

From: [Cori Ana Strell](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Cc: downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: A reconsideration for a garage when community occurs.
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:09:02 PM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please consider Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market.

+ I want to see a central downtown community public green space for a permanent Farmers' Market, Flea Market, and gathering location. Parking Lot 4, with its size, trees, and afternoon sunlight is far better used in this way than for a parking garage.

+ I do support a beautiful library for everyone to use and benefit from. I may be wrong, but many people who benefit from libraries are people who bike, walk, and bus.

+ The Council's November 2018 declaration of a climate emergency encourages decisions that move away from actions like increasing infrastructure for CO2 producing vehicles. A parking structure on the scale envisioned is ecologically unsustainable and doesn't incentivize other modes of transportation such as the bus, biking, and walking. We don't need to incentivize more drivers in SC we need to improve our public transportation system.

+ A Downtown Commons will serve as an "anchor" that can help broaden downtown Santa Cruz from its present narrow Pacific Avenue axis and encourage economic development beyond that axis. I think more common spaces and green backyards could grow from this conversation.

+ Building a mixed-use parking garage on Parking Lot 4 will create even more dead street space in Downtown Santa Cruz, already a serious problem along Cedar Street and Church Street, for example.

I do have a question if Main Street Pacific could be used for a farmer's market like many other cities do. Is this viable?

Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views.

With respect,

Cori Ana Strell
Sustainable Systems Research Foundation
Sunrise Movement

From: [Joe](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Correction: I Support a mixed use building on LOT 4
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:14:05 AM

On 10/17/2019 10:12 AM, Joe wrote:

> Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,
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> Here are the issues I consider most important.
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> *I support a mixed use building at Parking Lot 4.
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> *There is not enough projected parking space to meet future demand.
> Even if everyone drove electric cars they need a place to park them.
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> *A mixed use building will provide a new state of the art library,
> affordable housing and much needed parking. It is a win for all sectors.
>
> *The future of the downtown retail sector will rely on enough
> available parking to sustain it. Without sufficient parking and an
> anchor the mixed use Library would provide, the downtown retail sector
> will NOT be sustainable. Customers are already choosing to shop
> elsewhere and it will only get worse.
>
> *I work at my business at the 1020 Cedar Street Locust garage and 80%
> of the time there are signs indicating LIMITED PARKING or LOT FULL.
> 80%. Those who say differently are uninformed.
>
> *We do not have an effective alternate transportation system. Even
> with all the alternative choices the fact is that over 50% of people
> who work downtown still drive their cars.
>
> *So far no official plans have been drawn up, only renderings. Anyone
> who comments on the size of the "proposed" building is misleading you
> and the public by overstating the argument to support their point of
> view.
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> *A mixed-use building on Parking Lot 4 will create an anchor
> destination for families and shoppers encourage them to spend more
> time downtown.
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> *We MUST plan for the future. 30 years ago the Locust garage was the
> first post earthquake "mixed use" building constructed to provide
> parking and retail.
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> You have a chance to provide so much more now with a sustainable mixed
> use building that will include a library and housing. Think forward
> and meet the challenge of the future.
>
> Thank you.
>
> Joe Ferrara
>
> Atlantis Fantasyworld

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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Do not replace the farmers market site with a parking structure
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 11:15:32 AM

Dear Library Sub-Committee Members

Surely you can consider a space for the proposed library relocation/parking-structure (if you insist) across the street in the parking lot that adjoins Calvary Church, or break new ground along the San Lorenzo River for such a venture.

Our city is losing its character in a rush toward development. Please consider your responsibilities in this matter. Your elected positions hold in trust the hopes and dreams of the folks who live here. Please don't abandon the very ideas that brought you to this community in the first place.

Sincerely,

Edward Weingold

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From: jdoyle@baymoon.com
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: Downtown commons vs. Parking Garage
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:44:43 PM
Importance: High

Dear Sandy, Justin and Donna,

I want to add my voice in support of making the large lot adjacent to Frog Fitness, the former Logos and other buildings into a Commons and permanent Farmer's market.

Davis has such a place and it provides for many activities that bring community members together. I will no longer be here when the worst of Climate Change occurs but I feel

great sadness for those who will. By that time open spaces, trees, gathering places will be priceless. Don't give away such a precious resource. I know all of you have visited or

even lived in places - communities, other countries, where wise or foolish land use decisions have been made; where you have seen the results.. Please reflect on the lessons

from those experiences and save our best, downtown, open space.

