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**From:** Liz Krantz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard in downtown Brentwood

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I'm writing in support of The Yard! My husband and I moved to Brentwood at the start of 2017 and had our boys in 2017 and 2019. We all love the idea of having a family friendly place that we can bring our kids and enjoy good food and a great atmosphere. Having a great option for both adults and families is going to keep and bring money to our downtown. The owners have shown that they are very successful in running a good restaurant and ensuring that the food, team and ambiance is always top tier. I have full confidence that The Yard will be another amazing location.

Thank you,

Liz



Liz Krantz



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**From:** Nicole Marti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:53 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I'm emailing today to let you know how important building The Yard in Downtown Brentwood is for our community. This space has been vacant for quite some time. An open, safe outdoor/indoor space for families to gather, play games, and socialize is exactly what Brentwood needs.

My family and I attended a fun Christmas event that the Roosts held here in December. They had a cart with yummy alcoholic beverages as well as hot chocolate flights for the kids. They had coloring pages out, games, and a huge mailbox for the kids to write letters to Santa. The fire pit was roaring and kept the adults warm. It was such an adorable holiday event and I imagine this space will be even better once it's built out and fully functional.

Please allow the plans for The Yard to go forth so the hard working residents of Brentwood, Oakley, and Antioch can enjoy this space.

Thank you,

Nicole Marti

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**From:** Annie Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:07 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** We want the yard!

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

To whom it may concern -

We want the yard in downtown Brentwood. The opportunity to have an outdoor family friendly location to connect with friends and neighbors is an economic dream for our small town with limited options.

Please please support this going forward!!

Annie Johnson

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**From:** [REDACTED].com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Yes!!! The yard would be a beautiful addition to downtown!!!

Sincerely

Brentwood resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Monique Harder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:31 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

The yard would be a perfect family addition to downtown. Not only for adults but for children as well!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** June Santucci [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:30 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello: we own 640 2nd Street in Brentwood. Our house is the closest residence to the new proposed Yard Restaurant. We fully endorse this great addition to downtown to support business, local residences and Brentwood families. We have heard that the owners also own Attraversiamo in Brentwood so we know food will be excellent and restaurant will be run professionally and tastefully. Please swiftly approve this project and show downtown that you fully support family businesses coming to downtown which will attract more of the same quality to our town! This type of enhanced outdoor restaurant is going to be a huge plus to compliment the activities already planned downtown; music in the park, festivals, parades, etc. Thank you. Joe & June Santucci Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Teresa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:31 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

We are residents in the area and absolutely support the idea of a family friendly restaurant joining Downtown Brentwood. Supporting local family owned businesses is vital to our community and The Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area and its residents. Bring on the Yard!

Anthony and Alyssa are valuable to our community & you need to support them. Please let them move forward in creating The Yard. We have been looking forward to this establishment for way too long.

Thank you!!

Dan & Teresa Mason

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**From:** Karina Santos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:15 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** Please bring on the yard!

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

We are residents in the area and absolutely support the idea of a family friendly restaurant joining Downtown Brentwood. Supporting local family owned businesses is vital to our community and The Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area and its residents. We have lived in Brentwood since 2019 and actually have reconsidered relocating despite loving where we live because there isn't as many family friendly activities as some other cities have which means we often drive 30-45 minutes every weekend giving our tax dollars to outside businesses and counties. Please bring on the Yard so we can support Brentwood!

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Karina Silva



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**From:** Lauren Guzman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:17 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Good Evening,

The Yard would be a great addition to downtown. There really aren't any family friendly places that we can let our kids run around at. Most places are kid friendly downtown, however they are breweries or restaurants where we have to find things for the kids to do. It would be nice to sit down at a table outside and watch our kids play as well. We need The Yard!!

Lauren Gartner

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**From:** Maria Higbee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:17 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The YARD

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

We are residents in the area and absolutely support the idea of a family friendly restaurant joining Downtown Brentwood. Supporting local family owned businesses is vital to our community and The Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area and its residents. Also, Brentwood doesn't have a very big selection of restaurants and this would be the perfect addition to our city! Bring on the Yard!

Maria Higbee

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tiffany Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:24 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Please approve the yard. I feel like it would add a lot to Brentwood.

Tiffany Jorgensen

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**From:** Marisol Montero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:51 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Yes! My family wants the yard to come to downtown so we can have more family restaurants available where both adults and kids alike can enjoy!

