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Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:50 AM
To: Leslie Mendez <Leslie.Mendez@cityofsanrafael.org>; Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: SEPT 14 MEETING, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Folks,

We are in a severe drought so conserving limited resources should be a priority while constructing the new Northgate Mall. Are there specific plans that you have to incorporate sustainable practices? How will you plan for the future if the water shortage worsens?

From a concerned Realtor
(If you wish, you may use my first name "Jesse")

From: Laura Silverman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:53 PM
To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>; Leslie Mendez <Leslie.Mendez@cityofsanrafael.org>
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To the San Rafael Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Merlone Geier,

When Merlone Geier bought Northgate Mall, they reached out to the community and conducted a survey in 2018 to investigate the community's vision and desires for the declining Mall. Based on their findings they declared that they would redevelop the Mall into a 'TOWN CENTER'.

"Owners of Terra Linda's Northgate Mall say they will redesign the entire 42-acre complex to create a 'TOWN CENTER' where people of all ages will not only go to shop, but also to congregate, relax, exercise and even set up housekeeping."

The 'TOWN CENTER' has now been reduced to a 'TOWN SQUARE' which is basically a parking lot.

The community wants a gathering place for events, performances, art shows and entertainment.

The 'TOWN CENTER' was included in the North San Rafael Vision 2010 as well as GP2020 and GP2040.

For Northgate to be vibrant and successful it needs to have this element included in the plan.

Why should residents in San Rafael have to travel outside of their own community to participate in the benefits of a 'TOWN CENTER' when we have the perfect opportunity to create something in our own backyard?

San Rafael is not going to 'buy in' to a Northgate redevelopment without a well-planned 'TOWN CENTER'.

If parking space is the major barrier to developing a 'TOWN CENTER', why not build a multi-story garage, underground parking or structures with parking and housing or retail stacked?

Thank you.

Laura Silverman

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