

From: [Julie Allecta](#)
To: [Gabe Paulson](#); [Scot Candell](#); [Kevin Carroll](#); [Kevin Haroff](#); [Catherine Way](#)
Cc: [Dan Schwarz](#)
Subject: Rulli Sidewalk Service fees
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:58:03 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 City Council —

I read in the Marin IJ the article about the sidewalk cafe "encroachment" fees that the City is charging Emporia Rulli. Please ask the City Manager to re-think this policy. Larkspur loves its history, and its history is what makes old downtown Larkspur a charming go-to place for shoppers and residents. You voted to preserve our historic City Hall. The City supports our iconic Larkspur Theater. Emporia Rulli is central meeting spot, with valuable history. Encourage don't discourage our landmark enterprises.

Stop or dramatically reduce the "encroachment" fees assessed to Emporio Rulli. There's a long history to this sidewalk cafe area (pre-dating Covid and all the emergency parklets). We want the outside tables and chairs back, so we can say hello to our neighbors and enjoy a morning or afternoon cup of coffee in the open air. Relief for Emporio Rulli will benefit all the other smaller stores along Magnolia. And while you are thinking about Larkspur's old downtown future and vitality, please think of some incentives to attract a small corner grocery store to one of Magnolia's empty spaces, like the many small corner family stores in SF.

Thank you for your service to the community and your hard work. It has been my pleasure over the years to vote for each of you.

Julie Allecta
jallecta@gmail.com
mobile/text 415-307-3030
71 Camellia Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939