

**From:** [Megan Sprague](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:59:46 PM

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**From:** [Meredith Trent](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely, Meredith

**From:** [Michael Gulino](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Sincerely, Michael Gulino

**From:** [Michael McCartney](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Support of the Downtown Overlay and EKN Project  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 7:51:58 AM

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City of Petaluma  
City Council and Planning Commission  
11 English St.  
Petaluma, CA 94952

Dear Members of the City Council and Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for the EKN Appellation Hotel Project proposed for downtown Petaluma. I believe this project represents a unique opportunity to enhance our city in a way that is respectful of its historic charm while bringing much-needed economic vitality.

First, I am impressed by the design of the hotel, which blends beautifully with the existing mix of historic buildings in downtown Petaluma. The architecture is thoughtfully considered and will complement the character of our city, rather than detract from it. In contrast, the empty lot that currently occupies this space adds nothing of value to our community and is an eyesore in the heart of our downtown.

Furthermore, I believe that the hotel and its associated restaurant will bring significant financial benefits to Petaluma. It will attract visitors, support local businesses, and create jobs, all of which are important for the continued growth and prosperity of our city. The additional tax revenue and increased foot traffic will strengthen our local economy.

I am also concerned about what might happen if this project is not approved. EKN has invested considerable time, resources, and energy into navigating the approval process. If they are turned away after all of this effort, what message will that send to future developers? It is unlikely that another developer would be eager to take on this lot after witnessing the challenges that EKN has faced, leaving this prime downtown location vacant for the foreseeable future.

In conclusion, I urge you to approve the EKN Appellation Hotel Project. This development is well-suited to our city's needs, and its success will benefit all residents of Petaluma.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michael McCartney

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Michael McCartney

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

sent from a small device that lives in my pocket



**From:** [michelle feileacan](#) [REDACTED]  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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Sincerely, Michelle Feileacan

**From:** [Miguel Furman](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely,

Miguel Furman  
Sebastopol

**From:** [Nannette Andrade](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Retrograde Coffee Roasters  
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Sincerely,

Nannette Andrade

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Naomi Ansbergs](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Retrograde Coffee in Petaluma - a vote for the community!  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 7:36:10 AM

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Sincerely,  
Naomi Ansbergs

**From:** [Neil Blomquist](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:03:36 AM

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Sincerely,  
Neil Blomquist  
[REDACTED], Sebastopol

Sent from my iPad

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

NICK

**From:** [Nick Schwanz](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for zoning amendment of barn 5400 peteluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:49:08 PM

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Sincerely,  
Nick Schwanz

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [Olivia ten Kate](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** New Retrograde coffee location  
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Sincerely,  
Olivia

Sent from a sandwich



**From:** [Paige Kihm](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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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.

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,  
Paige Kihm

**From:** [Patricia Gay - CPA](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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Patricia Gay

**From:** [Patrick Downs](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Retrograde Coffee  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:52:39 PM

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Hello!

My husband and I are regular customers of Retrograde Coffee as well as small business owners ourselves. We are urging you to approve the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the city of Petaluma, which is essential for allowing Retrograde to open a coffee shop where their coffee is roasted.

Annexing Barn 5400 will contribute to the economy of Petaluma by bringing in sales tax revenues, which is crucial for the success and vibrancy of any town.

Retrograde has always been dedicated to the community they serve by sponsoring schools, non-profits, local youth sports, etc.

We've gotten to know Danielle over the past two years and I can honestly say I've never met anyone as dedicated and hard-working as she is.

We hope you will vote unanimously to approve the annexation of Barn 5400!!

Regards,

Robin Russell  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Robyn Hutchins](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Annexation Barn 5400/ Retrograde Coffee  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 6:57:49 AM

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the annexation at Barn 5400 into the City of Petaluma. Danielle and Casey are amazing business owners with a deep love for the communities they are a part of. Annexing Barn 5400 to allow Retrograde access to a public water supply for operation of their cafe is critical to supporting this small business, in the same way they help their community thrive. Please vote yes on annexing this property!

Thank you for your time.

Robyn



**From:** [Rossco Soletrain](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2024 7:55:23 AM

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Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

*As a proud supporter and frequent 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.*

*Annexing Barn 5400 will help local businesses like Retrograde contribute directly to Petaluma's economy through sales tax revenues and required operating licenses. These contributions are crucial for supporting local services and improving the quality of life for residents. The annexation will also allow them to bring their incredible coffee experience into our city, connecting the roastery and café in one unique, community-centered location.*

*One of the things I love most about Retrograde is their dedication to the community. They sponsor local sports teams, non-profits, schools, and events in Sebastopol, and they frequently partner with artists and makers to host pop-up events that benefit small businesses. This same community-first approach will enhance Petaluma, providing a much-needed gathering place for residents to meet, enjoy great coffee, and support local artisans.*

*By approving this annexation, you're not just supporting a business, you're creating a space for people to connect, share, and grow together. As a customer, I am eager to see this coffee shop become a part of Petaluma's vibrant culture and economy, and I believe it will be an asset to the city.*

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

Sincerely, [your name here]

**From:** [Sally Hall-Schmauss](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:02:54 AM

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