

# Online Form Submittal: Contact the City Council, Boards and Commissions

Mon, May 13, 2019 at 6:07 PM

## Contact the City Council, Boards and Commissions

Who Would You Like to Contact? City Council

Select Who You Need to Contact Ari Parker, Council Member District 7

### Your Contact Information

First Name Margaret

Last Name AmRhein

Email Address [Redacted]

Subject Main Street Lane Reduction

Message Hi Ari, Good evening! I just want to let you know that I do not support reducing the lanes on Main Street from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. It is only cause more congestion and pollution as car wait for signals especially at Riverside and Main Street during the day. It will become dangerous. I witnessed the other morning at 615 am, a pickup truck cut through the Post Office parking And make the right onto 1st Street to avoid the signal. In the evenings, it takes long time on Riverside across Main Street. How back returning East Lake and Beach Street to two way traffic to give people options. I rarely see a bicycle on Main Street. How about the signs showing that we need to share the road with bicycles? The sidewalks are just fine. We never had a problem walking downtown when were growing up....

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Date: 5/13/19

To: City of Watsonville  
275 Main Street  
Suite 400  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Francisco  
SOS School  
[REDACTED]  
Watsonville, CA 95076

RE: Support for Complete Streets

Dear Mayor and City Council of Watsonville,

My name is Francisco, I live in Watsonville California. I am a student at SOS School, I have lived in Watsonville almost my entire life. My experiences with walking are quite normal here in Watsonville. My experiences in biking in Watsonville are a another story completely. The people that drive here are complete psychopaths; they practically have no awareness and wouldn't be able to tell a child from a bush until it was too late. Although biking in Watsonville is dangerous, it also serves as a thrill if you are looking for one.

The issue I am addressing in Watsonville is that it is not a safe place for pedestrians. I know that the proposal will help with safety for pedestrians in the future. I have been hearing about this proposal more and more lately as more people want Watsonville to be a safer place. It is important because Watsonville is one of the leading cities in the United States with pedestrian fatalities.

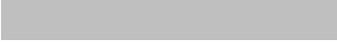
I support all the plans for Union, Main, and Rodrigues street. These plans are amazing because I often take these streets, whether it be for school or I just happen to pass by. These plans will make Watsonville safer and not only that, but will encourage people to ride bikes more, which in turn will also make people healthier. I would like to thank whoever is reading for taking their time out of their day to read my response.

Sincerely,

Francisco Moreno

5/14/2019

To: City of Watsonville  
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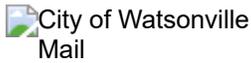
My name is Jennifer Rayas, I live just along Main Street and Auto Center Drive. I am a student at SOS in the Cabrillo campus, and I've lived in Watsonville for almost my entire life. My family and I would walk all around town and for a time me and my siblings would walk to school and sometimes when we didn't have a car. We would take the bus to Santa Cruz or Salinas and I enjoyed walking for almost a year. And the sidewalks were really small so we couldn't walk together and then it would put my brother at risk because he was always playing, and I was afraid that he was going to fall off of the sidewalk and get hit by a car.

The issue that I am addressing is that we need to have a better walkway for pedestrians and I know that the city council has to approve for the sidewalks to be wider and not cause any changes. I heard about this from Maria Esther, the city's engineer and I think that it is important because maybe that way more and more people will want to walk to places they need to be instead of just driving everyday, and it will improve our health as well and the Earth's health.

I agree with the bike lane with buffers, existing parking to be removed, and I agree with adding more benches, especially at the plaza. These ideas get my attention because those are what I think are more needed in the city of Watsonville. They would help make streets safer by lowering the car accidents with bikes. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this and I hope you support us and support our community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rayas



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## Support Complete Streets!

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**Peter Beckmann** [redacted]  
To: [redacted]

Tue, May 14, 2019 at 1:08 PM

I am in support of removing a travel lane on Main Street in order to implement a safer and buffered bike lane.

