

**Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC) Public Comment to KURA
on 1st and Washington Parking Lot
September 30th, 2025**

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC), now representing over 200 business, non-profit and community members, would like to thank the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency (KURA) for continuing the discussion regarding the use of the First and Washington public parking lot. KBAC members overwhelmingly favor public parking, in perpetuity, as the best use of this property. In recent discussions with KBAC members, convenient, free, long-term public parking was the unanimous preference for this location to meet the needs of residents, visitors and businesses.

Employees, customers, service providers, visitors, and area residents have a need to access the downtown area, and this lot helps to provide some of that access. To our knowledge, as of today, the city has not provided an alternative parking-management plan should these approximately 65 spaces be lost. We hope that KBAC can be helpful to KURA and the City going forward as our community seeks solutions for the issues of workforce housing and parking management.

As the discussions surrounding this property and other nearby developments continue, we would ask that the KURA Board focus on the priorities listed as their core mission and values. Parking lots and structures are listed high among those priorities.

KBAC members have consistently identified the following as being important for downtown Ketchum going forward:

- Prevent the removal of any already existing parking
- Promote the creation of additional parking and/or parking structures and/or parking programs that will meet the needs now and into the future for residents, visitors, businesses, customers and employees.

Thank you,

KBAC Board of Directors