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To: McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee Members, Supervisor Madrone
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I've written before in favor of a walkable community-oriented McKinleyville Town Center. I do most of my shopping there and would love to have a more congenial space. I've also written asking that the Central Avenue Speedway be tamed. Unfortunately, it does not seem clear yet that it will be. I don't have the city planning skills to know how to do this, but it is very clear to me that unless traffic is slowed and lessened the Town Center will be an add-on rather than fulfilling the promise everyone seems to want. It seems a tough nut to crack, but absolutely necessary.

I'm also convinced by the evidence CRTP has presented, that mandating specific numbers of parking spots is also counter to the goals of a community oriented and climate friendly Town Center. However, this is not an easy problem either. There are many difficulties urban neighborhoods face when there are too few parking spaces. Of course, if we all had tiny electric vehicles (see below) it would be a much more manageable problem—and I fully expect that for the future, maybe around the time sea level rise hits 3 feet. But for now some other ingenious solutions are needed. I don't consider either the mandated parking spaces or the "let the owner decide" to be ingenious enough. And I urge you to look further.

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