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To Mayor Haroff and the Larkspur City Council,

As your discussions evolve from providing temporary space for some of our local restaurants to operate outdoors to being permanent, I would like to add to the comments I submitted for the meeting of August 18th.

- The proposal does not seem equitable to all downtown businesses. It only benefits the specific incumbent restaurants. If this is to proceed, the spaces should be made available as general seating.
- There are frequently vacant parking spaces now. But when the Lark Theater returns to operations, there will be the same shortages experienced before COVID-19. Spaces used by theater patrons do not turnover as quickly. If this is to proceed, it may be time to reconsider perpendicular parking on one side of Locust.
- The annual rental fee should not be determined by the value of the space for parking, but based on a higher amount as an extension of the business footprint. To use the lower amount as a parking space would provide an economic windfall that could be seen as a gift of public funds. This is the same way the Council has historically viewed some of the vacation of public lands adjacent to private residences.
- The use of the Citywide Paving Plan Fund could be viewed as a breach of public trust. While Measure B sales tax revenues can be used for other general city services, it went to the public as a means to finance the repaving and maintenance of our local roads, for

emergency preparedness, and for the rehabilitation or replacement of other critical infrastructure. Even if there has been lower costs from these projects, any surplus should be kept for future projects where there are emergency repairs, overruns, or when the economy underperforms.

If it is decided that the parklets are temporary, I would reiterate that the removal not be tied to a date, but to metrics that support a low level of community risk as determined by the Marin County Health and Human Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment again and for your consideration.

Larry Chu