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Dear Council,

Thank you for your continued exploration of desperately needed housing opportunities in the downtown.

It has just now come to my attention that there may be an opportunity related to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street parking garage to advance housing and public resources at a greater magnitude than previously explored. However, that opportunity may be missed if the 3<sup>rd</sup> street garage is declared surplus today. To be clear, the Chamber is steadfastly supportive of using excess city property for housing and economic development purposes. At this point, we simply encourage the Council to delay action for a short period of time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> street garage alone, while moving forward the other properties in the agenda item, to provide enough time for the City to explore potential redevelopment opportunities of the 3<sup>rd</sup> street garage.

With respect and appreciation for our continued partnership,

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Dear City Clerk/City Council:

Attached is a Mimecast link to Matthew C. Henderson's Letter to City Council, City of Santa Rosa dated 12/2/22 for the City Council Meeting today. Also attached to the link are 10 .pdfs enclosures to be printed with the letter and distributed to the City Council. Please confirm receipt of the letter and attachments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew C. Henderson at [matthew.henderson@msrlegal.com](mailto:matthew.henderson@msrlegal.com) with a copy to me.

Regards, Karen.

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**From:** [Doug](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Surplus Land Action on 3rd Street Parking Garage  
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Dear Mayor Rogers and Members of Santa Rosa City Council,

Due to the Holiday season (the most important 6 weeks of our business year) we were regrettably unaware that an action to declare the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street garage “Surplus Land” was being taken last week or we would have voiced this alignment with the DOA in not supporting this action. The action taken by the council last week will possibly be the most damaging decision for E.R. Sawyer Jewelers (Santa Rosa’s Oldest Business) and it’s 14 employees. We are personally asking that you reconsider the action and reopen the conversation with those of us at the most risk with your decision. Throughout our company’s history we have been involved at all levels of support of Downtown and the Council – Elbert Ramson Sawyer was on the founding committee that formed the Santa Rosa Chamber to rebuild Downtown Santa Rosa after the 1906 earthquake. We are begging of you to reconsider your action – not because of the data presented by staff (though that is a concern also) but because there has not been enough stake holder discussions that give us a sense of confidence that we can survive the uncertainty of what the decision means. This decision underestimates what it takes to make a living downtown, and those making and influencing this decision it will not be subject to it’s ramifications. Although we were and are in complete support of the Reunification of Courthouse Square, we have already witnessed the adverse effect of the 6 month delay of that project had with traffic patterns that we are working so hard to return downtown. We don’t want to imagine what the effect of multiple years of uncertainty and/or delays may cause our business and neighbors.

We also understand the pressure that the City is under from the State to create housing, it is our opinion that this is not the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street garage is NOT the right property at this moment in time and just the declaring of it “Surplus” creates too much concern for us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doug & Ame Van Dyke  
E.R. Sawyer Jewelers since 1879

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