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Madame Mayor, Councilmembers, City Staff

The current design appears to remove 23 parking spaces that Central Avenue businesses and the neighborhood **need**.

When City Staff or Councilmembers visited WABA representatives, they often saw almost all existing parking spaces occupied at Central Avenue.

Without those Central Avenue parking spaces, the existing parking spaces **on Webster Street** near Central Avenue become **more necessary** for business needs.

That is one of the reasons why it is extremely difficult for Webster Street businesses to, in mass, easily convert parking spaces to restaurant use or temporary road-side pick-up.

Webster Street had been boasting a near 100% occupancy rate with its successful pro-business strategies.

The City needs to address the parking needs for Central Avenue and Webster Street businesses and neighbors; else, the City's actions doom the future of that business district.

Thank you.

Jim Strehlow, life-long Alameda resident