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Subject: Comments on Draft Town Center Ordinance

I don't live in McKinleyville anymore, but I do shop there. I'm also deeply concerned about the climate crisis and wondering what life will be like for people my age when we can no longer drive. McKinleyville's town center is an opportunity to create a healthy environment built for people to live, shop, and socialize. A patchwork of separated mixed use properties will be neither accessible nor functional. I strongly urge you to make the entire town center multi-story mixed use, and bike and pedestrian friendly. I've visited town centers in Europe like this and they are lively, prosperous and full of people.

There should be no parking minimums. When developers are not forced to spend money on parking, they can build more affordable units, and there is more room for green space and other amenities for people on foot. When parking is a little bit harder to get, people are encouraged to walk, bike and use transit. With 8 years to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half, we don't have time for most of our vehicle fleet to become electric, so development that is centered on active transportation and transit is essential.

Thank you for the chance to provide input.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ring

What part of "immediate, rapid, and large scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions" don't you understand?

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