

## Castellano, Isabel

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Ms. Castellano

We would like to comment on the proposed alterations to 101 Kentucky Street.

Petaluma's historic downtown is its defining feature, but that feature is in peril! Many of our most iconic buildings, including the two historic banks on Petaluma Boulevard and Mutual Relief building at 25 Western have been vacant for long periods and seem to be ill suited to the current commercial market. If these buildings cannot find a modern use, they won't be adequately maintained and will eventually fall to demolition by neglect. We have reviewed the proposed changes to the exterior of 101 Kentucky to accommodate Amy's Kitchen and they seem a reasonable accommodation that won't be viewed as out of character and will allow the building to live a useful life in the community again. We support the project!

Sincerely

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