

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Kelsey Lasalle
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:36 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: FW: Public Comment

From: Emily Rangel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:31 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail <COGVGeneralVM@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: Public Comment

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Good evening Council, Madam Mayor, thank you for your time and work within our community. My name is Emily Rangel, I have lived in this community for over 35 years. I own Moms and Minis at the intersection of Mill and Main Street, in downtown Grass Valley. I currently serve on the Board of the Grass Valley Downtown Association, I am the new Chair of the Economic Vitality Committee, I also sit on the Promotions and Design Committees. I volunteer many hours of my time each month in hopes of benefitting my fellow Merchants and our greater community.

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For over 2 1/2 years, at countless monthly, Merchant Meetings I have stated my safety concerns for this intersection, and begged City Staff to create a safe entrance and exit to the pedestrian pavilion they created. At many meetings I told city staff "this intersection is unsafe and I don't want to watch someone die". Months ago I came before City Council and expressed this concern directly to all of you. I even acted out with my hands the most dangerous common occurrence happening at the lower crosswalk. Shortly after that council meeting, a small girl was hit in the crosswalk in the same way that I shared my concern over. Thankfully she was physically okay. I can still hear her and her younger sister screaming and crying though, it was a brutal experience. I spoke with her mother on Sunday, and she shared that her daughter is still traumatized, speaking of the event often. Her younger sister and the mother also continue to suffer trauma as a result of the accident.

On 11/12 I had to call 911 after an elderly disabled man, using a scooter was hit at the same point of the same crosswalk. He was hit so hard that his body flew into a truck on the other side of the road and landed crumpled under the trucks back tire. I can still see it clearly. I see it clearly many times a day. I see it clearly when I wake up in the middle of the night, driving home, taking to friends and when I'm at the grocery store. The image of him laying there is something I will never forget. That man is now dead. That man's granddaughter was an employee of mine. The sweetest, most kind and family oriented girl. She will be spending this Thanksgiving grieving the loss of her grandfather.

I write this to beg Council to either immediately close the lower crosswalk at the Mill and Main intersection, or add a second stop sign in each direction until a design that prioritizes pedestrians over vehicles is implemented. Please do this before someone else loses their life.

I will be participating in public comment at every city council meeting I possible can until I feel that I've done everything I can do to make sure no one else loses their life at this intersection.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Emily Rangel

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From: Susan Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Supporting the Habitat for Humanity project

To City Councilmembers,

I encourage you to vote YES on item #8 on your agenda, the request for Habitat for Humanity to build housing on Gates Place.

My husband and I live nearby in the neighborhood behind SaveMart shopping center. We think Habitat for Humanity does a great job and has proven their value in the housing project already built off of South Auburn Street. Housing is desperately needed for deserving families and the Habitat model has been proven both locally and nationwide. It is a very good location for this type of project.

Please vote to approve their request.

Susan Rogers
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From: JOHN & SYLVIA WRIGHT [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Proposed downtown roundabout

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I like roundabouts, and I leave the specifics to the experts.

My concern about this particular project is that the long demo and construction period could be devastating to the small businesses in the area -- particularly Flour Garden Bakery and Wild Birds Unlimited and Sourdough & Co. and the pasty shop. Please find ways to keep traffic and customers flowing to these vulnerable locations.

Sylvia Wright
14460 Lodgepole Drive
Penn Valley

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From: Lindsey Abel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:44 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Downtown roundabout

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Hello,

I am writing to express opposition to the roundabout project.

That section of town seems to function pretty well as is. If anything, the only thing it really needs is some touch-ups on the corner near the onramp to the southbound lane, but anything beyond that I would consider wasteful spending.

Currently, there are so many other things we could be putting money into. I'd like to see some thought go into the city contributing to the local food ministry and food banks, as they are experiencing a higher need for their services.

Now, more than ever, I think its very important that we shift our focus from beautification and optional, unnecessary construction, to ways we can help our local community.

It is incredibly frustrating to watch things like this be on our agenda over brainstorming ways we can combat the very real problem we are experiencing with local families going homeless while waiting on waitlists for affordable housing.

Please work towards fixing the city's immediate problems before considering putting money towards projects such as this.

Thank yoh for your time,

Lindsey Abel

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From: Elena Rojas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 12:53 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No to paid parking!!

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Dear City Council Members, Parking Authority

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Nevada County, to express my strong opposition to the proposed implementation of paid parking within our downtown area.

Our vibrant downtown core already grapples with significant parking challenges. Finding available spaces can often be a frustrating experience for both residents and visitors alike, leading to congestion and inconvenience. Introducing paid parking would not only exacerbate these existing difficulties but would, in my firm belief, inflict considerable damage upon our cherished local businesses and the overall economic vitality of our community.

Local businesses are the backbone of our downtown, relying heavily on accessible and convenient parking to attract customers. Imposing parking fees would undoubtedly deter shoppers, compelling them to seek out alternative retail destinations where parking remains free. This would lead to a reduction in foot traffic, decreased sales for our entrepreneurs, and an unfair competitive disadvantage. Furthermore, it would place an undue financial burden on downtown employees who often struggle with limited parking options and would now face additional costs just to get to work.

I respectfully request that the proposal for paid downtown parking be rejected.

Sincerely,

Elena R.