Sincerely, Jane Doyle

From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library Asbestos
Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019 11:12:18 AM

Please share this email with the Council Library Subcommittee.

Thank you,
Jean Brocklebank

Hello Subcommittee ~

There is much hand wringing about asbestos in the downtown library building. I would like you to consider two things as you continue to study the matter.

First, consider my credentials for discussing asbestos with your Subcommittee:

For my senior thesis project (BA Environmental Studies, 1982, College Eight, UCSC) I produced a photo-documented report on all hazardous and toxic materials either in use or in situ at the City of Santa Cruz School District's twelve campuses.

A full separate chapter was done on asbestos. I researched asbestos extensively for my project. I inventoried each building of each school campus for any friable asbestos, immediately reporting to the school principal. For example the boiler room of Gault Elementary was used as a teacher's smoking lounge and had piles of friable asbestos on the floor. It was shut down due to my report. I also inventoried each case of potentially friable asbestos and materials likely to contain some percentage of asbestos fibers.

Mine was a comprehensive inventory a year or so before California legally required such of school districts. The School District used the my document until there was a fire at the administrative offices several years later. Fortunately, although not digitized back in 1982, I had my typed carbon copy of the document and was able to provide another copy to the School District, complete with xeroxed photos, which they eagerly accepted.

I tell you this so you may know that mine is more than just a lay opinion on the matter.

On August 20, 2019 the Sentinel published my LTE on the topic:

"In calling renovation of the library an utter fantasy, Ms. Nagel flew the alarmist asbestos flag, then added that walls of the library would have to be made thicker to meet earthquake standards. A 2014 Seismic Evaluation of the library by structural engineers dispels both of Ms. Nagel's uninformed claims. Even Noll and Tam spoke of their surprise at the seismic soundness of the building.

"After our 7.1 earthquake, repairs to the library building included comprehensive asbestos abatement. A copy of the engineer's report can be found on Don't Bury The Library's website, on a page called the Asbestos Myth.

"Claiming the library is riddled with asbestos is a scare tactic. If there really was a risk of dangerous asbestos, would the City of Santa Cruz have allowed all library patrons and library

staff to occupy the building for the past 30 years? Wouldn't that be a huge liability on the part of the city?"

Second, for more information, please review this one page from the [Don't Bury The Library](https://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/asbestos-myth.html) web site <https://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/asbestos-myth.html> as you continue to separate fact from fiction in making your final recommendation(s) to the City Council.

Sincerely,
Jean Brocklebank

From: [Alina Harway](#)
To: dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com; brown@cityofsantacruz.com; [Justin Cummings](#)
Cc: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library Mtg: Thank you
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:47:12 AM

Dear Vice Mayor Cummings, Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Brown:

I wanted to thank you for organizing the Downtown Library meetings last week, and allowing me to the opportunity to speak with you about this exciting project.

As I mentioned last week, I believe bringing affordable homes to the project proposal does two very important things: First, it will create critically needed affordable homes in a timely fashion and in a prime location, offering education, access, and resources to its residents and neighbors. Second, it demonstrates for all Santa Cruz residents, via a very public, visible model, just what successful mixed use space looks like and how we can create community space for all of our neighbors. I offered the Portland model as [one successful example](#). I'd love Santa Cruz to be another.

Thank you again, and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be helpful in any way as you continue conversations on this project.

Best,

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From: [Judi](#)
To: [Donna Meyers](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Downtown Library
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:00:08 PM

Dear Subcommittee Members:

On Oct 16 I attended a talk at the MAH about the post-Loma Prieta earthquake downtown recovery. The presenter (Charles Eadie) shared information about the shaping of the "Vision Santa Cruz" plan, which despite differing factions, came together, resulting in the downtown we have today. It was repeated that there was an extensive public process.

Part of the vision for downtown was a public plaza, or series of plazas. Of course a priority was to restore retail, establish building standards, plant street trees, etc. The plan acknowledged that downtown was not a "blank slate," and the recovery plan should build on the pattern of existing streets and blocks. "We know we want gathering places." "A Civic Living Room." 30 years later, with the downtown recovery considered a success, we are at an important point when the chance to create such a public space (on Lot 4) is only possible if the mixed-use project is defeated, in favor of a) renovation or rebuild of library on its present site; b) parking supply MANAGEMENT; c) offering a permanent home to the Farmer's Market on Lot 4.

