be proud to have in their community. As a fellow small business owner, I have been so impressed with how Danielle and Casey have grown their business while maintaining the quality of their amazing cafe. I strongly urge you to approve the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the city of Petaluma. From what I understand, this decision is essential for them to open a cafe where they already roast their coffee. This will bring meaningful benefits to the Petaluma community, economic and otherwise.

Thank you for considering this important request. Please help make Barn 5400 a place where the Petaluma community can gather, enjoy, and thrive.

Best Regards, Eli Melrod

From: [Elizabeth Flores](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:30:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth

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From: [Emily Gaylord](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Barn 5400 Annexation
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:30:10 AM

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Sincerely, Emily Gajowska

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Eric Kramp](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:11:39 AM

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