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On behalf of Marin County Bicycle Coalition, I am writing in support of Option 1 for the Magnolia Ave sidewalk widening. The advent of widespread outdoor dining was one of the few silver linings of the Covid-19 pandemic, and gave us all a chance to see what our towns and cities might be like with more space devoted to active uses rather than automobile storage.

But with outdoor dining, we often found out how narrow our sidewalks really were. People with mobility issues or pushing strollers had to navigate narrow paths between doors and diners. As such, we applaud the City of Larkspur's vision in widening the sidewalk, creating a more accessible, pleasant, and vibrant commercial area.

While the potential loss of some parking spaces will no doubt stir up some frustration and worry, people visit places because of the businesses that exist there, not because of the ample parking. If the opposite were the case, we would not see as many shopping malls going out of business. People are highly adaptable - perhaps they can carpool with their friends for dinner, or even call a cab. Additionally, with the rapid rise of electric bicycles among Marin's adult population, automobile parking demand is likely decreasing rather than increasing.

We urge the city to build for the future. If Magnolia Ave already had wide sidewalks, would anyone seriously entertain the notion that we should *narrow* them for a few parking spaces? Let's plan the world we want to see, not necessarily the one we have.

Yours Sincerely,
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