The city bungled the chance to proceed with a library upgrade (or new building) back in 2016 after the passage of Measure S, by tying it to a garage. A new library could probably already be well on its way to being operational if the process had started then, with the kind of public outreach that other communities do.

One thing is quite clear - people want a great library!! But re-locating it was never presented to voters, and as we commemorate the earthquake, the idea of putting a library under 5 or 6 stories of parking seems unsettling at the least, and terrifying at the worst.

As for the small number of housing units that could possibly be included, we tax-payers have not been asked whether we wish to subsidize that housing (and parking) by means of millions of dollars of annual debt service the city would be taking on, which could then likely result in the need for new taxes to provide essential services and maintenance of our existing facilities. Consultants have advised you that building a new parking structure is the LAST thing that a city should do, after every other means has been tried.

Thank you.

Judi Grunstra, Librarian

From: [Judi](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Follow up on Sept 17 meeting
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019 11:52:06 AM

Dear Councilmembers on the Library Subcommittee:

I hope you have had a chance to take a look at the list of resources supplied to you at the Sept 17 subcommittee "visioning" meeting by Downtown Commons Advocates members John Hall and Karen Simmons. With your very busy schedules it would not be surprising if you had not gone to the web sites listed, but should you wish to delve into the ways other cities (small, medium and large) have created beneficial (in many ways) public gathering spaces, there is a wealth of information available, both practical and theoretical.

The Downtown Commons Advocates table at last Friday's Climate Action convergence at Lot 4 generated a lot of community interest by all ages. A group of young boys enthusiastically and thoughtfully sketched their ideas for such a public space. They are the future, and for their sake, please preserve this central downtown location rather than replace it with a massive concrete glorification of cars. Others we spoke with were horrified to learn of the city's plans. Renovate the library on its present site, which is the appropriate site for this key component of our civic center.

You heard at the Sept 17 meeting from consultants who told you that their research has shown that fewer young people are owning cars, and that any new parking structures should be located on the peripheries of downtowns. At the Oct 1 meeting of the Downtown Commission, Adam Millard-Ball noted that other cities have used parking district money for city improvements. We **can** do that here, even if there is resistance from proponents of the mixed-use project. People on "both sides" highly value the library. It was a foolish miscalculation on the part of the city to join it with a garage back in 2016. Let's get back on track with either a renovation or a new library WHERE IT STANDS.

The inclusion of housing was not something the DLAC contemplated. Given the relatively small amount of square footage available in a corner of the proposed mixed-use project, the number of housing units that might be included does not seem to warrant the expenditure of some \$80 million dollars (construction plus debt) on this garage.

And we must keep uppermost in our minds that there is a climate crisis. Please make the right decision for our community.

Thank you.

Judi Grunstra

From: [Nancy Kashap](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Fw: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead ! Remodel Downtown Library at Church St. Location !
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:07:01 PM

I forgot to sign my email of last night, so I am re-sending it with my name and address.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Nancy Kashap <nkashap@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 1:19:26 AM PDT
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead ! Remodel Downtown Library at Church St. Location !

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please honor the vote on Measure S and spend the money as it was intended - on a library, not a parking structure. Do not build a six story parking structure on Parking Lot 4. Rather than create another concrete heat island that undermines the 2017 Downtown Plan goal to "preserve and enhance the informal 'village' qualities of the Cedar Street Corridor", make Parking Lot 4 into a green space. Plan for a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market on Parking Lot 4, the last sizeable publicly-owned open space in the center of Santa Cruz. This would be a far more attractive use of this plot and would create a central downtown community public space.

A parking structure on the scale envisioned is out of scale with its surroundings and is an ecological mistake. There is not enough projected parking demand to justify an \$81 million dollar (\$2.7 million/year for 30 years) garage structure. City staff projections overestimate future parking demand, as staff has acknowledged. It does not take into account parking rate restructuring, Jump bikes, Uber and Lyft, the City's downtown employee bus pass program, and attitude shifts that will decrease demand. Will the garage be underutilized during the months when tourism declines? In November 2018 the City Council declared a climate emergency, and there is one. How can you then justify spending our tax money on increasing infrastructure for CO2 producing vehicles?

I voted to improve the Downtown Library, and envisioned an exciting renewed building. There are many lively examples in nearby communities.

I did NOT vote to move the library to the basement of a parking garage. Under the proposed plan, if the Downtown Library were included as part of a garage structure, construction costs exceeding Measure S funds would be subsidized by parking district revenues. But, equally, parking district funds *could* be used to make up a shortfall in renovating the present Downtown Library. Cost savings from not building an expensive garage can be used to leverage affordable housing construction elsewhere downtown, to increase density and vitality.

