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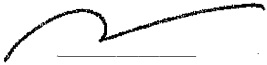
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Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly oppose moving forward with the proposed Road Diet on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. Our community has serious concerns that this project has not been adequately studied and will create more problems than it solves—particularly related to safety, congestion, and neighborhood traffic impacts.

First, there has not been a comprehensive, independent traffic and safety analysis addressing key issues for residents, businesses, schools, and emergency responders. Before any lane reductions are considered, the County must complete a full transportation study evaluating peak-hour operations, school pick-up and drop-off periods, seasonal tourism, evacuation routes, freight and delivery access, emergency response times, and business access and parking. This study should include measurable performance metrics such as delay, queue lengths, intersection levels of service, collision patterns, and projected diversion to residential streets.

Second, reducing travel lanes will inevitably increase congestion and force drivers onto side streets that were never designed for higher traffic volumes. These streets lack adequate width, sidewalks, lighting, and traffic-calming features—placing pedestrians, cyclists, and children at greater risk. If the County advances any configuration changes, it must also adopt a neighborhood traffic management plan that funds appropriate mitigation measures such as speed cushions, curb extensions, signage, turn restrictions during peak hours, and post-implementation monitoring with a public report-back.

Third, safety for all roadway users must be proven, not presumed. If the goal is to improve crossings and bike access, the County should first explore targeted, evidence-based solutions such as leading pedestrian intervals, signal timing improvements, high-visibility crosswalks, median refuge islands, protected intersections, daylighting at corners, school zone beacons, and continuous sidewalks and bikeways where right-of-way allows. These improvements should be prioritized where collision data and near-miss reports indicate the greatest need.

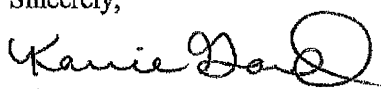
Fourth, the public process should include a meaningful pilot project using temporary, removable materials with clear success criteria before any permanent roadway modifications are made. A time-limited pilot would allow real-world data collection, performance measurement, and community feedback prior to long-term implementation.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to cease any further action toward adopting or implementing the proposed Road Diet on Central Avenue. The County should not move forward until a comprehensive transportation and safety study is completed, viable alternatives are evaluated, and the community has been fully informed and engaged in the process.

This project, as currently proposed, will create more harm than good for McKinleyville.

Thank you for your time, attention, and continued service to our community.

Sincerely,


Karrie Gard

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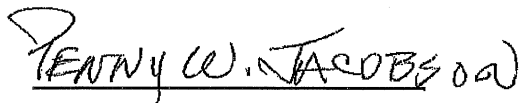
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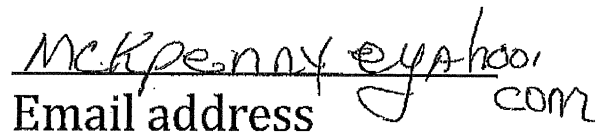
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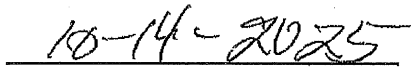
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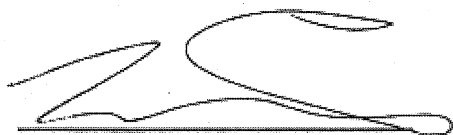
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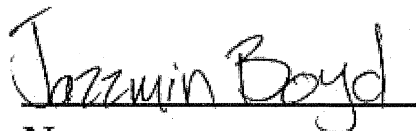
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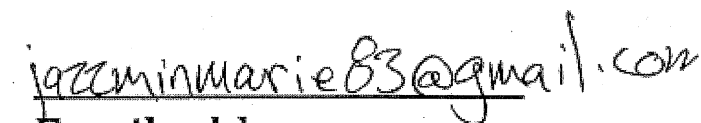