Sincerely - Peter Beckmann

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"Like the universe, architecture comes out of nothing, becomes something, and eventually becomes nothing again."  
(Arata Isozaki, 2019 Pritzker Architecture Price winner)

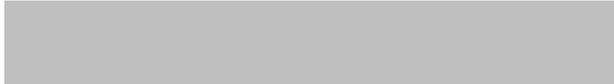
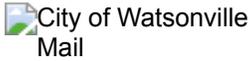
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Peter Beckmann  
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Corralitos, CA 95076  
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Tue, May 14, 2019 at 1:56 PM



## Contact the City Council, Boards and Commissions

Who Would You Like to Contact? City Council

Select Who You Need to Contact Rebecca Garcia, Mayor Pro Tempore / Council Member District 5

### Your Contact Information

First Name John

Last Name Speyer

Email Address [Redacted]

Subject Main St Road Diet Discussion

Message Hi Rebecca, I just wanted to add my 2 cents to the discussion about slimming down Main Street. I think it's a GREAT idea. I believe it's important to create an active & vibrant downtown, one that invites locals and tourists as well. To do that it needs to be more walkable and bikeable. As long as it's just a route for cars on their way to somewhere else, it will never be a community-oriented downtown. I'm hoping the planners can find a way to divert some of that traffic over to Walker or Rodriguez. I often walk & bike downtown, and it's a crazy, loud, polluted and scary experience (particularly on my bike). I know there will be much dissent, as people hate change, and want driving convenience. But should commuters take priority over those who live, work, and play downtown? I sincerely hope not. Thanks for your time, John Speyer

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May 14, 2019

To: City of Watsonville  
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From: Alondra Ramirez  
SoS School  
[REDACTED]  
Watsonville, CA 95076

RE: Support for Complete Streets

Dear Mayor and City Council of Watsonville,

My name is Alondra Ramirez. I live in Watsonville, CA . I'm currently attending school at SOS and I have lived in Watsonville my entire life. I have three older sisters and a younger sister, niece and nephew who are currently attending school at Bradley Elementary. They walk every morning to catch the school bus, which tends to worry me knowing that not all streets have proper sidewalks. Walking out on the street has become more and more of an issue as our population grows. Although I don't walk through downtown very often, I do walk on streets in Watsonville. With no sidewalks while walking I can feel the cars speeding right by me.

It hasn't improved so I tend not to walk when I don't have to. There are many pedestrians out walking. While 59 % drive, 32% walk to and from the downtown area, and drivers need to be cautious (Downtown Watsonville Complete Streets Plan, 2019). More sidewalks and wider sidewalks will help, but drivers still need to be aware of their surroundings.

During the past weeks in class we have been discussing the Downtown Watsonville Complete Streets Plan. Sidewalk improvement is really important to me as it immediately affects my family. I also like the high visibility crosswalks drawing attention to the pedestrians. I support more bicycle lanes. I believe if bicycle riding becomes safe in town it can reduce the numbers of cars.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to give my opinion and to be heard from the leaders of the community.

Sincerely,

Alondra Ramirez

George Ow, Jr.

Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor Francisco Estrada  
Mayor Pro Tempore Rebecca J. Garcia  
Council Members Felipe Hernandez, Aurelio Gonzalez,  
Lowell Hurst, Trina Coffman-Gomez, and Ari Parker  
275 Main St., Suite 400  
Watsonville, CA 95076

VIA E-MAIL

May 14, 2019

RE: Complete Streets Plan – Downtown Watsonville

Dear Mayor Estrada, Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, and Watsonville City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Ow Family, owners of 555 Main Street and numerous other properties in Watsonville, regarding downtown's Complete Streets Plan. As a land owner in the area of interest, we support improvements that will allow for a safer, more vibrant, and more environmentally friendly downtown. We believe that Watsonville's historic downtown core is on the verge of a renaissance, but intelligent planning and actions are needed to help it fulfill its potential. We believe that making downtown friendlier to pedestrians and other forms of non-car transportation, such as bicycles and scooters, while enacting new zoning for the area that will allow for greater density, housing, and flexibility in project design will allow downtown retailers and restaurants to thrive and attract more businesses and residents. We also believe that if Watsonville and California are going to hit their climate change goals there will need to be a move away from car trips, especially single-occupant car trips in internal combustion vehicles. The Complete Streets Plan could help with this, as could upzoning downtown to allow for more housing, reducing parking requirements, and helping to recruit businesses to the area.

Thank you for your service, time, and consideration of our position. If you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my sons who work with me, William at (831) [REDACTED], Benjamin at (831) [REDACTED], or Andrew at (831) [REDACTED].

Sincerely,  
George Ow, Jr.

CC: Matt Huffaker  
[REDACTED]