An imaginatively remodeled Downtown Library at its present location and a Downtown Commons on Parking Lot 4 will help broaden downtown Santa Cruz from its present narrow Pacific Avenue axis and encourage economic development beyond it.

Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views. Please do the right thing for the long-term future of Santa Cruz!

Nancy Kashap
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From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Cc: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Library Subcommittee - miscellaneous positives
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 6:07:55 PM

Dear Subcommittee ~

While many find a smaller new library at Center & Church difficult to swallow, we see the positives outweighing the negatives. In this regard, we share these thoughts:

- The City of Santa Cruz has three branches serving city and county residents: downtown, Branciforte and Garfield. Add the sf of those two branches (7,500 sf and 2,343 sf) and we are at **39,843 sf of library for the City of Santa Cruz.**
- We are spending Measure S funds to upgrade and beautify Branciforte and Garfield to be *neighborhood serving libraries*, with their own enhanced children's rooms. Families like neighborhood libraries! Acknowledging the value of and encouraging the use of these neighborhood libraries meets the *walkable cities goals of transportation planning and childhood health* (exercise).
- The children's garden area and other outdoor possibilities (of the Jayson proposal) were discussed during the DLAC process as an important consideration. Staff will benefit also, as everyone is refreshed by being in a green space for a break from being inside.
- The Jayson Library will have the HVAC on the roof, thus freeing up space in the building.
- At a Library Joint Powers Board meeting last year, Director Susan Nemitz reported that current maintenance for the library is \$8 dollars/sf/year. She said industry standard is \$10 dollars/sf/year and she was requesting that upper figure (systemwide). So a reduction in size of the downtown branch of 12,000 sf will save \$120,000/year in maintenance costs alone. As learned from the last recession, stuff dependent on the 1/4 cent sales tax for libraries plus the contributions from the four LJPB entities (SC County and cities of SC, Capitool & Scotts Valley) just didn't get done.

Sincerely,
Jean Brocklebank
on behalf 141 residents
[Don't Bury The Library](#)

From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Library Subcommittee - resubmitted/fixed unfinished sentence
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:49:50 PM

Dear Subcommittee ~

As we approach the end of your good efforts and work on library alternatives, we want to make sure that comparisons of alternatives are established on a level playing field. By that we mean that funding for each alternative will be equally comparative.

In other words, *if any alternative will require extra funding* (beyond the Measure S \$27 million allocation) *then all alternatives will be analyzed with the same funding assumptions*. Examples include:

- Library in mixed-use structure -- Will the subsidy of the shell be estimated and listed as a separate cost to the city of this library alternative? Will the resulting library (as a tenant) be constrained by only \$27 million or will there be additional costs needing additional funds raised? If so, how much additional funding would be required to build a new 44,000 sf library in a mixed-use project?
- Renovated Library -- Will an upgraded (renovated, revitalized) library be constrained by only \$27 million or will there be additional costs needing additional funds raised? If so, how much additional funding would be required to renovate the existing 44,000 sf library? [Note: new figures from Jayson Architect will be required; the Noll & Tam figure cannot be relied upon.]
- Demolished Library and New Build at same location - Will the library be constrained by only \$27 million or will there be additional costs needing additional funds raised? If so, how much additional funding would be required to demo the library and build a new 44,000 sf library at Church & Cedar? (for the demo question, see RFP task pasted below).

It is possible that, no matter where and how the downtown library is either built or rebuilt, the resulting library may have to be smaller than 44,000 sf. Our intention is to make sure that "smaller" is not stamped on a renovated library only. Actually, the existing library building will always have 44,000 sf available for renovation, into the future, when time and funds permit.

Below is the RFP issued by the City's EDD, for your assistance in considering our requests on analysis and recommendations to the City Council. Has the City or your Subcommittee requested such an alternative as described in 2.3?

2.2 DELIVERABLES: The consultant will be responsible for completion of a final report and presentation to the City Council Downtown Library Subcommittee.

2.3 ALTERNATIVE ADDITIONAL TASK: The City & Council Subcommittee may desire the consultant to provide an updated cost estimate for a demo and rebuild of the library on the existing site as an alternative additional task to be priced out separately. Scope may include:

- Updated cost estimates & scope for rebuilding the library on the existing site meeting all of the programmatic needs
- Updated cost estimates & scope for rebuilding the library on the existing site within the existing budget.