The brambila family

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**From:** Carrie Howe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:27 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

**CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER**

Planning Commission, my husband, John, and I are residents in the area and absolutely support the idea of a family friendly restaurant joining Downtown Brentwood. Before Covid we chose to support all small businesses as much as possible. If we had an invite to a chain restaurant, we would suggest a small biz instead. So, we strongly believe that supporting local family owned businesses is vital to our community and The Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area and its residents. Bring on the Yard!

Thank you for your time,  
Carrie Howe

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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**From:** Mareesa Hoglund [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:26 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The YARD is a must!

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Our family and community WANT the YARD downtown Brentwood.

The community we moved here for 5 years ago has changed, there is very little for families to do and enjoy! We are seeing homeless takeover, crime skyrocket, parks littered. Knowing the possibility of the Yard being built, where we can take our children downtown after to school to enjoy a seat outside eating an early dinner, playing Jenga is exactly what we want! The community wants! It gives Brentwood hope. This is a must!!! We need to continue to build a community that includes spots like this for the future of Brentwood!!!!!!

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**Mareesa Hoglund**



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**From:** JUSTIN HOGLUND [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:55 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** THE YARD

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Good Evening,

My name is Justin Höglund, I'm a resident of Brentwood and serve as a Battalion Chief for the Alameda County Fire Department. I'm writing as I was given the news that the new downtown restaurant "The Yard" may potentially be blocked from opening in downtown Brentwood. To hear this news is not only disappointing, but mind boggling. The City of Brentwood is in dire need of downtown dining. When my family and I see new properties being built we've always had a sense of excitement to see more options being brought in to our city to enjoy. Unfortunately, those properties end up being big corporate fast food chains, and more unhealthy budget businesses. We moved to this city in 2018 for its tight community and to enjoy the outdoor festivals and downtown area. Brentwood has been a massive disappointment. Everything from rising crime, apartment complexes springing up, and fast food chains flooding our city, we have started debating on selling our home. Even with inflation and unbelievably high interest rates, we are still entertaining moving to somewhere with a different vision for their citizens.

The Yard is exactly what the City of Brentwood needs. Please allow family owned, small businesses come in and brighten up a much needed declining city.

Thank you for reading and please consider allowing The Yard to help bring the community together.

Respectfully,

Justin M Höglund  
[REDACTED], Brentwood

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**From:** Liz Scatena [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:05 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard downtown

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Planning Comission,

I've lived in Brentwood for 23 years, moving here from Alameda as a young married couple with my husband because it was the only place to afford a home. We were spoiled with all the family owned and operated businesses in Alameda and when we moved here, there was some of that, but not a lot. Then the chain restaurants came in, there is certainly space for them, but the true heart of Brentwood is family owned businesses and community. We need more family friendly establishments who appeal to the growing sophisticated palettes of Brentwoods residents.

Many of us commute to other cities, for work and we shouldn't have to be drawn to those cities out to enjoy fun, family friendly places.

I would really like to see the The Yard concept join the Downtown Brentwood community. It's such a beautiful space and this concept would be perfect! With our weather, we should have more outdoor gathering spaces for families.

In addition, Supporting local family owned businesses is vital to our community and The Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area and its residents. Bring on the Yard!"

Liz & John Scatena  
Brentwood Residents for 23 years



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**From:** Giuliana Callahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:37 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard; 200 Oak St.

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Good evening Planning Commission -

My husband and I moved to Brentwood's Creekside Park in November 2019. We truly love the community we live in, both within Creekside Park and the City of Brentwood as a whole. We often walk downtown to support the many (hard working) restaurant and retail establishments, as well as enjoy the many family friendly events (concerts in the park, car shows, Saturday market, etc.).

As residents of Brentwood, we fully support the idea of a new family friendly restaurant joining Downtown Brentwood. Supporting local family owned businesses such as this is vital to our community; the Yard would bring so much value to the city, downtown area, and its residents. Bring on the Yard!

Thank you for your time!

Thank you kindly,  
Giuliana Callahan

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**From:** Courtney Finn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 4:06 AM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard in Downtown

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to show my support for The Yard in downtown Brentwood. As a mother of 3 small children who love to be downtown, The Yard's plan to build a contained outdoor family-friendly restaurant supports my desires to eat quality food AND my children's developmental needs to be able to play and have a quick meal.

