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**Subject: City Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Thank you for attending the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce joint meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee and Board of Directors on Tuesday, April 20 to present proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. As presented, the proposed amendments will streamline permit review for certain commercial land uses, which will assist existing businesses and assist new business development. The cost and time for obtaining permits will be reduced, which is critical during this challenging economic period. In addition, the approach for specialized parking provisions for the Downtown West End Village will be more inviting to potential new businesses along this portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

On behalf of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee and Board of Directors we offer our full support of the City's efforts in being business-friendly.

Sincerely,



Rick Wells  
President and CEO

cc: Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors