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city council meeting

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To Council Members - I am a long time Stevenson downtown resident and former business owner whose property rights will definitely be affected by the moratorium and the prevention of change of use for a building owner. I agree with others that this is of no benefit to the success of downtown Stevenson and I request the moratorium be allowed to expire permanently. I also request that the ZON2020-01 Amendment be taken off the Planning Commission agenda until such time as an urgent need is identified. I also would like written notice of meetings concerning the moratorium or the Amendment.

As a retired person, I don't attend many meetings any more and assume our elected persons are acting in my best interest when it comes to property rights. I am probably the oldest (long term) resident in downtown Stevenson and have a vested interest in keeping this a good place to live and operate a business. Bob and I worked jointly over 60 years to develop positive things in the Stevenson area and improve our own property and naturally assumed we could pass that on to our family, letting them live here or have a small business, if they chose, and the opportunity arose. Over the years we've seen many small shops start up and then close when they could not afford to compete with larger areas. Those owners should be able to that space for whatever they want – possibly for someone needing a place to live (sometimes a single person) which allows the owner to pay his bills, provides income to the city and prevents another vacant eyesore because it can't generate any income. Much more input from stakeholders needs to be heard before measures severely restricting property rights are adopted.

Thank you.

Barbara Robinson

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