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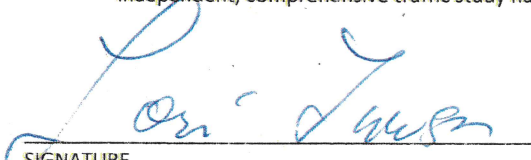
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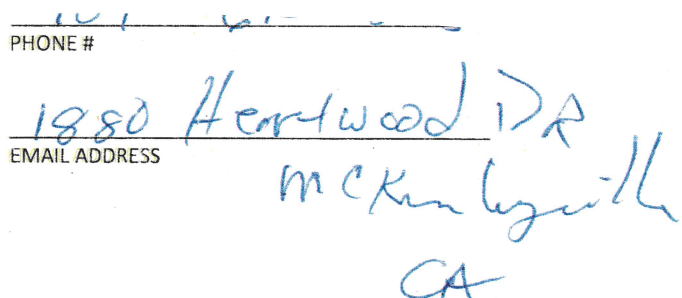
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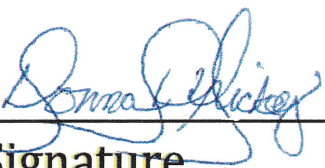
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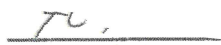
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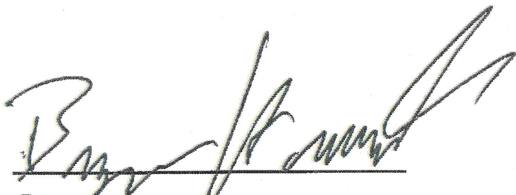
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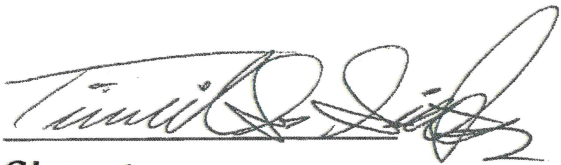
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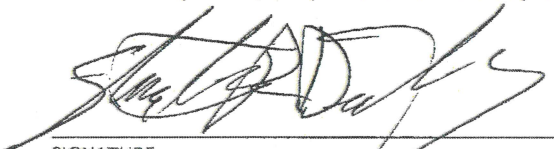
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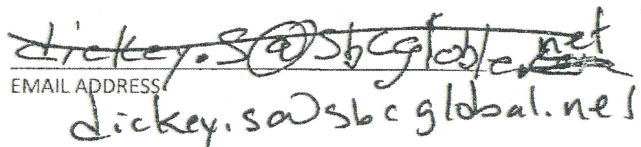
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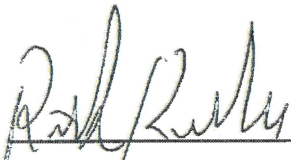
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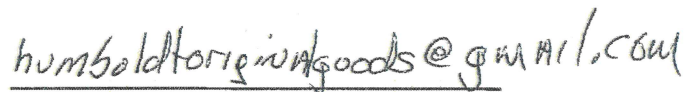
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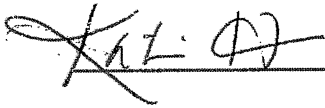
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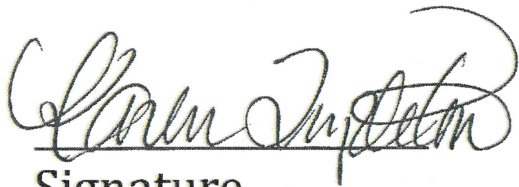
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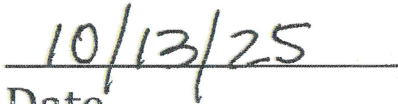
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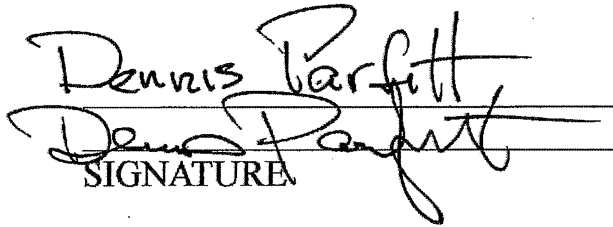
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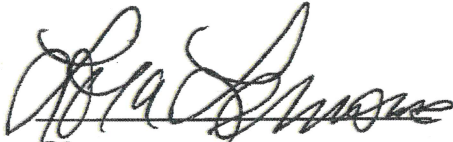

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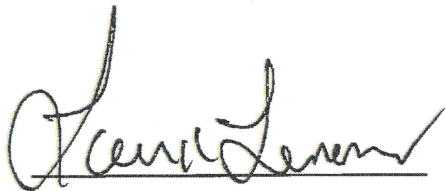
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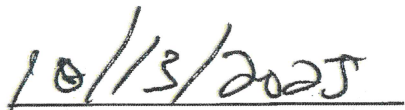
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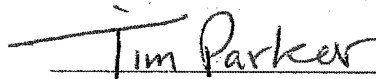
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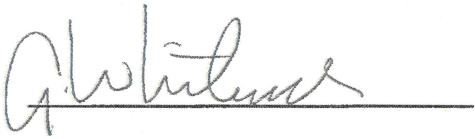