Sincerely,
Jean Brocklebank
on behalf of [Don't Bury The Library](#)

From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#); [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Library Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:38:46 AM

Dear Subcommittee ~

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Sincerely,
Jean Brocklebank
on behalf of [Don't Bury The Library](#)

From: [David Brody](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Mixed Use Library Project - Endorsement
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 5:22:50 PM

Dear Ms. Rotella,

At its meeting today (October 23, 2019), the First Five Commission of Santa Cruz County unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the mixed-use library project in downtown Santa Cruz. The project provides the community with a much-needed modern library, affordable housing, and parking above the street level. The view of the Commission is that the library will provide developmentally appropriate spaces in which very young children can begin their journeys to the habit of life long reading. The affordable housing increases the opportunities for more families of modest means to find housing, ensuring that their children enjoy stable living environments. The mixed use building makes sense for children and families and it certainly makes economic sense. The Commission was pleased to unequivocally endorse the project.

I have sent this same notification to all members of the Council Library Subcommittee as well as the other councilmembers.

Sincerely,

David G. Brody

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From: [wumby](#)
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Subject: No garage on parking lot 4!!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:06:15 PM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

Please do not approve to build a huge parking structure right downtown! It would be an absolute travesty to the downtown, not forward looking at all, and such a waste of the space. Even though the building would be mixed use, it is just not the right place for it! Downtown space is very precious and needs to be used accordingly. Cars/parking are not the priority for some of our last open spaces.

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please reserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market!

I am a resident of Santa Cruz County and come to the market every week, often with a few people accompanying. We do want a first-class library, but NOT in a place that undermines the 2017 Downtown Plan, which promotes the "village" character of Cedar Street. The Plan also has an unrealized goal of creating public space that can best be fulfilled at Parking Lot 4.

There is not enough projected parking demand to justify an \$81 million dollar (\$2.7 million/year for 30 years) mixed-use garage structure: the City staff projection overestimates future parking demand; as staff has acknowledged, it does not take into account parking rate restructuring, Jump bikes, Uber and Lyft, the City's downtown employee bus pass program, and other factors that will decrease demand.

Please look to the city of Berkeley who is much larger and see what they have done to keep downtown from being consumed by parking garages.

The Council's November 2018 declaration of a climate emergency encourages decisions that move away from actions like increasing infrastructure for CO2 producing vehicles. A parking structure on the scale envisioned is not looking forward ecologically.

Building an \$81 million parking garage cannot be justified by including a small number of small sq. ft. affordable housing units. Cost savings from not building an expensive garage can be used to leverage affordable housing construction elsewhere to increase downtown density and vitality.

A Downtown Commons will serve as an "anchor" that can help broaden downtown Santa Cruz from its present narrow Pacific Avenue axis and encourage economic development beyond that axis.

Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views. Please do the right thing for the long-term future of Santa Cruz!

Sincerely,

Janet Kamiya

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From: ammscpa@aol.com
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:56:59 AM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

In your recommendations concerning the Downtown Library, please reserve Parking Lot 4 as the site of a future Downtown Commons and permanent Farmers' Market!

Here are the issues I consider most important.

*I want a **central downtown community public space** with a permanent Farmers' Market. Parking Lot 4, with its **size, trees, and afternoon sunlight** is far better used in this way than for a parking garage, with or without a library.

*There is not enough projected parking demand to justify an \$81 million dollar (\$2.7 million/year for 30 years) mixed-use garage structure: the City staff projection overestimates future parking demand; as staff has acknowledged, it does not take into account parking rate restructuring, Jump bikes, Uber and Lyft, the City's downtown employee bus pass program, and other factors that will decrease demand.

*I want a first-class library, but NOT in a place that undermines the 2017 Downtown Plan, which promotes the "village" character of Cedar Street.

*The Downtown Library costs exceeding Measure S funds would be subsidized by Parking District revenues if it were included as part of a garage structure; Parking district funds could similarly be used to make up a shortfall renovating the present Downtown Library or building it elsewhere.

*The Council's November 2018 declaration of a climate emergency encourages decisions that move away from actions like increasing infrastructure for CO2 producing vehicles. A parking structure on the scale envisioned is ecologically unsustainable.

*Building an \$81 million parking **garage cannot be justified by including a small number of small sq. ft. affordable housing units**. Cost savings from not building an expensive garage can be used to **leverage affordable housing construction elsewhere** to increase downtown density and vitality.

