

## Lemos, June

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**From:** John Gallo <john.gallo@consbio.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June; Peters, Lindy; Turner, Dave; Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Cimolino, Michael  
**Cc:** Bill Lemos; David Jensen; Doug Kern; George Reinhardt; Leslie Kashiwada; Semans, Sheila; Susan Kelley; Teri Jo Barber  
**Subject:** Why the Redwood, Cypress, and Pine Forest across from Starbucks should not be "Highway Commercial"  
**Attachments:** Letter to City Council about The Gateway Forest.pdf

Hello City Council and June Lemos,

Please see the attached 1 page memo, with figures. June, please add to the packet if possible.

Thank you,

John Gallo

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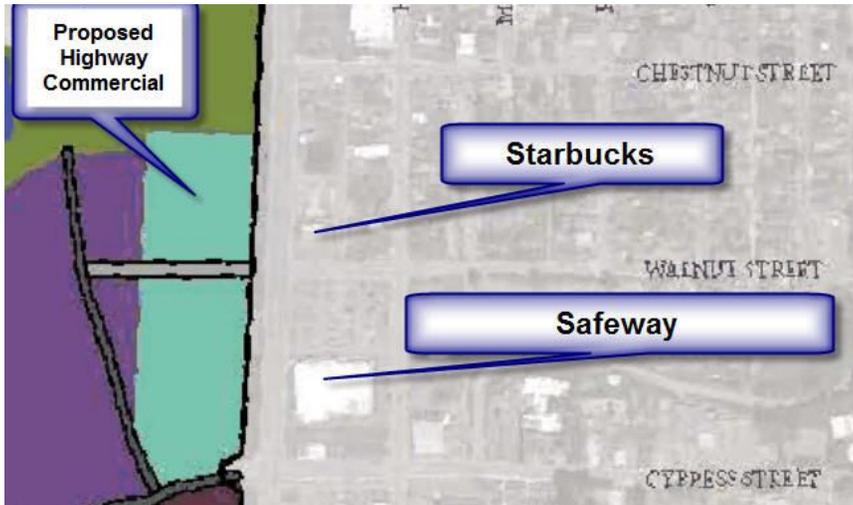


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To Fort Bragg City Council,

January 18, 2018

This comment is regarding the Agenda Item about the old mill site. There is an aesthetically and ecologically valuable stand of Redwoods and other trees on the Fort Bragg Headlands that is at risk. The aesthetics and ecological value of this site will only increase over the years as these grow towards Fort Bragg's showcase stand of Old Growth Redwoods. This can also be a key attraction of the city's park and headlands trail system, bringing in more tourist revenue over the decades. It will also make a bold statement to people as they drive into town, backing up our city's logo with actions not just words. It is a tragic mistake in several respects to zone this area Highway Commercial, as is currently proposed. The City policy tailored to protect a portion of that particular stand of trees is not robust enough to withstand the test of time. If your intent is to not cut down the trees, it makes no sense to change the zoning to Highway Commercial. Nothing other than Open Space supports that statement. Since we also need development, the acreage of development currently allocated to this place could be transferred to a more appropriate portion of the old mill site. In conclusion, please direct the treed area (approximately the area in red, below), to be zoned Open Space.



Sincerely,

George Reinhardt  
John Gallo  
Sheila Semans  
Bill Lemos

Teri Jo Barber  
Doug Kern  
David Jensen  
Susan Kelley  
Leslie Kashiwada