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Hello Council members,

I just want to let you know that I support keeping all the historical buildings in Mountain View! I support the idea of having a plan for this.

Thank you,

Lisa Topping



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**From:** J Steach <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>  
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Members of the Mountain View City Council, Mayor Hicks and Vice Mayor Showalter:

You already have or will soon hear from my colleagues at Livable Mountain View regarding an item on the agenda for the next council meeting: *Item 3.1 Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Register Update*. I wish I could be in attendance and comment at that meeting, or at least do so via Zoom, however a long-ago-planned family obligation will prevent that, unfortunately.

I just wanted to take a minute and sum up what Livable Mountain View advocates: preservation, to the broadest extent possible, of Downtown Mountain View's historic core. That includes confirming goals that support preservation, give clarity to the parameters of and requirements for historic status, removing unnecessary barriers in determining and reviewing the historic-property designations, incentivizing property owners to agree to such designations, and the establishment of a Downtown Preservation District.

In addition to being a member of Livable Mountain View, I serve as chair of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Historical Preservation Subcommittee and as a board member for the Mountain View Historical Association. (Note: This letter is written on my own behalf and does not represent those two organizations.) So, this matter is a personal one for me. Additionally, I'm also a three-decades-plus resident of – and, fortunately, now a homeowner in -- Old Mountain View. As such, I, like countless other residents and visitors, have come to appreciate the downtown's vitality and atmosphere, thanks in large part to the existence and use of historically significant buildings. At the same time, however, I have growing concerns that the absence of concrete steps by you, the City Council, to ensure preservation of the downtown's historic core would be a profound disservice to the community, including business owners who gain from the tremendous appeal of the area as it is, which clearly draws business.

I won't repeat the thoughtful observations and recommendations that my colleagues in Livable Mountain View will be providing you, but I will ask that you give them serious consideration. I know for certain each of those people is well-informed and deeply committed to our fair city.

Thank you for reading this.

My best to you all. Happy holidays

Regards,  
Jerry Steach



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