*The 2017 Downtown Plan has an unrealized goal of creating public space that can best be fulfilled at Parking Lot 4.

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*Building a **mixed-use parking garage** on Parking Lot 4 will **create even more dead street space in Downtown** Santa Cruz, already a serious problem along Cedar Street and Church Street, for example.

I am a City Resident and Business Owner. Concerned about livable, sustainable, healthy downtown for businesses and people.

A Public Commons with a farmers market and space for other gatherings can develop economies for downtown liveability & business success. The Library expanded in current location will develop use of the surrounding area as a Civic Center.

Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views. Please do the right thing for the long-term future of Santa Cruz!

ANNE MITCHELL, 575 SOQUEL AVE., SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062

From: [David Shaw](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#)
Cc: [John Hall](#)
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:12:08 AM

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From: [phil rocky](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com](#)
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:01:21 PM

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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
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Sincerely, Jennifer Cooper

From: [Linda Wilson](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:01:10 PM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

Please keep Farmer's Market where it is. Let's have it be a true town commons, w/trees, kids & music. Please rebuild the library where it is, or some other place.

Russell Brutsché

From: [Eva Wax](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 4:53:52 PM

Dear Library Subcommittee members,

I write to plead with you to reconsider using our downtown gathering place as the new site for a multilayered parking garage and site of the new library.

The downtown market space feels like the heart of downtown. The place where we gather and meet our friends and family every week. I strongly support the proposed vision that would make the current parking lot into a beautiful green space /park where market could be held. A place where the public can gather for protests, celebrations, etc.

As someone who regularly comes downtown, for weekly farmer's market, shopping, dining, marches, etc; It can take a few passes around, but I've never had a problem finding a parking space downtown, and for big events, I know it is better to walk, bike, or carpool

I strongly urge you to fix the library in the current location and to NOT to build another big multistoried parking lot downtown. Let the heart of our community be about gathering and community instead of encouraging more people to drive and park downtown.

Thank you so much for your work on behalf of the whole community of Santa Cruz.

Eva Wax
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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From: [John Hall](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [Downtown Commons Advocates](#)
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:50:10 PM

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Many good reasons are listed below, and I agree with all of them. Mostly, I think the city needs to be much smarter about city planning and I believe that we need to move ahead with a vision for downtown Santa Cruz that includes a downtown commons, a library, and affordable housing.

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From: [Jean Kratzer](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 12:51:18 PM

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So people will be able and happy to leave their cars at home and take a bus or tram or use the train lines that run through downtown.

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From: [Eva Brunner](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 7:48:21 AM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

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From: [Well Within Office](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:31:22 AM
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Eric Heckert

Owner



spa_manager@wellwithinspa.com

From: [Nikki Lewen](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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From: [krsandel](#)
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Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S®6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [marymcgranahan48](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); [downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com](#)
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:40:44 AM

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Thank you.

Mary McGranahan

3rd generation Santa Cruzan

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Pat Leighton](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Friday, November 1, 2019 10:20:09 AM

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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
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Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 9:05:04 AM

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To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:15:57 AM

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From: [Anna Tsing](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 4:14:03 PM

Dear Council Members Brown, Cummings, and Meyers,

It is a terrible use of Santa Cruz's central space to build a parking garage. What a way to encourage fossil fuel consumption and the use of private cars. And it is a crime to destroy Santa Cruz's vibrant farmers market in this way. The farmers market is a key element of Santa Cruz's attraction. Your attempt to make Santa Cruz an impoverished second-rate town is noted. Please turn back before it is too late.

Stop this nonsense about the garage. Preserve the farmers market, one of the very best institutions of Santa Cruz.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Tsing
Santa Cruz resident
Distinguished Professor of Anthropology
University of California, Santa Cruz

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From: [Laura Lee](#)
To: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#); [Amanda Rotella](#); downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com
Subject: No garage on parking lot 4, Downtown Commons instead!
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:45:02 AM

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Laura and Jeffrey Lee
Santa Cruz residents

From: [Jean Brocklebank](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Cc: [Sandy Brown](#); [Justin Cummings](#); [Donna Meyers](#)
Subject: Please forward to Subcommittee - energy concerns
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019 6:45:16 PM

Dear Subcommittee ~

We are greatly encouraged by the Jayson presentation. We hope you are also.

Regarding energy concerns, at last Thursday's presentation, Abe Jayson replied to Justin's good question about LEED's certification by saying that a high performance building would require more money.

