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Subject: AGAINST Central Avenue being narrowed to single lane, AGAINST diagonal parking

Hello,

These are my comments on the Town Center ordinance regarding Central Avenue in McKinleyville being considered by the Board of Supervisors. I am opposed to narrowing Central Avenue and I am opposed to placing parking on Central Avenue. PLEASE, don't do that.

My family and I are residents here and have lived in McKinleyville since 2000. Our home is in Grace Park, behind Eureka Natural Foods. We access our home by way of Central Avenue daily, and Picket (which empties onto Central Avenue) is the only paved road in and out of our neighborhood. We own now, and have owned various trailers in the past, kept at our home, including camping trailers up to 30 feet long.

PLEASE DO NOT narrow Central Avenue.

PLEASE DO NOT put diagonal parking on Central Avenue.

The modifications to narrow Central Avenue being considered will make accessing our home significantly more dangerous, both for me as a driver towing a large trailer and for pedestrians walking to/from their vehicles parked diagonally on a narrower street.

Decreasing clearance for me towing our trailers will increase danger.

Increasing pedestrian traffic near and/or into driving lanes will increase danger. (Have you never seen a child, exiting a vehicle, run the wrong way around the car? It will happen, and harm will result.) Distracted shoppers next to the only lane of traffic will inevitably be harmed by traffic. It is statistically unavoidable.

PLEASE DO NOT increase constraints on Central Avenue.

Central Avenue is the primary north/south route thru McKinleyville. (Some might successfully argue it is the ONLY one.) Semi and delivery trucks currently park in the middle of the road in order to offload cargo. Narrowing Central Avenue will result in traffic blockage, bringing access to and from our homes and local businesses to a halt.

The only fire station for many miles around is on Central Avenue. Fire engine access is directly onto Central Avenue at a place either very near, or inside the area of Central Avenue being considered for modification. Fire engines are huge vehicles, restricting the primary access and egress route for the response vehicles is fundamentally unsafe. Police access from the Humboldt County Sheriff's substation off of Picket into our

community is via Central Avenue. Putting any more restrictions on vehicle movement on Central Avenue will result in delayed response times for our professional First Responders, resulting in increased loss of property and life.

I am told that increasing parking spaces is a goal of these considered changes to Central Avenue. We don't need more parking... there are always empty spaces in the Safeway Lot. Consider asking businesses on Central to use the setback from Central as a place for them to put in parking spaces for their own business, if they think they need more.

To be clear.... I AM STRONGLY AGAINST BOTH NARROWING CENTRAL AVENUE AND I AM STRONGLY AGAINST PUTTING PARKING SPACES DIRECTLY ONTO CENTRAL AVENUE.

PLEASE, do not support either of these ideas.

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