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Dear Council Person,

Outdoor seating at Rulli's adds to the charm of downtown Larkspur and brings in business.

I own two properties. One in Larkspur and one in Mill Valley.

I bought the property in Larkspur eight years ago because I saw it trending upward with outdoor seating at Rulli's and Farm Local. Lots of people were in the streets shopping and enjoying coffee outdoors at Rulli's. The indoor seating as you know is limited. You would be forcing this beloved Cafe and Bakery out of business.

Mill Valley has local charm because it has two roads that lead to The Depot and a Plaza where people drink coffee and eat. Tiburon has downtown charm because it culminates in a central location: a fountain and the ferry dock where people sit and chat. These two towns are thriving bee hives of business because people see other people enjoying themselves outdoors at restaurants like one sees in Italy or Greece.

Larkspur on the contrary has been and can be again a drive thru town: with no Lucky's Market, no outdoor adult daytime activity and a place to meet, it becomes once again a shortcut from Mill Valley Corte Madera Grade to Sir Frances Drake.

San Anselmo is a good example of this drive thru type town. It has deteriorated, stores are empty, and business has become nail shops and consignment stores. I walked down San Anselmo Avenue with its empty streets and said to myself: nothing here.

Where do people go to meet other people in a casual social way? Businesses thrive if they see people outdoors.

Unless there are places that are traditions like Rulli's where people can congregate, it will slowly become a dead town again.

I hope you will change your mind about outdoor seating at Rulli's and other venues in Larkspur.

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