- Recall that Noll & Tam said the same thing about a garage library. In fact, their answer at a 2017 DLAC meeting was a definite "*it will **not** be LEED certified.*" This can be confirmed by checking the DLAC audio record.
- Thus, energy efficiencies will be accrued in other ways.
- Remember that energy efficiency is also a function of size. The bigger the building the more energy costs required to operate and to maintain infrastructure over all.
- The proposed glazing on the south and west facing walls can act as a passive solar heating system during our non-rainy weather, even in foggy days, as well as on colder clear winter days. Since heat rises, the collected heat will rise and be disbursed to the second floor. We can count the number of days on one hand each year when downtown Santa Cruz is really hot. Those will be the times when the proposed clerestory at the top of the stairs can act as a ventilation system, allowing excess heat to escape with mechanically operable windows.
- Other energy efficiency possibilities can be explored in a final design stage.

Most importantly, for your consideration, is that in regard to a non-LEED option, apparently both library alternatives (renewal or new build) are equal.

Sincerely,
Jean Brocklebank
DBTL ~ Remodel, Revitalize, Renew

From: [Judi](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Please share with sub-committee members
Date: Friday, September 20, 2019 3:32:31 PM

Dear Vice Mayor Cummings and Council Members Brown and Meyers:

I attended the Sept 17 meeting meant to elicit some "visions" for downtown. During the first hour's presentations, I heard from PUMA that young people are moving away from car ownership, and also the idea from the NDC gentleman that any newly created parking should be located on the periphery of a downtown. Both these statements (based on their research and expertise) would seem to reinforce what many concerned residents have been saying with regards to the Mixed Use project on Lot 4. It is foolish to invest so much money to build a parking structure there! Not just foolish, but **unhealthy** for individuals and the planet.

Contrast that with the benefits of a Town Commons on Lot 4, which the Downtown Commons Advocates have shared with you and about which we/they continue to share with our fellow Santa Cruzans. It is still amazing to speak to people at the Wednesday Farmer's Market who a) have no idea what is being proposed and b) once they hear about it, are strongly opposed to it, with a few exceptions.

As for the sentiments of the speakers at that meeting regarding the library, most said "We value the library" but nobody said that the only option for a wonderful library is to move it to a garage.

Once again let me express my appreciation for the effort you are putting into this decision. The library should not be made to bear the responsibility of solving the city's parking or housing issues. Measure S did not call for that. If that was the intention, the ballot measure should have stated that so voters could have decided.

The Farmer's Market has also been entrapped in this divisive net. Please disentangle this mess, restore/upgrade the library with any and all funds that are available, and bring about a resolution you will be proud of, so that you can move on to other pressing issues. I doubt you want your legacy as Councilmembers to be that of a parking garage.

Respectfully,

Judi Grunstra, Librarian

From: [Summer Ryll](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:45:49 AM

Hello Amanda,

I'm sad not to be able to attend the Downtown Forward meeting this Thursday but wanted to send a note of support on the library project. When the City Council frequently references the "silent majority" I silently feel that I'm part of the group :)

I think SC deserves a state of the art beautiful library, especially when we have the funds earmarked to actually make the project happen. The idea of more residential units, more parking, AND a great new library sounds like the obvious choice to me. But even if the amicable solution is to create a still wonderful, smaller, stand alone facility - let's do that too!

However this discussion pans out, thank you very much for your effort to continue making our community better.

Best,
Summer Daly



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From: [Bob Lamonica](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:55:06 AM

I support the mixed use library project.

Bob Lamonica

From: [Steve Blair](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:19:13 PM

Hi City Council,

I understand Jayson Architects is going to make a presentation at the Loudon Nelson center in a few days, and I'm looking forward to seeing it. I really want to encourage you to keep the dream of a mixed use project for the downtown library alive—it is the most cost-effective approach to providing Santa Cruz with the type of library and services it deserves. As some of you probably remember, I was a member of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee, and I'm hoping that we can take action on this project with the Measure S funds before our access to them expires.

Thanks for all that you do for our city!

Best,

Steve Blair

Director, Technical Publications

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From: [Sherry Talmage](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:55:44 AM

Dear Library Subcommittee Members,

I am a resident of Santa Cruz. I have raised 2 children, several foster children and provided temporary housing for many foreign students over the last 41 years. And now I am blessed to be raising my grandchildren here.

We've always loved the time we spend at the library. And we can't wait to have a beautiful new library equipped for the 21st century! We cannot address future needs from a smaller facility. Our children, teens and community members deserve a modernized system.

