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To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 14.2 - Declaration of Four City Owned Parcels in the Downtown as Non-Exempt Surplus Land
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Hi there!

Just wanted to send a quick note in support of the conversion of underutilized parking spaces into housing.

I understand that local businesses often worry about the impact of parking conversion, but studies repeatedly show that pedestrians and bicyclists spend more at local businesses than people travelling in cars. We'll drive downtown whenever a houseguest has limited mobility, and we've never had a problem parking close to our destinations.

Projects in the works for downtown Santa Rosa and the Railroad District do not need parking requirements. The public transit options are there, the bike routes are there, and there will be plenty of remaining on-street and off-street parking available for those that need it.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alexandria