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Dear Donna King,

I have recently become aware of a study that claims the parking on Dana St. is underutilized, and in response, the City is considering 10hr parking meters in the area directly in front of, and across the street from our office located at 1015 Nipomo St. Ste 100. This is currently where the employees of my small business park, along with the other tenants of the Soda Water Works buildings.

Currently, we do not even have enough parking passes for all our staff. Management regularly wakes up early to get a parking spot on Nipomo St. near Mission high school, or bike to work when the weather allows, so that employees with longer commutes can use the passes. We have also paid for our interns, that go to Cal Poly, to use metered parking on Nipomo St. when there were no passes left or any free parking options for them. I ask the City to consider allowing tenants of the Soda Water Works building to continue to use their passes for Dana St. where the 10hr meters are proposed so that I can continue to provide reliable parking for my employees. We would also greatly benefit from additional permits considering our office typically employs 8-10 people and we currently only have 2 permits for our 2000 sqft. suite. Our permits are also only in effect on weekdays, from 8am -6pm, despite our employees often needing or wanting to work later or on the weekends. Myself, and others, have walked out to see a parking ticket on our cars at 6:05pm. These limitations have a negative effect on all the small businesses in the Soda Water Works. 24hr passes would much better accommodate the varied shifts that our office actually operates on.

I hope Parking Services can see the value small businesses bring to downtown and understand that the office space we currently occupy was empty for years due to the increase in remote work. We enjoy being downtown and frequently patronize the other small business near us, but it is becoming harder and harder for us to keep our office in SLO due to parking and other rising costs. Please consider our needs when deciding how to better utilize the parking on Dana St.

Sincerely,


Thom Hume