We fully support the Subcommittee's recommendation for a new mixed-use building to include parking, retail, and housing.

Sincerely,

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From: [Martha Dexter](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 12:59:51 PM

I write to support the mixed use library project at Cedar and Lincoln. I voted for Measure S to give us 21st century libraries across the SCPL system. I want to see a full size Downtown Library capable of supporting all the many programs, collections, and services the community wants. If the \$27 million is inadequate for a renovation of the existing library and would provide only a new small size library on the existing site, then the only responsible alternative is to partner with other sources to build a mixed use project that will get us the library we deserve and also enhance the downtown with affordable housing and shared use parking. This is the most cost effective approach and gets us the "best bang for our buck." Let's be creative! Don't settle for half-a-loaf when we have the opportunity to build a centerpiece library for our downtown.

Thank you,
Martha Dexter
Santa Cruz city resident

From: [Daniel Brumbaugh](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:59:38 PM

Hi there,

I'm writing in strong support of the City Council moving forward with planning for a downtown, mixed use library. As the citizen's advisory group previously found, this option is by far the most economical one for achieving multiple needs and benefits, including expanded library spaces and services, affordable housing, and replacement parking to support the vitality of housing options and local businesses downtown.

Thank you,

Dan Brumbaugh

302 Younglove Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: [Valerie Mishkin](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 1:21:57 PM

-- I support the new library.

I support all housing projects, with one request and concern.

The workforce is composed of family members, not so much single people. The people who need housing downtown need 2 and 3 bedrooms, not studios and 1 bed apartments.

Any housing being built is needed here, but building more for the rich moving in, is not going to gain support from the masses.

Freeing up homes most can not afford does not help locales.

I am not saying don't build for students, but even they could double up if you provide larger units. I think larger units will provide more for the population in need.

The homeless need to be housed throughout the county in smaller pockets, so as not to overwhelm any one area, or create ghettos.

I get the part about housing many of them near needed services. Lets keep a balance on the numbers and where with projects spread out (Emaline, Soquel, Watsonville and so forth).

Cultural vibrance, will bring people to downtown activities.

Particularly when the reputation becomes one of a safe, clean, and accessible (traffic and parking) area.

Many of those who resist change from come fear, that their needs are being sacrificed for others. Listen to the concerns and address them in as balanced a way as possible. I believe you can gain the public support.

I strongly support the densification of downtown, and continue to advocate for Democracy as it applies to the needs of all residents.

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From: [Peter James](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:01:20 PM

Dear library subcommittee members-

I am writing in support of the proposed new downtown library/mixed use project.

Libraries are vital to healthy communities. As our society undergoes rapid changes in the way that we communicate, work and live, combined with an ever changing social and economic landscape, the role of libraries, and the benefits they provide will increase. It does not make sense to deliberately invest in a smaller, less robust facility.

Housing is a major issue in Santa Cruz. So is transit. Incorporating housing into a well designed mixed use project in our downtown core makes sense on every level.

Regardless of our aspirations and desires regarding the use of cars, people still drive, and they will for the foreseeable future. Not meeting demand for parking will not prevent people from driving. It will prevent them from visiting downtown Santa Cruz, though, and will result in a less dynamic community that struggles to find revenue at every level. Our community depends upon visitors-they come in cars. It also seems reasonable to assume that a well designed parking facility would offset the need for parking elsewhere, and the network of ad hoc surface lots that the city has relied upon could be reduced.

Thank you for your consideration

—

Peter James, Owner

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From: [Mark Gordon](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 5:46:11 PM

Hello,

As a reader, driver and citizen of Santa Cruz, I DO NOT support the development of the library in the parking structure. I actually am not in favor of building the parking structure at all. The library definitely needs upgrading. Let's rebuild the current site and use the money for what it was approved by the voters.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon

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From: [Natasha Flechsig](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:12:26 AM

Change is painful, but I support the mixed-use library plan. It gives us the most bang for our buck and has the highest value both socially and environmentally.

Natasha Flechsig

~The grass is always greener where you water it~

From: [cathy.cavanaugh](#)
To: [Amanda Rotella](#)
Subject: Re: Library Subcommittee Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 7:08:55 PM

Hello, After looking at different websites that are for/against the library moving to lot 4, it's my understanding that the library would be in front of the parking garage not in it. If that is true, it seems like an important distinction that would be worth repeating.

Thank you, Cathy Cavanaugh

Sent from my iPad