

**From:** [Bryan Peterson](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:46:58 PM

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As a loyal customer and enthusiastic supporter of Retrograde Coffee Roasters, I am reaching out to encourage you to approve the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 into the city of Petaluma. This move is vital to allowing Retrograde to open a coffee shop in the same location where they roast their coffee, creating numerous benefits for our community.

By annexing Barn 5400, local businesses like Retrograde can directly contribute to Petaluma's economy through sales tax revenue and necessary operating licenses, which in turn support local services and improve the quality of life for residents. Additionally, this annexation would give Retrograde the opportunity to bring their exceptional coffee experience into the city, merging their roastery and café into a single, community-oriented space.

What I admire most about Retrograde is their strong commitment to community. They actively sponsor local sports teams, non-profits, schools, and events in Sebastopol, and regularly collaborate with local artists and makers to host pop-up events that benefit small businesses. Bringing this community-focused approach to Petaluma would enrich the city by providing a much-needed gathering place where people can enjoy great coffee and support local artisans.

Approving this annexation goes beyond supporting a business; it creates a hub where residents can come together, connect, and grow. As a devoted customer, I am excited at the prospect of this coffee shop becoming a part of Petaluma's thriving culture and economy. I truly believe it will be a valuable addition 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 flourish.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Peterson

**From:** [Calla Meriel](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely, Calla Rijeka Richards

**From:** [Callie Keeler](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely, Callie Keeler

**From:** [Carole Ambauen](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely, Carole

**From:** [Celeste Vanabrams](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** YES on Barn 5400  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:01:34 PM

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Hello,

I'm emailing on behalf of Retrograde Roasters.

Please vote YES on Barn 5400 property zoning amendment and annexation.

Best,  
Celeste

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



**From:** [Whimsy Makes](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Monday 10/21 meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:20:23 PM

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My name is Chelsea Dennis. I'm am a Sonoma county resident and I am asking you to vote YES on Barn 5400 zoning amendment & annexation to the city of Petaluma.

Do the right thing!!! We're counting on you to make a decision that supports our community and a business that matters to so many people.

Thank you.

**From:** [Chris Mikalson](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 10/21 Barn 5400 zoning amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:23:43 PM

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Hi,

My name is Chris, I am a resident of Petaluma and I'm asking you to please vote yes on the Barn 5400 zoning amendment and annexation to the city of Petaluma on 10/21/24. Retrograde Roasters and their patrons are a huge part of my Sonoma County community and allowing them full operational privileges would be such a boon to the city of Petaluma.

Thank you,  
Chris M



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

Christopher Romaine

**From:** [c.mariebriones@gmail.com](mailto:c.mariebriones@gmail.com)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely,  
Christina Briones

**From:** [Claudia Gutierrez-Smith](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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*On the East Side of Petaluma, we would really love the opportunity to support a local coffee vendor and not have only big box chains like Starbucks and Peets as options. I drive multiple times per month to Retrograde in Sebastopol to pick up beans and work from there. I also then spend money in Sebastopol on food and other items while there. I would love to keep that money in Petaluma, my community.*

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Sincerely,  
Claudia



Claudia Gutierrez-Smith | [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [Colin Foulke](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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*Sincerely, Colin Foulke*

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

Sent from She who must be obeyed



**From:** [Dana Wade](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Yes on Retrograde Coffee!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:40:02 PM

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Sincerely,  
Dana Wade

**From:** [Daniel Swid](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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Hi! I'm a longtime customer at Retrograde Roasters. I fully support (and recommend) the zoning amendment / annexation of of Barn 5400 to support this incredible local business in Sonoma County. I know they'll become an important asset and member of Petaluma.

Kind regards,

Daniel Swid

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[REDACTED]



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

**From:** [n4rky@icloud.com](mailto:n4rky@icloud.com)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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Sincerely, David Benfell, Ph.D.

**From:** [Dawna](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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What sets Retrograde apart is their commitment to the community and the environment. Danielle and Casey, the owners, actively support local sports teams, non-profits, schools, and events in Sebastopol, and they regularly collaborate with artists and makers to host pop-up events that uplift small businesses. This same community-centered approach would greatly benefit Petaluma, creating a much-needed gathering spot where residents can enjoy great coffee and support local artisans.

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Sincerely,

Dawna Mirante (she/her)

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Deirdre Holbrook](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Retrograde Coffee Roasters Barn 5400  
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*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:** [Derek Harn](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:21:55 PM

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Hello friends and supporters of Retrograde! I, Danielle, am humbly writing you to ask you to please take a moment to send a letter to the Petaluma City Council this week, by Thursday October 17th in support of the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400. I would be so grateful!

The backstory: For those who don't know, we started our coffee roasting operation as a CFO (cottage food operation) out of our home apartment in Santa Rosa before moving into Barn 5400, where our coffee roastery currently resides and is fully permitted to operate by all regulatory agencies. We have been roasting coffee there since 2018, thanks to our friends at FEED Sonoma who we share a warehouse space with. Our dream has always been to open a coffee shop where we roast our coffee, and further connect people to their morning cup by sharing behind the curtain.

Fast forward to 2021: We signed a lease at Barn 5400 and secured a \$100k loan to build out part of the coffee roastery to support a small, 200 sq. foot cafe on the premises. The current property zoning allows for this type of operation, but what we did not know until we nearly completed the build out was that Environmental Health, responsible for our permit to operate, would not issue us a permit unless the property is annexed to the city of Petaluma.

How you can help: Copy + paste the letter below, or write your own letter in your own words, sharing support and urging the Petaluma City Council to vote YES on the property zoning amendment and annexation. This would allow us to get our health permit to open and is our last chance to make this location viable.

The Petaluma City Council will be meeting on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm to vote on this. The best time to send a letter is now, or by Thursday October 17th so we can ensure all council members have had time to review public comments being submitted via email.

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Danielle and Casey are wonderful people who contribute immensely to the community of Sebastopol and we have no doubt that they will bring the same energy and thoughtfulness to the community of Petaluma.

Warmly,  
Derek and Megan

DEREK & MEGAN HARN, [REDACTED]  
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