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Subject: Proposed changes to Central Avenue

Hello:

I am writing in response to proposed changes to Central Avenue as part of the Town Center Ordinance. I read about this proposal to reduce Central Ave to one lane each way with diagonal parking spaces on Facebook, on the McKinleyville Community Watch page. I have lived and worked in McKinleyville since 1995 and have been a Humboldt County resident since 1982 and have seen many changes to our area over the past 40 years, including a growth in population. I had an office at 1660 Central Ave for 20 years and am very familiar with traffic volume and flow on Central Ave.

I think the reduction of traffic lanes on Central Avenue is a terrible idea, given the current volume of traffic and the probable future increase in traffic volume. This plan will likely lead to gridlock, as well as numerous accidents as people back out of diagonal parking spaces into the single north or south traffic lanes. Has any consideration been given to delays in emergency response vehicles exiting the fire station on Central Avenue? Why more parking spaces? Lack of parking is not an issue in McKinleyville. Have you ever had to drive around McKinleyville, searching for an empty parking space? Not me, ever.

I encourage all of you to go to the McKinleyville Community Watch page and read the comments. There's zero support for this terrible idea. There are also many other reasons listed why this is a bad idea. Please read these comments and listen to the residents of McKinleyville, they do not support your proposal.

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