

From: [Steve Naventi](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:02:53 PM

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From: [Steve Pye](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: YES on Barn 5400 property zoning amendment
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:23:52 AM

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To the City of Petaluma,

Please be supportive of local businesses that would benefit our city and vote yes on the zoning amendment to allow Retrograde coffee too open their Barn 5400 location. Please vote yes on this amendment.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [Steve\(n\) Moore](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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From: [Suzanne Farver](#)
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,

I am a member of Kickwheel, a ceramics studio housed 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.

Kickwheel and other small businesses at Barn 5400 are part of a thriving community, with room to grow. With the addition of Harmony Farm & Supply and Retrograde coffee roasters, Barn 5400 is becoming known as a great place to be and to shop. We also have other wonderful artists occupying the space.

By annexing this property, you will be supporting an ecosystem of local commerce that enriches Petaluma's culture, economy, and sustainability. 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.

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.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Farver

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From: [Suzanne Ruggirello](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Retrograde Coffee Roasters
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Sincerely, Suzanne Gilmore

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Suzanne Huston](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Sincerely,
Suzanne Huston
Faithful Retrograde Customer

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Regarding Barn 5400 & Retrograde Cafe
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Hello,

I'm a long time friend of Danielle and Casey, husband and wife team behind Retrograde Cafe, I'm Sebastopol. I'm writing to tell you what an amazing asset their cute café has been to Sebastopol. Danielle and Casey are excellent business owners who participate in giving back to the community, bring green certified, and providing an amazing place for people to work, where they are deeply respected and loved. You could not ask for a better business in your town. They are both kind and extremely professional. They procure all their ingredients from other local farms and makers. They host fundraisers for local nonprofit organizations, like myself, and they display art by new local artists every month. Everything they do empowers their community and, of course, they serve the very best lattes and food! Please do Petaluma a huge favor and bring this wonderful cafe to your town. It will surely become a new favorite of yours to visit, with the friendly and happy people who love working there, making local farm to take food and drinks for you while you survey the new fun art. They also allow people to host meet-ups at their café, like the open to everyone astrology club that has become a town favorite.

Suzy Berry
[REDACTED]

From: [Talena Sanders](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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I commute from Oakland to Rohnert Park to teach at Sonoma State. I pass through Petaluma frequently but do not spend money there because going into Petaluma where there are more cafe businesses is out of the way on my commute. The location at Barn 5400 is literally right where I get off the 101 to come to work in Sonoma County and I would absolutely contribute more to the Petaluma local economy should Retrograde be allowed to open their cafe business there. Retrograde was my favorite coffee shop when I lived in Sonoma county and I spent a lot of money there over the years. Since moving to Oakland, I have sometimes driven all the way in the wrong direction from my commute home to go into Sebastopol just to go to Retrograde for a treat.

I would definitely be contributing to the Petaluma economy regularly and for years to come at the Barn 5400 location. I was very excited to see Retrograde's sign go up at this spot, and have been continuously disappointed to not see the cafe open. To learn that the reason it is not open is due to an unnecessary restriction by the city of Petaluma is really disappointing. Wake up! Lots of people drive from Oakland and San Francisco for day trips and you are missing out on economic activity for what reason, exactly? What a sad missed opportunity to grow your economy and also harm a beloved local small business in the process.

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Sincerely,

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Talena Sanders
[REDACTED]

From: [Tara Milliken](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Retrograde coffee
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 2:45:50 PM

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Sincerely, Tara Milliken

From: [Taylor Ocacio](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Vote YES on barn5400 property zoning!!
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:02:21 PM

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Good Evening!

I am writing to you tonight to express my strong support in voting YES on the proposed zoning change for the Barn5400 property. This change represents a crucial opportunity to foster growth and sustainability for small businesses in our community.

By voting yes, we can create a more vibrant local economy, attract new businesses, and provide existing ones with the resources they need to thrive! Supporting small businesses not only enhances our community's character but also creates jobs and boosts local spending.

I urge everyone to consider the long-term benefits this zoning change will bring. Please come together and support our local entrepreneurs and ensure a prosperous future for all.

Thank you!

Taylor Ocacio
Petaluma Resident & Business Owner

From: [TJ McKillop](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Sincerely,

Todd James McKillop

From: [V](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Retrograde Coffee
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Best,
Vanessa Herman

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[REDACTED]

From: [Anne](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Barn 5400
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:49:08 PM

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Petaluma City Council-

This letter is in support of annexing the property of Barn 5400 into city limits. As a member of Kickwheel Sonoma at Barn 5400 and as a patron of FEED Sonoma and Harmony Farm supply, I wholly believe that annexation would be great for the Petaluma.

Barn 5400 is a vibrant community that would benefit from city services, and in turn would add to city taxes and overall sense of community.

Please vote "yes" and allow the annexation of Barn 5400.
Anne Smith

From: [Vickie Miller](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Kindly, Vickie Miller [REDACTED]

From: [BOB ENGEL](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Yes - the message below is cut and pasted. But the sentiments are mine. Retrograde is a treasured member of Sebastopol's Main Street businesses. They are known as ethical and community-minded business people. Retrograde will be an asset to the Petaluma community as it is to Sebastopol's.

Thank you
Bob Engel

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Enthusiastically,
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VIRGINIA PIAZZA
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[REDACTED]

From: [wendy \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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From: [Winona Wagner](#)
To: -- City Clerk
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Many thanks,
Winona

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]