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**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Mayor Barrett, Council Members Barnacle, Fischer, Healy, King, McDonnell and Pocekay

RE: Amendments relative to on-site parking Zoning Ordinance Section 11/040 and associated references in Section 11.030, Section 11.065, Sections 15305 and 15601(b)(3).

There are many downtown business owners and Petaluma residents who are concerned about increased density in Petaluma without adequate parking. I am sending this note to you today to ask that you carefully look at impacts of making exceptions to parking requirements without full studies for all impacts of proposed projects.

Your last agenda item tonight should be given a great deal of consideration by you and must include thorough engagement with your community.

Many are concerned that reducing on-site parking requirements could open the door to parking exceptions for the soon to be heard application for the extensive project called Hotel Weaver proposed at Petaluma Blvd and B Street. It is understood that the developer intends to apply for exceptions to standard parking requirements. We all know that parking is tight around this area and limited to 2 hours. The parking garage nearby at Theater Square is fully used. The Keller garage is often full. The opening of Amy's will increase demand downtown for parking.

Any proposed development in our historic downtown or next to our historic downtown should especially be given very careful consideration. History has shown me that Petaluma is not looking closely enough at unique sites and project impacts and the city is failing to fully account for parking and traffic challenges.

Solutions to problems that will impact our business community and residents should not be handled by the Zoning Administrator. Nor should the Zoning Administrator be allowed to modify requirements.

Sincerely,

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