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Project Correspondence

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From: Adam Azamy <adamazamy13@gmail.com>
Sent: August 12, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Harris, Tristan; Salene, David; Langford, Jon; Ellmore, Curtis; Gazzano, Michael; Reed, Greg; Rosene, Mark; Arregui, Jerry
Subject: Public Hearing (La Fogata)

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Hello City Council/Planning Department,

I have been living in Corona Del Mar for the past 5 years and I just heard news that one of my favorite local businesses La Fogata may close down due to a bar/restaurant opening up. I go to the orange theory next to it and usually take home La Fogata but I always walk due to how the parking is so crammed.

I honestly think that a new opening like this should not take the place of this smaller business that has been there for over 3 decades. It is unfair and is a big inconvenience to the parking structure. I am hoping that this change does not happen. Please take care of our community and neighborhood by denying this proposal.

Thank you and warm regards.

From: Andy Bender <andybendermusic@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 7:05 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: La Fogota

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Hi Jerry,

I was born and raised in Corona Del Mari and was just informed that there are plans to take away parking spaces from La Fogata. Anyone who is local to the area knows how special this restaurant is, and it is disheartening that they are having to deal with this. They are one of the last places to eat that truly feels like Corona Del Mar. Please help in any way you can!

Thanks,
Andy Bender

From: Christin Foreman <christinfo@icloud.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: CdM center

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Hello:

I have recently learned that there is a proposal before the city to add a large chain restaurant to the center on PCH in CdM where Mother's Market is located.

I understand they are requesting taking over the space where La Fogata is currently with expansion plans to also take over some parking spaces. As anyone knows, parking is already tight in the center. And La Fogata is a many years long established Mexican grill with a strong following - family friendly, reasonable prices and good food.

We have small town charm in CdM, that is important to maintain. As a 60 year resident of CdM, the character and local businesses are integral to maintaining our "Crown of the Sea".

Please add my "No" vote to the proposed project.

Thank you,
Christin Foreman

From: Debra Klein <debklein72@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 8:30 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: La Fogata

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Hi! My name is Debra Klein and I'm calling to request that you keep La Fogata & do not allow big corporations to take over our town. Our current mayor ran on the slogan "keep Newport Newport" and he's doing anything but! He's bringing in way too many apartment buildings and oversized condos, removing our beloved, farmers market and now this. These restaurants, I've been there for years and people love them. I moved to CDM when I was in college in the change that come in ever since Will O'Neil and his minions took over at the behest of big developer, Dave Ellis, is disgusting. No one who lives here wants this. Please keep Newport Newport even if Stapleton wont!

Best,

Debra Klein
Sent from my iPhone

From: Ellen Trujillo <emailnanne@gmail.com>
Sent: August 10, 2025 6:19 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: La Fogata Restaurant

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Thank you for your consideration,

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Trujillo

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From: Flory Jedziniak <fmjedz@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 4:06 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: New Restaurant

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Hello:

I have been made aware of a meeting that will be on August 21 at the Newport City Hall on Avocado concerning the permit application for a new restaurant. The permit is requesting to serve alcoholic beverages and also requesting to keep 19 spaces for the sole use of the restaurant.

The shopping mall in Corona del Mar has a small parking lot and CVS and Mother;s Market are already there.

I live on Jasmine Ave, just next to ACE Hardware and the parking in this street is bad due to Banderas restaurant and the beach traffic, adding a big restaurant which will be serving alcoholic beverages will really increase the parking requirement which we already lack. I want to oppose to this permit for so many reasons

Sincerely,

Flory M Jedziniak
404 Jasmine Ave, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625
Phone: 714-749-0490

From: Harris Azamy <harrisazamy@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: East Coast Highway Restaurant Space

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Hello Mr. Arregui,

I hope all is well. I am writing to inform you that, as a Corona Del Mar local, I strongly oppose the development of a new 2,329-square-foot restaurant at 3025 & 3027 East Coast Highway. Not only do I love La Fogata, a lovely small business that has been a staple of the CDM community for decades, but I am also deeply concerned about the parking issues that accompany this proposal.

I spend a lot of time in this shopping center. I buy my groceries at Mother's Market and I go to Orangetheory Fitness weekly. Parking is already an issue in this small shopping center. Reducing 19 parking spots for this proposed development would lead to a parking disaster and, in my opinion, would disincentivize people to enjoy the great stores and restaurants in this shopping center.

Please do everything you can to consider this message. My family and friends in this community strongly oppose this proposal.

Thank you,

Harris Azamy

From: Jillian Ferrell <Jillianferrell@outlook.com>
Sent: August 09, 2025 10:07 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: Newport Beach Public Hearing (La Fogata)

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Hi my name is Jillian,
I've been a local in Newport for the past 10 years and regularly visit La Fogata. Recently I heard that there is a new bar/restaurant opening. I go to the orange theory fitness and go to La Fogata after for lunch several times a week. There is already not enough parking space in the CDM structure since it is already tiny. There is a lot of kids in the area and a new opening is unstable for a neighborhood like that. I do not think that there should a big corporation taking over.

