

**Charlene Gallina**

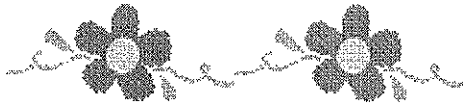
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**From:** Kathy Guill  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2009 11:57 AM  
**To:** Charlene Gallina  
**Subject:** FW: from kristin casey

Respectfully,

*Kathleen Guill*

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**From:** Kristin Casey [<mailto:kncaseylaw@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2009 1:50 PM  
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**Subject:** from kristin casey

Hi Charlene,

Because I work during the day, I cannot attend the 1:00 p.m. Merchant Property committee meeting on 8/3/09, although I had wanted to be involved in this process. Meetings held in the middle of work days are not conducive to community involvement or attendance, and it's a real shame that something this important is effectively being made unavailable for meaningful citizen participation or attendance by people who are not retired.

I would like to reiterate my concern that this segment of our town is too important to push along without significant, and more meaningful, public participation (note your Memo to the committee that "the Committee has a limited time to complete this task" because the UDP is before the Planning Commission on 8/29/09 for a final consideration). Perhaps the committee could recommend to the Planning Commission to consider pulling the Merchant property out of the UDP at their 8/29 meeting and give it the separate and thoughtful public treatment it deserves.

There is no real reason that Calistogans should be bound by an artificial deadline associated with the UDP, in relation to areas of town that simply have not been sufficiently and publicly vetted. If this were to be put to a vote of the public, I believe you would find that Calistoga citizens would prefer to step back a bit and make sure this area in particular is properly considered so that whatever is agreed upon for the future is a truly shared vision and is in step with our primary goal of perserving our rural, small town character.

8/12/2009

I do think this segment of town would be better dealt with through the "specific plan" process which is available to all communities, given the difficulty addressed above for citizens to actually have meaningful input in the rushed and hard-to-attend committee meeting. I would like the committee to be informed that the "specific plan" process is an available process for dealing with uses in special areas where clarification is needed in relation to the goals of our General Plan.

Kristin Casey