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To: [City Clerk](#)
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To: Larkspur City Council

We strongly oppose the proposal to remove parking spaces in our beloved downtown in order to create unneeded additional dining space. When we lived a short walk from downtown, we were frequent customers and diners downtown. Now that we live in “the Greenbrae part of Larkspur,” we must drive to avail ourselves of our favorite shops and restaurants -- not to mention the Lark Theater. If parking becomes unavailable, we will have to shop and dine elsewhere.

We see no evidence in the staff report on this item that wider sidewalks will create additional business for the few restaurants that might benefit. While the “parklets” have no doubt helped restaurants survive the pandemic restrictions on indoor dining, that need is going away. Colder and (hopefully) wetter weather will make the parklets even less important. If there is some economic advantage for a few, there will also be a significant disadvantage for the many businesses that rely on short-term parking to serve customers like us.

Surely the council can find better uses for \$140,000 than a project that would have so few benefits and so many drawbacks.

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