

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

From: Cassandra Rios [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: Midori Lichtwardt <Midori.Lichtwardt@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Machuca outdoor kitchen

Dear Midori Lichtwardt,

I have been a resident of Tracy for a long time, and love this city. However, I would like to express my frustration and concern that you are not allowing Machuca's outside kitchen to open.

These owners are a amazing people and have great customer service and delicious food. They use to run Johnny's dinner, because of the pandemic they were not able to keep it open.

I believe the outside area they have created is great for family and friends. Where we are able to come and have a delicious burger in a safe environment.

Tracy needs more local business were we are able to help our city grow. This would be a positive impact on the city, and will allow people to come together for a quick bite while enjoying some sunshine.

I hope you change your mind and allow to open.

Thank you,

Cassandra Rios

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From: Heidi Yee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Midori.lichtwardt@cityoftracy.com
Subject: Mobile food ordinance

Dear city of Tracy Officials,
I am writing on behalf of Johnny's Diner and Creamery and all other mobile food trucks in Tracy asking you to amend the ordinance and allow these trucks to operate within the city limits. Downtown Tracy, especially, needs all the help it can get in regards to drawing people in. It amazes me how vibrant other nearby cities' downtowns are compared to ours. It makes me quite sad actually. Please do not allow these folks' dreams to be crushed. You have it in your power to help these people. Please, do the right thing and amend the ordinance.
Thank you,
Heidi Yee, Tracy

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From: Jessica and Robert Dunn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Midori Lichtwardt <Midori.Lichtwardt@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Letter in Support of Machucas Kitchen

City Council Members and Acting City Manager,

Unfortunately, I cannot be at the City Council meeting tonight to give public comments due to illness. I am writing this letter in support of Machucas Kitchen (previously known at other locations as Johnny's Diner & Creamery. This is a well-known, well-loved, and established business that had to relocate multiple times due to lease and landlord changes They have now purchased an abandoned piece of land and are bringing vitality to it

While technically their kitchen is in a "food truck" vs a brick-and-mortar building, it is no different than other restaurants downtown that offers outdoor dining. This is not a food truck that travels from place to place and that parks along the side of a street. It is not a temporary location. They have established a permanent location. They don't impede traffic or park in front of competitors. They are bringing life and new business to an unused area.

I understand that the City of Tracy has a Mobile food vendor ordinance that does not allow food trucks inside city limits. The owners have petitioned to amend the ordinance since they're not a mobile business that sets up temporarily. This is the permanent location. The permit expires on March 14th. The City MUST make the amendment so permanent businesses that meet health and safety standards as required by both City and Count ordinances, which this business does, can set up outdoor eateries.

An outdoor eatery in a permanent location is not a mobile food vendor. It is a permanent food kitchen utilizing a food truck structure instead of a brick-and-mortar building. Their outdoor dining space is the same as multiple businesses downtown that offers outdoor dining including Bistro 135, Junior's, Town & Country, and The Station. As a city resident and supporter of small businesses, I do not see a difference between Machucas Kitchen (aka Johnny's Diner & Creamery) and these other businesses outside of not having an indoor dining option.

As a City that claims to support small businesses and family-run businesses, it is time the City and its governing body step up and prove it, by doing what is right and making these changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I look forward to continuing to support this locally owned business and hope the City Council does the right thing.

~ Jessica Dunn
Tracy Resident

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From: Michelle Licata <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:20 AM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Keep Machucas Kitchen Open and in same location

This city is in need of more eateries. The city is growing so fast and we need this. Please let Machucas Kitchen stay open in their location downtown. My vote is to let them stay. Thank you.

Michelle Licata
Tracy resident in Ventana

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From: Melynda Hegman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:18 AM
To: Midori Lichtwardt <Midori.Lichtwardt@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Johnny's Diner, Machucas Kitchen

To whom it may concern,

Good morning I am writing you in regards to Machuca's Outdoor Kitchen. Not only is the food, tasty and delicious and something my family has always looked forward to eating on Friday nights, but, the owners have an outstanding personality without outstanding customer service. I feel like Johnny's diner was such a staple in Tracy and my little family loved going there, enjoying the old time feel of an actual diner. Unfortunately, Covid ruined a lot of things for a lot of families. So they closed their doors and opened their outdoor kitchen where families like mine can still enjoy their delicious food, only outside where everyone feels safer. I feel that taking this away from this family, someone who has lost so much, someone who is fighting so hard for his son , and working so hard for this town should be allowed to remain in business.

Please consider allowing them to remain a business and possibly try their food and talk to them. I think that alone will change your minds.

Regards,

Tracy Citizen since 1984 who believes in small businesses prospering in Tracy

The Hegman's

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From: Theresa Palino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:16 PM
To: Midori Lichtwardt <Midori.Lichtwardt@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Web - City Manager <CM@cityoftracy.org>; Michael Rogers <michael.rogers@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Machuca's Outdoor Kitchen
Importance: High

To Whom This May Concern;

I am writing this letter in SUPPORT of the Machuca's outdoor kitchen; Unfortunately their business like many others have suffered due to COVID. They were forced to close the doors of their business that has been a staple in Tracy of many years. However, their loss did hinder their joy and love to serve our community, they are fighting [hard] to stay alive. I am not certain if you all are aware, but, they did not just roll up, park and just start cooking, no, they purchased this property to open this out-door dining, so that they could continue to serve the people of Tracy (and some that do not live here), all the while of fighting to thrive.

You know it is extremely sad when the politicians of this town, who are supposed to "help thy neighbor" are trying to do everything in their will and power to shut down a business that has been in this community for many years, because they are trying something new after losing almost everything. TAKE a good look around, you do nothing about your homeless population as well as those who stand on every street corner selling their goods, but are trying to hurt a good standing citizen of this community. Tracy used to be "THE" city to go to do business and the dream of living in, sadly you all have made it extremely difficult to open [good] businesses, it is so hard to find good paying jobs, because all you want to build are Warehouses that sit empty. We lack stores and shopping, we lack good foods, we lack a good supporting hospital that is large enough to handle our community. We yell out suggestions, what we as a community want to see and have, but hear crickets from the City members. Because of this, all of the business are going elsewhere, so we have to drive for options, open your eyes and HELP SAVE OUR COMMUNITY, listen to your people, help us, fight for us..... FIGHT for the Machuca's and help them thrive.

Just to share, we as the community would also like to see a food stop, like in Lathrop, Modesto

Sincerely,

Theresa Palino
Tracy Resident