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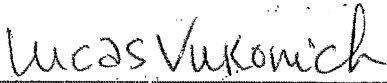
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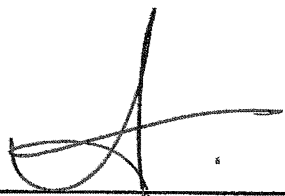


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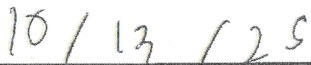
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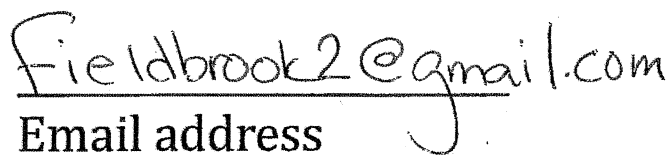
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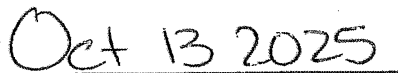
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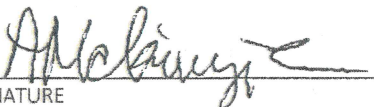
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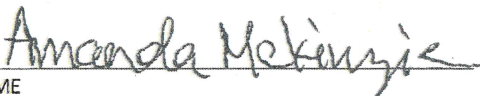
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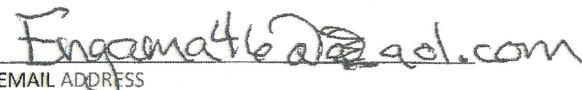
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7. We want our residents to be able to shop in McKinleyville. It will take a great deal more time to get to our shopping center and town center. People have already began expressing their option to shop closer to where they work or live, rather than having to deal with what we all anticipate will be a traffic nightmare in McKinleyville if the reduction of lanes happens without proper planning and a comprehensive traffic study.
8. As a resident of McKinleyville or someone who often shops or works in McKinleyville, I am against this option until an independent, comprehensive traffic study has been conducted.

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rural-suburban community and the potential disruption to established enterprises. McKinleyville is not Eureka or Arcata; forcing urban-level density here risks overwhelming local services, increasing traffic congestion, eroding the small-town feel that defines us, and creating unfair competition or overcrowding that could hurt small business owners like myself. We need balanced growth that respects our scale and supports existing commerce, not a blueprint for overcrowding that could take 20 to 40 years to unfold but would lock us into irreversible changes.

Additionally, the "road diet" reconfiguration of Central Avenue into a narrower design raises serious safety and cost concerns. Although proponents like MCSD General Manager Pat Kaspari argue it would enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, making streets "much safer," this ignores the avenue's history as a vital transportation corridor—born from the hard-fought widening after the "Save Our Homes" campaign lost against freeway expansion. Reducing lanes on what is effectively a five-lane arterial road could create bottlenecks, endanger emergency response times, frustrate residents who rely on it for daily commutes, and disrupt customer access to local businesses. A similar proposal for Hiller Avenue only compounds these worries. Moreover, planner Ford explicitly stated that these reconfigurations won't be paid for by developers but will instead rely on grant funding in a phased manner. This is unacceptable: developers who stand to profit from the increased density and commercial opportunities should bear the full cost of infrastructure changes through impact fees or direct contributions, rather than shifting the burden to taxpayers via uncertain grants. Public funds should prioritize essential services, not subsidize private development. We should prioritize proven safety measures without experimenting on our main thoroughfares or fiscal irresponsibility.

Supporters, including representatives from Life Plan Humboldt and the MCSD, emphasize vibrant commercial opportunities and senior housing benefits, but these can be achieved without sacrificing wetlands, overloading density, risking road safety, misallocating public resources, or undermining the viability of current McKinleyville businesses.

In summary, this ordinance prioritizes abstract "vibrancy" over tangible protections for our environment, livability, taxpayer dollars, and local economy. I implore the Commission to strike a balance, as Ms. MacGregor urged, by halting approval until wetlands are fully safeguarded, density is scaled back to sustainable levels, road changes are abandoned or redesigned with broader community consensus, and all infrastructure costs are squarely placed on developers. McKinleyville deserves a future that enhances, not overwhelms, what we already value—including the small businesses that form its backbone.

Thank you for considering my opposition. I am available to discuss this further and encourage public engagement on these critical issues.

Sincerely,
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McKinleyville Residents and Business Owners

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