



October 29, 2012

Hon. Kevin Johnson, Mayor  
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Re: October 30, 2012 Agenda Item # 21 – Zoning Code Parking Update - Support

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the nearly 2,000 members of the Sacramento Metro Chamber, I'm writing in support of the Zoning Code Parking Update. The updated parking standards will remove antiquated requirements and bring the code up to date with current demands, usage and best practices.

We believe this overhaul of the parking zoning code is not only necessary but timely. Specifically:

- Eliminating the minimum parking regulations for the Central Business District; and
- Exempting the minimum parking requirements for nonresidential projects less than 6,400 square feet. These changes remove the costly, onerous and unpredictable parking waiver process.
- Allowing flexibility for mixed use projects and alternate modes of transportation.
- Coordinating the parking requirements for restaurants, office and retail in the urban and traditional areas.

We believe the new regulations will help create consistency and predictability as well as a more simplified process. The Metro Chamber is pleased to support the Zoning Code Parking Update and we look forward to working with the city on continued efforts to modernize the city's parking regulations.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Shirey, City Manager  
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