



Dear Mayor Victorino,

On behalf of the Paia Community Association we wish to inform you that our small and fragile town is in desperate need of an improved county relationship to better assist with economic diversification.

We have outlined many important areas that would help to bring improved economic prosperity to Paia and enable local jobs.

These immediate concerns are summed up as followed:

1. Improve police presence for homeless and vagrant people disturbing the peace.
2. Expand outdoor dining for all restaurants. We need to help restaurants re-open and hire local people while improving public safety by social distancing in open areas.
3. Stop all the efforts by County to phase out vacation rentals. We need them in order to benefit our small business economy and keep local jobs.
4. Trash collection. There is currently none in the town.
5. Establish a small-town liaison for decision making on important economic matters. We appreciate that Lisa Paulson has now been assigned and we will work with her on this important task.
6. Expand parking. There are current plans both from the public and private sector and we would appreciate expediting all possible permits for this important matter. Many people simply don't come to our town because they can't find parking. This is having a negative impact on the town and can easily be remedied.
7. Improve streamline permitting process for repairs and maintenance. Most of the town was built in the 1920s and 1930s long before permits existed and it is extremely painful, difficult and a punitive process to obtain permits that are often necessary to repair our dilapidated buildings. We need an efficient and simple process that encourages and does not discourage permits. We need a small-town planner assigned to the town to

expedite permits rapidly. We have feedback from nearly every property owner that the process of obtaining permits with the county is extremely arduous. We want to turn that reputation around immediately during this COVID-19 time, especially.

The Paia Community Association was formed to save our small town and to shed a new spotlight on a wonderful and vibrant place ready for locals and tourists to visit.

Mahalo,

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