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housing development on city owned properties

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I strongly oppose the direction the city is moving to develop the open spaces of the town now used as parking. Both the open space, which allows one to see between and around existing buildings, allowing one to not feel boxed in as well as the much needed parking that these locations now provide should not be built on.

The character of this town, which the city council is steward to, should not be tainted by dense housing on these open spaces. The ridiculous statements by some that 'parking spaces are a blight to a town' should actually respect the fact that not all the space in this town needs to be built out.

Public space is just that, space to be used by the public for gathering space (The Homecrafters Market) and yes, for places to park. For the many service, professional and retail workers who use the three spaces proposed to be developed, to meet ridiculous standards dumped on us by Sacramento, for parking, the proposed changes would be devastating. Where to park? In the neighborhoods? Every day would be like the madness that we experienced during the one day of the car show on Ocean Avenue.

Orders that mandate or demand that low income housing be jammed into areas like this town are Orwellian. Bright minds should push back against demands from Sacramento and come up with better ideas. Don't sell off space that is valuable to this town just as it is.

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