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Attachments: Public Restroom - Map.png; Public Restroom - Bulbout Concept.png; Public Restroom - Google Streetview.png

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CFAC, Council, and staff,

As many of you know, the absence of public restrooms in Morro Bay's downtown has been a challenge to businesses, visitors, and residents for some time, and with the likely closure of the pseudo-public restroom at the former Grandma's Frozen Yogurt building, we are now faced with a 7-block gap to fill between City Park and Centennial Parkway. While some generous businesses along Morro Bay Boulevard and Main Street do allow public restroom use, it's not a solution we can or should count on long term. Instead, Council, city management, our advisory boards, and Chamber must work together to create a downtown public restroom plan that meets the needs of our visitor-serving commercial zone.

In response to a recent discussion among Planning Commissioners and staff that brought up the key issue of Morro Bay lacking public land ownership upon which to construct a future downtown restroom, I walked every block between Beach and Marina, and between Shasta and Market, seeking creative solutions and came up with one that just might work. It is true we don't own key parcels that would make public restroom construction a relative breeze, but what we do own is the public right of way. Streets and sidewalks belong to the public, and there exist certain stretches of street and/or sidewalk that feel ripe for repurposing. We've already shown willingness to repurpose them for things like beautification, public seating, and even private restaurant use; the ability of the general public to access a functional restroom facility at the heart of our downtown business district supersedes all three in importance.

As the Citizen's Finance Committee and city staff sit down to discuss options for the 2022-23 budget with respect to capital projects at Thursday's meeting, please strongly consider the use of Measure E/Q tax dollars to create a public restroom that repurposes the public right of way near the intersection of Morro Bay Boulevard and Monterey Avenue into an attractive, functional, cost-effective public restroom facility.



Because the former Bank of America building has no east-facing windows, and because the existing treeline provides some natural screening, and because only one or two parking spaces (or zero) may need to be sacrificed to create the necessary bulb-out, and because this intersection represents the halfway point between existing public restroom facilities at City Park and Centennial Parkway, this location seems as attractive an option as any we currently have. For CFAC, Council, and city staff to come together on a Measure E/Q-funded capital project that addresses the expanding void of public restrooms at the heart of our downtown would be a major victory for stakeholder groups throughout Morro Bay.

Please review the attached images for a better understanding of just one potential design concept and location. Others certainly exist, but the conversation must start somewhere. I thank you for taking our Measure E/Q dollars seriously, and for your willingness to address our city's most pressing needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Green
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