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Dear City Council,

I wanted to write in great support for the newly proposed hotel to be built downtown. I love the initial design and the prospect of joining friends for a drink at the rooftop bar overlooking the river will be a beautiful addition to our town.

It's also the right choice for the economy and the environment - visitors will be able to take advantage of many walkable amenities and locally-owned businesses downtown. Contrast this with the Courtyard on Caulfield which is almost entirely car dependent, and the new hotel is almost certainly better for the environment.

I imagine sitting on the city council is a very difficult role. Individual constituents are very animated by this issue and will make it their goal to sink it at all costs. I think it is helpful in these times to remember that's not how democracy works. No single citizen - or even group of citizens - should have the right to sink any project.

Instead, we elect representatives like yourselves to create policies. If we dislike the policies, we vote for new representatives at the end of the term. Constituent input should absolutely be a vital input throughout your elected terms, but we can't live in a society run by the wishes of people who have the time to attend every city council meeting and build detailed opposition cases to every issue.

The easiest job in the world for a politician who always says no. Nobody can attack you for changing things. Have the courage to continue to say yes - I firmly believe that we can always develop and improve our home, and that Petaluma's best days are still ahead of us!

Sincerely,
Adam Supernant
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