

**From:** [zinzele wilkins-garcia](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Annexation of Barn 5400  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 2:23:49 PM

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**From:** [Zoë Wildgust](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:07:23 PM

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Retrograde cares about community. They care about quality food and drink, have a passion for coffee & treat their employees like family. 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. Supporting small business is crucial to the wellbeing of the community and voting in favour of the annexation of Barn 5400 will enhance Petaluma.

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Warm regards,

Zoë Wildgust

**From:** [Danella Ruth McKinnon](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment & Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
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Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

My husband and I are proud supporters and frequent customers of Retrograde Coffee Roasters. They have made their space so welcoming & inviting especially for folks visiting for the first time. They have made us feel so at home with their kind and warm hearted baristas. Also as a mother, they've made the space feel comfortable where I could take our son and not feel judged for taking my baby out in public places. As many mothers often feel when taking their child out even for a simple cup of coffee.

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Sincerely,  
Adam & Danella McKinnon  
Co-Owners of McKinnon Collective

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



October 16, 2024

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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 loyal Sebastopol customer, I believe you will benefit greatly if Retrograde has café space to host a vibrant culture and economy, it will become 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,

Alberta Brooks

Mary's Ln. Sebastopol

Long-time resident of S.G. I grew up in Penngrove  
& my father ran his business in Petaluma.

**From:** [Alexa Wall](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Cc:** [Danielle Connor](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:28:10 AM

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Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the zoning amendment and annexation of Barn 5400, allowing Retrograde Coffee Roasters to open their much-anticipated coffee shop in Petaluma. As a friend of Danielle and Casey for nearly a decade now, I have seen firsthand how much time, dedication, and passion they've poured into their craft. We both started our businesses at the Petaluma farmer's market, our booths side by side. Watching us grow from those early days to what we've built now has been an amazing journey. I run a licensed cannabis farm in the county, so I know how difficult navigating government processes can be, and how delays in zoning and permits can put tremendous strain on small businesses.

Though I live in Texas now, I continue to order Retrograde's coffee in bulk because, simply put, it's the best. Whenever I'm in Penngrove at my farm, I always make the trip to Sebastopol just to get their coffee. Having a location in Petaluma would mean a short 5-minute drive from my business—no doubt I'd be there every day!

Beyond the personal connection, Retrograde's impact on the community is undeniable. They have been an active part of local events, supporting nonprofits, schools, and small businesses through their partnerships. Bringing this community-first, artisan coffee experience to Petaluma would enrich the city in so many ways. It would create a new gathering space for locals and visitors alike, further connecting people to each other and to their morning cup.

I urge you to vote YES on this annexation. Retrograde Coffee Roasters will not only contribute to Petaluma's local economy through sales tax revenues but will also add to the vibrancy of the city's culture and community.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting local businesses like Retrograde.

Sincerely,

Alexa Wall

[REDACTED]  
Penngrove CA 94951

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



**From:** [Amy Saduddin](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 3:17:29 PM

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Sincerely,  
Amy Saduddin



**From:** [andrew m kontrabecki](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:54:20 AM

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Dear Members of the Petaluma City Council,

My name is Andrew M. Kontrabecki and I am the owner/proprietor of Kickwheel, a Production Pottery and Education Studio located 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.

Not only is Barn 5400 is home to my small business for the past 4+ years, it also houses a bustling variety of entrepreneurs. Under one roof on any given day of the week if you took a tour of the facility you could find fresh coffee being roasted locally, a farm and garden supply shop, my aforementioned ceramics studio and school, a produce co-op owned by local Farmers, as well as a productive and locally engaged group of independent artists/makers. All of whom daily add significant value to the this corner of Sonoma County. With Petaluma's already strong support of the local/small business economy an annexation of Barn5400 would ripple out into the like-minded commerce ecosystem.

I relocated to Sonoma County after losing my job in San Francisco 2 days after the initial Shelter-In-Place order was mandated in March of 2020. My Partner was already living in Sonoma County so I packed a weekend bag to stay with them and never returned to San Francisco. I dreamt of opening/starting an Arts Therapy Studio in order to help others process the trauma

and grief we were all going through at that time. In April of 2020 I first toured Barn 5400 and once I opened the front doors I knew I wanted, no needed, to be in that space to make my dreams come true. In short, I fell in love with the facility and by August of 2020 I literally had the keys to unlock my vision. It was not simply the roof, walls and building that lured me in, it was the concept that was actively being developed therein which lit up before my eyes. I mention all of this because I believe annexing this property will allow further visions of Barn5400 transforming into much more to come to fruition.

With Barn 5400 being such a truly unique destination of Local Arts and Entrepreneurship, Petaluma's annexation of this property would contribute to the city's economy through sales tax revenue and licensing fees.

I have personally and professionally witnessed both the increased community surrounding commerce and a bloom of familiar friendships grown at Barn5400 in the 4+ years I have been working there (almost every single day). For example, My Business has grown from less than a handful of patrons to now almost 80 participants monthly working together. 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,  
Andrew M Kontrabecki



**From:** [Angela Bald](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Barn 5400  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:07:48 AM

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Hello, I am emailing in regards to the Barn 5400 property zoning amendment. I am hoping you will take into consideration voting YES to make this happen. Retrograde is one of the businesses working out of this space, and I don't know of a more deserving business than this one. Casey & Danielle are two of the most community involved business owners who have curated such an amazing space in just their Sebastopol location alone with Retrograde, and I know with the opening of this second location they can bring that joy and great space to Petaluma.

Please vote YES to the zoning amendment, all of the businesses at Barn 5400 deserve this. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

- Angela Bald

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**Angela Bald**

[REDACTED]



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

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Anna Fargo Gordon](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2024 10:56:00 AM

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Sincerely, Anna Fargo

**From:** [Ariana Schwalbenberg](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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**From:** [Ariel Brien](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely, Ariel Brien



**From:** [Ariella Daly](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Sincerely,

Ariella Daly

[REDACTED]



**From:** [Gray Calvino](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Dear council members:  
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Sincerely, Ashley C

**From:** [Avena Carver](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Zoning Amendment and Annexation of Barn 5400 to Petaluma  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:21:54 PM

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Avena Carver  
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**From:** [Benny Cope](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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**From:** [Brianna Fischer](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Sincerely, Brianna Fischer

**From:** [Bruce Holder](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Retrograde Approval  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:41:29 AM

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Sincerely, Bruce Holder

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**From:** [Bryan Hohnstein](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** City Annexation of Barn 5400 property  
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To whom it may concern.

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Thanks,

