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Fort Bragg City Council
416 N. Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: Mixed Use Development in Fort Bragg

Dear Council Members:

I understand that your council will be receiving a report and providing direction to staff regarding zoning regulations for late night uses in mixed-use districts at the meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009 (Item 2C). I am not able to personally attend that meeting, but I wanted to briefly address this issue.

I strongly support the conclusions of the Community Development Committee that this City should do whatever it can to create a lively and vibrant mixed-use district in downtown Fort Bragg. In my opinion, commercial uses in the Central Business District should take priority over all other uses. While I recognize that some persons choose to reside in the Central Business District, that choice of residence should not dictate the hours of operation or other aspects of commercial uses in the downtown area.

I also agree with the specific points made by the committee's recommendations that restaurants in the Central Business District should be classified as a permitted use whether or not they are located in a mixed-use building, and that commercial uses should be considered primary uses in all commercial zones, with residential uses being secondary.

There are large areas of this city dedicated to residential use, and appropriate restrictions in residential areas should be maintained to protect the quiet use and enjoyment of residential property. By the same token, the Central Business District is the economic heart of this city and also deserves protection.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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