

November 8, 2020

Conditional Use Permit 20-06

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing in strong support of Conditional Use Permit 20-06 for operating a place of entertainment at 301 Main Street, Placerville, CA.

This is much needed venue in our town of Placerville. It will be a benefit to many other businesses downtown and compliments them well. We have needed a place for indoor gatherings of this size for a long time in the downtown Placerville area.

Twice I have had the experience trying to find a venue for large family functions downtown, and had no success. If I'd been able to find the central space for the event, the guests would have stayed at the Cary House for a long weekend, eaten their meals at restaurants downtown, and kept everything within walking distance. They would have shopped at the local stores as well.

Not being able to find a suitable downtown event location, I ended up having one large family function at the Best Western Hotel on Missouri Flat, used their event center, while our guests stayed in the hotel there and ate at the restaurant next door.

Another time the family event was held at the American River at a large Inn, using a caterer from Coloma, and having guests stay in the Bed and Breakfast facilities in that area.

If we have an event center in the heart of Placerville, we will be able to have business conferences, weddings, anniversary parties, birthday parties, Quinceaneras, retirement parties, and many other types of gatherings. I think this is much needed for the downtown, and I heartily support it.

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