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From: Juliette Shadid <shadidjuliette@gmail.com>
Sent: August 13, 2025 5:56 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: Opposing the East Coast Highway Restaurant Development

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Dear Mr. Arregui,

I am a CDM local, and I am writing to share my opposition to the development of a new restaurant at 3025 and 3027 East Coast Highway. La Fogata has been a family favorite for years now. It is also a small business that is loved by so many in the community.

I am also very concerned about the reduction in the required amount of parking for the center to accommodate this new restaurant. I spend a lot of time in the shopping center going to Jan's Health Bar and CVS. Parking is already limited, especially as CDM has gotten busier over the years. I believe adding this new restaurant is not worth the practical problems it would bring to our CDM neighborhood.

We need to protect small businesses and do things that make sense for our community, and this project runs contrary to that. I strongly oppose this development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Juliette Shadid

From: Laurie Easton <eastonlaurie@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 9:08 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: La Fogata in the Mother's CVS Parking Lot area

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Regarding this shopping Center. This is not a good idea. It is hard enough to get a parking space there now for the establishments that are already there. We all LOVE LaFogata!! Don't try to overbuild into this center. You don't want to wreck this little folksy spot in Corona del Mar. Parking is already at a premium in this location. The center can barely function with the spaces they have now. We need the businesses that are already there. The city is making a big mistake if they allow this. Corona del Mar residents need a place to get groceries without having to drive up the hill to Pavilions or Gelson's. More people are having to use the CVS in this center because of the closure of both Rite Aid and Coast Hills Pharmacy on San Miguel, just up the hill.

Save your idea for somewhere else that's bigger. It would turn the center into a place ripe for accidents. Frustrated drivers, trying to find a spot have to leave...and then we lose the market and the pharmacy, because of no parking. THIS NEW RESTAURANT IS A BAD IDEA!!!

Laurie Easton
Corona del Mar Resident

From: Lili Bender <lili_bender@yahoo.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 7:10 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: Very concerned about La Fogata and current issues regarding parking spots being threatened

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Hello Jerry: I was recently notified that La Fogata is now having to face a threat to their long time business located in Corona Del Mar. I have owned my home in Corona Del Mar since 1996 and have been a homeowner in Newport since 1986. La Fogata has been a favorite restaurant for me and my two children since it opened.

Please don't let a corporate restaurant take over a Corona Del Mar long time small business that serves up THE best Mexican food in Corona Del Mar and surrounding cities. The menu items are unique and special because everything tastes so homemade. Plus, it has been consistently healthy.

I currently have a broken leg that required surgery so I can't attend the 8/21 City meeting.

Thanks so much for your consideration—

Lili Bender
[\(949\) 300-2030](tel:9493002030)

From: Mark Finkelstein <markfinkels@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: La Fogata and the small businesses

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Dear Sir,

I am a long time CdM resident (35+ years) and a long time customer of La Fogata. Like so many people who live in CdM and love the small village atmosphere, we don't want large corporate retailers here.

Also, a large business will make the PARKING SITUATION which is already difficult, even worse.

As long as the City has some control over what businesses are in our downtown, I am asking that you exert whatever influence or power in this matter to stop this from happening. The only beneficiary of such a move is to the landlord, at the expense of all the people who live here.

Thank you for your attention.

Mark Finkelstein

From: mabarrett22@gmail.com
Sent: August 12, 2025 9:40 AM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: Plans for small plaza where La Fogata is located

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I heard there is new restaurant that may locate where La Fogata is located. First of all, I love La Fogata.

Second, the parking there has been insane since the Rite Aids in the area have closed and many of us have been forced to move to CVS. Parking is difficult.

Why doesn't this Corporate restaurant look at some of the other vacant properties, such as the Rite Aid that closed on San Miguel. Or that Rite Aid that closed on Bayside Drive.

There are many other open opportunities right now.

Thanks,

Marie Barrett

From: meggen stockstill <megstock27@gmail.com>
Sent: August 11, 2025 7:22 PM
To: Arregui, Jerry
Subject: DO NOT LOSE LA FOGATA!

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Dear Mr. Arregui,

I understand that you are the city planner considering allowing a new restaurant to take over the Corona del Mar site that has been the home of La Fogata for over 32 years. I have lived in Newport for over 36 years, and while raising my children La Fogata was always one of our favorite restaurants. Their food is not fast food or trendy but probably the best Mexican food to be found in Orange County. La Fogata serves healthy and delicious food with a staff and owners that always make the customers feel welcome and special. A testament to the quality of their food and service is that Kobe Bryant and his family ate there regularly and even had a menu item added in his honor. To lose this restaurant would be taking away one more piece of our community that makes it so special. The owners/workers at La Fogata treat their customers as family, and no new restaurant can replace the community feeling that La Fogata has developed with their customers.

Beyond the need to keep La Fogata, which is a CDM institution, I understand that the proposal would reduce parking spots in this small center. I eat/shop there regularly, and the availability of parking is virtually zero even now. Taking away 19 spots would make it extremely difficult to park and would ultimately affect people's willingness to support any business in this center.

I hope that you will consider the points that I have raised and will work to help La Fogata continue to be a part of what makes Corona del Mar so special.

Sincerely,

Meggen Stockstill

From: Ellen Trujillo <emailnanne@gmail.com>
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