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**Subject:** Comment on the 2024 cohesive Ketchum project for today's P&Z meeting.

To whomever it may concern;

I would like to address our many community visions and core values.

"We aspire to be an authentic mountain community with world class character, yet small-town feel..."

1.) "We value and support local businesses that contribute to uniqueness and vibrancy..."  
**Many of these unique businesses are being threatened by the new proposed parking plan.**

2.) "Our downtown core is critical to the economic health and well-being of Ketchum..."  
**Many of the downtown core businesses will be affected by building high density in the downtown core and create a parking scarcity.**

3.) "Ketchum is a place centered on the "town" and identifiable from the "country" be distinct edges..."

**We have well defined country edges. We are surrounded by mountains . Which no doubt are probably here til the end of time.**

4.) "...The community must explore ways to ensure that citizens have a reasonable choice of housing. Ketchum strives to use creative solutions to housing diversity by looking to partnerships, evaluating zoning, density, and infill policies; removing barriers, and creating incentives to achieve our goals."

**We must continue to pursue alternate building sites other than on an existing parking lot.**

5.) "Ketchum's citizens place great value on the exceptional natural setting and resources of the Wood River Valley..."

**Everybody does. That is one of the biggest reasons why we live here.**

6.) "Ketchum is an outdoor recreation mecca, where residents enjoy adventure sports right in their backyards..."

**Everybody does. That is one of the biggest reasons why we live here. The county needs to be cautious where they allow building of private homes bordering public lands.**

7.) ""A community-wide and regional system of sidewalks, on-street bike lanes, trails, public transit opportunities, and functional streets for vehicles brings us together to make us a connected community..."

**Every single man, woman, child, dog and cat wants to be outside walking, biking and frolicking when the weather and temperature are tolerable for that activity. We have 4 months. The remaining 8 months we are wrapped in winter clothing and driving to our destinations - including skiing.**

8.) "Ketchum is a community where arts and culture are vitally important to our economy and quality of life - they tell our story..."

Absolutely.!

9.) "We want a well-planned and connected valley, avoiding sprawl and focusing on creating high-quality, well-planned places. We want to minimize the negative effects of development such as car pollution, roadway congestion and undesirable environmental impacts..."

This is a two part statement. A well connected community suggests public transportation. We applaud Mountain Rides, they have worked hard to connect. But because we are a resort community and business drops after the mountain closes, so does the bus schedule. This challenges those using the bus to get to and work in a timely fashion. The second part of this statement forgets that highway 75 is a highway that in the summer transports logging trucks, construction trucks, livestock trucks and semi's of all kinds. Without a thorough bypass Ketchum will always enjoy pollution from motor vehicles. It won't matter how many 'bulb outs' or beautiful sidewalks we have.

10.) "We will strive to integrate best practices in energy conservation, renewable energy use, multimodal transportation, waste reduction and recycling, low-impact development, stormwater management, tree preservation, and local food production among other areas. We support local food production, preferably regenerative ranching, farming and gardening."

Before we approve and build any more buildings in the downtown core of Ketchum I propose to stop until we have defined what an authentic mountain community looks like.

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