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## L5 - Public Comment

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Dear City Clerk and City Council Members,

I am writing to encourage you to set aside any parking fees for our downtown city square. This issue has been debated for years, the city has spent thousands on study, ambassadors, parking professionals, advisors, and we still have the majority of voters opposed to paid parking whether through meters or mobile apps.

During this most recent open/free parking session, it seems apparent that businesses are increasing their income, and that employees are not hindering the general public from parking downtown.

If there are legitimate businesses or individuals who are opposed to free parking, they have largely been absent from council meetings.

I drive to Paso daily. In the past weeks there have been ample open spaces to park.

I don't understand why the council insists on keeping a parking plan when it is not needed, and very much opposed by voters.

Please do the right thing for Paso Robles by setting aside any paid parking program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ronda OBrien