This will bring more families downtown for dinner, increasing foot traffic to additional stores who will reap the benefits. Also, this will be a huge hit for families traveling to town for agritourism, as it will be the perfect place to take kids who have been getting messy outside for a bite to eat outdoors.

I support this endeavor and want to see it get pushed through to fruition. We're lucky to have these smart, forward-thinking restaurateurs who will help revitalize our downtown for our growing community.

If you would like additional information regarding my support please let me know. I will not be able to zoom in or attend the meeting as I have a baby at home.

Warm regards,  
Courtney Finn  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Caitlin Rowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:06 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** March 19 - The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Brentwood resident here in favor of the Yard Brentwood on Oak Street! Our town needs more mom and pop shops! Less chain restaurants. More family focused!

Let's get the ball rolling. This will bring in more foot traffic to our downtown, boost our economy and bring in more jobs.

Best,

Caitlin Rowe

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**From:** Michelle Rinna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:32 AM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard. Downtown family z& burger spot

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

I strongly support the build and addition of The Yard to Brentwoods downtown. We need more restaurants like this for Brentwoods appeal and safe places to go for family friendly hangouts. The amount of fast food restaurants that are popping up and are completely unhealthy and not needed for this young, family friendly city. In my opinion, places like The Yard are a MUST for this growing city.

Michelle Burke

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**From:** Jamie Lucero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:54 AM  
**To:** Web Planning Division; =yPlanningMembers; Roberts, Anita; Sparling, David; Johnson, Gerald; Flohr, Rod; Brand, Kristopher  
**Cc:** Smith, Andrew  
**Subject:** DR23-013 The Yard

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Hello Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, one of many I'm sure, in support of the proposed project downtown, The Yard.

Having looked at the project, I see that it is only design that is being reviewed as the business itself is allowed by the zoning. So I won't take up too much of your time listing the many reasons that this business is perfect for our community, and is the Downtown Business Coalition's perfect project. I know there are hundreds of other people who will speak to this and why our community supports this project.

Speaking to the design, it appears there are no architectural changes to the existing building. The owners are keeping the feel of the original building, only updating paint, lighting and adding the elements to allow seating and play. The proposed landscaping and fencing will only add to the design of the lot which will be a needed improvement from what it has been for years. Personally, I love the three foot fencing that encloses the project. It's low enough to allow patrons to sit and watch the comings and goings of downtown, but also contain the business to the inside of the property. One of our favorite things to do downtown is enjoy a meal on a patio and people watch, while friends stop to say hi. This restaurant on this particular corner will serve as an introduction to the amazing restaurants and bars that we have downtown. It is a welcoming, family friendly design that speaks to what you can find in our awesome little downtown area.

As a resident, this project has the feel to it that makes me want to take my kids to a fun dinner, where they can move and play in a safe area (there are currently no places like this downtown and we often see kids playing in the alley and sidewalks because we have a NEED for this type of business in our community). We have to go to neighboring cities if we want to enjoy a dinner where our kids can also burn energy and we can relax or join them.

On a personal level, we have known the Roosts for several years now and are frequent customers to their businesses here in town, and also up in Sacramento. Without a doubt, they are invested in and care about their community. They are the most hands on owners and are involved in day to day operations. If you have been to one of their businesses, you can see the heart they have put into them all. Their design and style is impeccable and customers feel what they've poured into their business. In fact, I love Vine + Grain so much, I worked for them for about a year and can give you insight to how they run their business. They are ideal employers who care about their employees and customers. Upkeep and appearance are the utmost importance to them. You will never have to worry about a building not being kept up or anything running into disrepair. You will see Anthony or Alyssa at any of their businesses on any given day or time, often wondering how they make it all look so seamless. If we could have more local businesses ran by them, Brentwood could consider themselves lucky.

Thank you so much for your time and thank you for working with the Roosts to bring this much needed business to our city.

Jamie Baker

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Mayfield Family [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:58 AM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** THE YARD

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

I am writing on behalf of our family who lives in the Brentwood area in SUPPORT of The Yard coming to Brentwoods downtown area.

The family opening the restaurant is an amazing family, who i'm sure as you are already aware, own many very successful business in and out of our area. This should be a no brainer for our city. They plan on making this a beautiful space that will bring major curb appeal, a family friendly environment for all to enjoy, as well as a fun, positive and friendly vibe. Our family majorly looks forward to the day The Yard will be open and we can go enjoy the good food and amazing vibes.

Thank you for your time.

-The Mayfield Family



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**From:** