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To: -- City Clerk
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Dear Mayor and Council:

I submit the following comments for tonight's workshop on Downtown Parking.

The Downtown Parking report identifies five categories. I have two specific comments.

SUPPORT paid parking, especially with dynamic pricing. This addresses the need for "more parking."

OPPOSE expanding parking.

1. The City's official commitment to our carbon goals, including 50% to 70% mode shift requires it.
2. "If you build it they will come." Do not invite what makes the situation worse.
3. We should no longer be subsidizing bad practice for private benefit at public cost. Social justice meets best practice.

I know the demand for parking can make you and all of us crazy, and some may have hostile and even abusive reactions. I encourage you to hold your seat and follow our stated policy and the facts of the evidence. I stand with you.

Courage, my esteemed friends!

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From: [James Tensuan](#)
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Dear Petaluma City Council,

I am in favor of exploring paid parking in downtown Petaluma.

Many cities have learned the hard way that free and too-cheap parking induces traffic and takes revenue away from the cities. Appropriately priced parking in downtown has the ability to turnover spots within a reasonable amount of time and generate revenue for the city. According to the study, Petaluma could get 9 million dollars in revenue from paid parking.

Smartly priced parking has the chance to get folks to rethink the way they get downtown. It might encourage some to walk, take public transit or roll downtown. While those that want to pay for parking will generate money for the city.

Parking is really never free, it always comes as a cost to the city. According to the study, creating an on-street parking spot could cost at least 3,00 dollars, while a spot in a parking garage could cost 35,000. So I believe it's about time we price it accordingly.

James

From: [Kelly Bond](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Hello,

I'm providing a public comment for tonight's City Council meeting regarding item #7

"Recommendation to Receive an Update on Data Collection Efforts for the Downtown Area Parking Management Plan (Under Development) and Provide Feedback on Potential Parking and Curb Management Strategies and Next Steps".

I would encourage the City Council to adopt new parking strategies to improve our city. Such strategies could include removing parking minimums, adding parking maximums, decoupling parking from housing, and instituting timed paid parking downtown.

- Parking minimums add unnecessary cost to housing development, making housing even more expensive (especially for those who don't drive and will not see benefit from parking spaces).
- Decoupling parking from housing provides more options to new homebuyers and lets them decide if they would like to pay for a parking space.
- Free parking in a downtown comes with a high cost to society (see the work of Professor Donald Shoup out of UCLA). Gradually instating paid parking downtown will serve the City of Petaluma for the long term. Collected parking fees can be funneled into other types of street improvements (such as maintaining sidewalks and other amenities) supporting economic vitality and tourism downtown.

These parking strategies align with the city's new Active Transportation Plan, General Plan, and Blueprint for Climate Action.

Cities all over the world (including many in the US) have implemented these and other parking strategies, resulting in thriving, livable, and sustainable downtowns.

Thank you!

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Kelly

From: [Loretta M](#)
To: [-- City Council](#); [-- City Clerk](#); [D Street Project](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 1/27/2025 - Agenda Item #7 Workshop Downtown Area Parking Management Plan
Comment
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Petaluma City Council,

I am sad that I am unable to attend the "workshop" aimed at gathering feedback on parking because my biggest concern is that, as has been the case on previous issues, while public comment is being 'solicited', it becomes very apparent that the city council does not listen to prevailing sentiment and has already made up its mind as to the outcome they want.

My husband and I fully support efforts promoting businesses in our historic downtown area. Some measures seem reasonable (parking for seniors, deliveries for businesses) yet by doing so, these will necessitate the loss of curbside parking. At the same time, I cannot help but see the very contradiction in your efforts for wanting to add parking for seniors etc., yet you chose to remove parking for elderly/seniors residents who live on D Street and for the elderly/less physically able parishioners of the United Methodist Church on D Street.

With the city's efforts to explore alternative parking solutions, I find it difficult to understand why the reinstating of all parking on D Street does not seem to be suggested? Parking on D Street, for as long as I've lived here, has always been considered as 'off-site parking' for our downtown businesses. And for every event held in this city, it is always utilized to capacity.

D Street has been a pivotal and historic role in our community. Serious thought should be given to reinstating the parking (handicap) lost at the church and recognizing D Street's historic role as overflow parking for our downtown businesses. To me, the analysis done seems to be for the 'current' parking situation. It does not take into consideration all the growth that is being planned, the new businesses approved but not yet open for business....for example the Adobe Road Tasting Room. Where will any excess capacity park? Will the garage across the street be able to handle the overflow parking? I doubt that very much. So D Street will be directly impacted by this and yet you have already removed crucial parking from that street.

Before any parking measures are installed, I urge the Council to require cost benefit analyses. These analyses should indicate the impact of each potential solution being considered on both current businesses and future businesses. Do you have current statistics showing the exact make up of the current 'customer base' for our downtown businesses. Do you know how the current 'customer base' traveled to the downtown businesses?

To me, any potential solution to/for the parking issue needs to be well thought out and take everything into consideration. Removal of any more parking will only exacerbate a situation that has already been made worse by the removal of much needed parking on D Street. People coming to our downtown businesses/farmers markets/city events now have to drive around further and further in order to find parking.

My husband and I want to ask the city to reinstate parking on D Street as one solution

that should not be overlooked but rather given considerable thought. Not to have to mention that this parking reinstatement will greatly ease the burden placed on the elderly, less mobile parishioners of the church and give residents and their visiting friends/family/workers safe direct access to their homes. For it seems quite sad that you will even consider parking 'adjustments' in the downtown 'area' to better address the needs of elderly/handicapped yet chose to remove this same safe parking for them on D Street.

Sincerely,

Loretta and Robert Mateik

From: [Mary Davies](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
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Dear City Council,

When I lived in Port Townsend, WA, I complained one day to my city councillor. "How come my neighbor thinks she can park right in front of my house?" You're lucky there's an open space in front of your driveway, he said. That's not your property. That's everybody's property. You ought to read The High Cost of Free Parking. So I did. And I learned that some of the most expensive real estate in this country is used for free by you and me. Those folks on D St? They don't own that street, they've been using it free for decades, and now they're mad that we all get to.

But you can't blame them. Most of us don't understand much about parking. I didn't. You ask us what we want, but have you pointed out what we lose if we choose unlimited free parking? Because I think we can make smart decisions when we have information. We don't realize that making space for cars means taking it away from parks and retail and housing. We call the parking garage 'full' if you have to drive to the third floor, but if downtown Petaluma gets redesigned for a lot of parking, it will be a mall. We already have a mall. We don't come downtown for a mall experience.

Climate action also calls upon us to make choices. We can't reduce CO2 emissions by doing nothing. Next time you ask for community input, I wish you'd begin with a bit of education along these lines. Given that you can't have everything, would you rather encourage non-motorized transportation or burn up the planet?

If you care about the planet, help us look for opportunities to drive less. Make it more attractive to walk or roll. Charge for street parking. Post signage so folks can find the trails that make getting to downtown quick and convenient. The research says this works. Educate Petaluma on this. Help us help you.

Mary E Davies
Petaluma, CA
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From: [Peter Tse](#)
To: -- City Clerk; Suzanne Terry; Elece Hempel;
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Community Meeting.... Who Decides for us?

Bullet Points to ponder unto “Tipping Point”

SHOW ME the MONEY \$\$\$???

SHOW ME the REASONS ???

SHOW ME Who stands to profit from our schools being closed ???

SHOW ME Americans weary of the political dog & pony show THAT WON'T take it anymore !!!

Have our Military & Veterans put forth so much on the line since WW2 till today for us to be on our knees to Usurist bankers and BAR lawyerly Minions ????? to be on our knees to the UN that (like the BAR Association) urinates on the US Constitution...

No money for schools ???

Lottery = 50 Cents of every Dollar was for our Schools am I correct ? RIGHT ?????

Half of the 29% Tax on Medicinal Green slated for schools, am I correct ? RIGHT ???

Property Taxes are for our Roads & SCHOOLS, Right?

Gas taxes as well + we average \$2 more per gallon than the rest of this nation, Right ? WHY ???

“Power never steps back except in the face of a Greater Power” Malcolm X

California Students, Labor, Veterans and Seniors are THEE MOST Powerful of any on this planet as we find ourselves in thee Most Powerful State on track fulfilling our Fate as Destiny's date ! We are thee GREATER POWER by Arising United, Right ?

In support of Law Enforcement plz review :

Sheriff Mack Advocates Constitutional Law

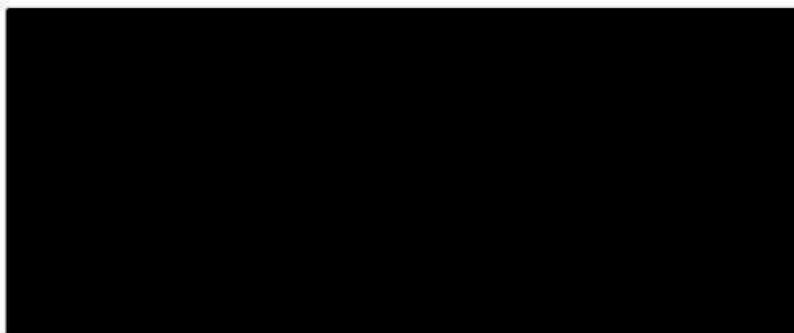
Enforcement Under Trump Administration Join Sheriff

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See : https://youtu.be/sFO37i5w?_203msmkC2Gg7Osw

Exposing Scientific Dogma by Rupert Sheldrake

See: “Unbreaking America: Solving the Corruption Crisis” w Jennifer Lawrence aka Katniss Everdeen ! [Unbreaking America: Solving the Corruption Crisis](#)





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American Courage, Ingenuity and Spirit Come Forth !

The Silent Children Documentary

PEDOPHILIA, CHILD-TRAFFICKING, ADRENOCHROME,
ORGANS Name it & Claim it thee Promise of America 40
Day Freedom Strike bringing all Oppressors into submission
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