

From: [Sarah Brown](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:35:36 PM

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Sincerely, Sarah Brown

From: [Sarah Fillmore](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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From: [Sarah Garrison](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: YES on Barn 5400
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:53:41 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to you as a concerned Sonoma County resident.

I frequent Retrograde Roasters in Sebastopol, and learned that they have been working hard for three years to make their Barn 5400 cafe a reality.

The immense commitment and care that Retrograde puts into their cafe in Sebastopol has created a wonderful community of people with all different backgrounds. They provide such a positive environment for their customers and in turn our community thrives because of their small business.

Please, vote YES on Barn 5400 property zoning amendment and annexation to the City of Petaluma! Petaluma will greatly benefit from Retrograde's cafe economically, but also as a community in general.

Thank you.

Sarah Garrison
Sebastopol

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

Sent from my iPad

From: [Simone Vavra](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:29:49 PM

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Warmly,
Simone Vavra

From: [Sonja Clark](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Hello Members of the Petaluma City Council!

I would like to add my name in support of the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400 to the city of Petaluma. I have been a Petaluma resident and taxpayer and voter for 3.5 years and was thankful to find responsibly roasted coffee close to home! I frequently visit the Barn to buy Retrograde's freshly roasted beans, and I would love to see this coffee shop next to the roastery as an asset to our Petaluma community.

Furthermore --

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Sincerely,
Sonja Clark
Petaluma, CA

From: [Surreah Haley](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Sincerely, Surreah Haley parent of a retrograde employee

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

From: [tina grob](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
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Sincerely, Tina Grob

From: [Tracy Bentley](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:39:03 AM

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Thank you for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

Tracy Bentley



Petaluma, CA 94954



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From: [Vanessa Eyen](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Retrograde coffee shop
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:26:36 AM

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Vanessa Eyen

From: [Danielle Connor](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Cc: [Casey Lanski](#)
Subject: Letter from Retrograde - Support for Barn 5400 Annexation
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 12:52:51 PM

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Hello,

My name is Danielle, I am the co-founder of Retrograde Coffee Roasters. My husband Casey and I have had our business for going-on 11 years, and have been in coffee for our entire working lives. By now I am sure you have received many letters of support for our (hopefully) future location at Barn 5400 in (hopefully) soon-to-be Petaluma. My goal with having our community of loyal patrons from around Sonoma County chime in with support is to show you that the risk here is worth the reward. As you may or may not know, we signed the lease here to open a cafe nearly 3 years ago and have invested \$100k into the property in hopes of making this dream come true. We cannot get a permit to open from Environmental Health without the annexation, we, along with Cornerstone, have searched for alternative options but this is the only path forward that will satisfy them.

I understand that there are issues on the property regarding a flood hazard and that the city is taking on a liability in allowing this property to incorporate into the city. Presently, our coffee roastery which is the heart and soul of our business is based at Barn 5400, and we understand that liability and risk. We do not, however, believe it is a reason to deny the zoning amendment and annexation. Cornerstone has demonstrated they are willing to appease the city and work together to make this happen.

While our business is focused on serving the community through food and beverages, our heart lies in creating an inclusive space that supports the community back in the same way it supports us. We proudly sponsor many local sports teams, schools, clubs, nonprofits and organizations. We provide a kind, welcoming community atmosphere... the type of place where you would bump into a friend unexpectedly or even make a new one. We see people on their best days, and their worst. We have made it our mission to make our business a great place to work as well, providing our team members with benefits in the form of 401k, health care and paid time off. We would love the opportunity to create more jobs in Petaluma with a future coffee shop location at Barn 5400, not to mention generate additional revenue for the city in the form of sales tax and required licenses to operate.

We also believe that a coffee shop here could help Cornerstone achieve their dream for the property, making it a buzzing marketplace showcasing the talents of many small businesses and artists. In our near 11 years in business, I have never worked with a landlord who is so passionate about the community and supporting small businesses. We have felt supported by them and truly believe in their vision to create a thriving marketplace not just for us, but for all of the artists and small businesses at Barn 5400 that they support, and for the community. This area is underserved, with the nearest locally owned specialty coffee shop miles away. There are incredibly limited food options and not many spaces for the community to gather. This would greatly add value to this side of Petaluma and provide needed services to the businesses

and residents in close proximity.

We urge you to vote YES on welcoming Barn 5400 officially into the city of Petaluma. We hope that we can soon welcome you into our space, in the same way we hope to be welcomed into yours.

Thank you,
Danielle Connor & Casey Lanski, co-founders, owner/operators

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Danielle Connor, she/her

Co-Founder, Head of Operations,
Retrograde Coffee Roasters

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

Donna Pontrello

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

From: [Grace Bourret](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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*Petaluma Resident,
Grace Crawford*

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

Gus Tobes

From: [Kaelyn Sophia Ramsden](#)
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: In Support of Retrograde
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024 10:01:30 PM

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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,

Kaelyn Ramsden

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From: [rosalinde.w](#)
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,

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.

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