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Hello,

I am a downtown business owner. In a perfect world I would LOVE to pay an additional 0.25% sales tax (or something) to make the parking in the ramps free all the time, but I assume the State government jerks do not allow the city council to just implement sales tax add ons at their discretion.

When I tell someone my business is downtown BY FAR the top response I receive is "I don't go downtown", because nobody wants to try to find parking. And like it or not, most red-blooded Americans would rather drive to the next town over than pay for parking. Just to reiterate, as a business owner I would GLADLY be the one who has to pay the price for more potential customers to be able to come downtown to spend money without having to worry about parking (although I would advocate for still writing tickets for folks in the ramps who don't move their cars every 24 hours or something, because I saw how the free parking in the LHI ramp was utilized by people leaving their cars there all the time).

Anyway, as you can imagine, removing the parking along 3rd and 4th Street so we can have yet another unused set of biking lanes seems totally ridiculous. I am an avid bicyclist myself. If I want to bicycle downtown it is literally no big deal to shoot over to 2nd street and use those bike lanes... bicycling 20 miles is no big deal, so I certainly don't think having bicyclists go one block further west is anything they ought to be concerned about.

Parking spaces are customers. Fewer parking spaces are fewer customers, which is less sales tax revenue. To be perfectly honest I would have already moved my business out of downtown if a reasonable option had come to my attention, and fewer parking spaces would just lower the barrier to making that decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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