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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** -- City Council <[CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org)>  
**Subject:** Opposing proposed Zone Amendment from EKN

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Dear Councilmen and Councilwomen,

I am writing to you today to ask you to vote against the proposed downtown zoning amendment. Allowing 6+ story buildings to be built in the 14 block area. I've been told you must consider this application; thus I urge you to vote against it. This zone amendment applicant is from the developer that is planning the 68 ft tall Hotel Weaver/Appellation Hotel. Current downtown zoning regulations are in place for good reasons. Don't make your legacy passing this zoning amendment. There are other ways to change Petaluma for the better. This isn't it.

Thank you.

Sherry Sandberg  
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**From:** sherry sandberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:59 PM  
**To:** -- City Council <[CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org)>  
**Subject:** Downtown Zone Amendment & 7.25 study session postponement

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Dear City Councilmen and Councilwomen,

Recently the 7.25.23 study session was postponed/cancelled without public notice, save an online, (difficult to access) link to a memorandum by Greg Powell, Principal Planner. I only saw this memo on 7.20.23 when checking the website for the planned agenda. Many people did not know that this study session was postponed and said they showed up. The city attorney had announced to the large crowd at the 7.12.23 forum about the zone overlay that citizens should show up at the 7.25.23 study session to learn more. On the evening of 7.24.23 I walked by the lot at 2 Petaluma Blvd S and found that the blue sign still posted the session date as 7.25.23. When I drove by the lot at noon on 7.25.23, the date of the meeting, the blue sign was finally changed to show 8.8.23.

There are 2 main actions I'd like changed when meeting dates are suddenly altered:

- 1) Promptly notify the public of such a change in advance in all ways possible (newspaper, mailed postcards, blue sign). If proper notice cannot be given, the meeting should proceed as scheduled. Otherwise you appear to be hiding the change, alienating some citizens from participating in or trusting local government. For those of you wanting to call this a conspiracy theory, it's not. It's a normal reaction to your actions. Think of how you would feel, showing up to a meeting that was cancelled.
- 2) My understanding is that Greg Powell is in fact an M-Group contractor, but did not identify himself as such in the Memo. Will you kindly comply with the Grand Jury's recommendation to revise contractors' email signatures in all correspondence? This simple change would clarify each person's actual employer, as well as aid in issues of trust between the city government and its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.


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DATE: July 25, 2023

TO: Planning Commission and the Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

FROM: Greg Powell, Principal Planner 

SUBJECT: Request for a continuance of the scheduled July 25, 2023, joint meeting study session regarding revisions to a proposal to create a Zoning Overlay in Downtown Petaluma ("Overlay"). File # PLPJ-2022-0015 (PLGP-2023-0001 and PLZA-2023-0002)

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Consideration of a proposal to create a Zoning Overlay in Downtown Petaluma is agendaized for a joint meeting study session on July 25, 2023, by the Planning Commission and the Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee.

Staff requests that this item be continued to allow additional time for staff to work forward on revisions to the overlay and to consider and respond to community comments and questions.

Staff recommends that this agenda item be continued to a date certain of August 8, 2023. By continuing the scheduled public hearing to a date certain to be provided by Planning staff at the July 25, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. The public notice that was published in the Argus-Courier, and mailed to all property owners and occupants in the study area and within 1,000 feet of the study area would remain in effect, and no additional published notice and costs to the applicant would be required. Staff will work with the applicant to ensure that the onsite signage is revised to note the new date.