

**From:** [Catherine Malin](#)  
**To:** [Gabe Paulson](#); [Scot Candell](#); [Kevin Carroll](#); [Catherine Way](#); [Julian Skinner](#)  
**Subject:** Save Emporio Rulli outdoor dining  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 10:32:04 AM

---

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Larkspur leaders,

I am writing to protest Larkspur Resolution 62/22, which became effective earlier this week on 11/06/2023. This recent development mandating that all businesses on our beloved Magnolia Avenue pay an encroachment fee per square foot of the public right of way use in order to continue dining on a small portion of the sidewalk has left many of Rulli's customers deeply concerned and, frankly, astonished!

We believe this decision is detrimental to all local businesses and particularly the vibrant, welcoming atmosphere Rulli's offers that has become a hallmark of historic downtown Larkspur. The ability to offer outdoor dining has been a cherished feature of Emporio Rulli for 35 years, which has created a warm and inviting atmosphere for all. I often go to Rulli's after dropping my child off at school up the street. It has been a pleasure to enjoy Rulli's unique coffee, pastries and other food while at the same time basking in the distinctive charm of Magnolia Avenue. We understand that the city council has their reasons for this resolution, but we firmly believe this sad development will have a significant impact on the character and vitality of our community. This also comes at a time when local restaurants and other businesses are still attempting to recover from the COVID-19 lockdown rules. We ask that the council and Larkspur public works reconsider this ill-conceived resolution which will certainly have a detrimental effect on the Magnolia Avenue businesses and the local community.

Thank you,  
Cici Malin

Sent from my iPhone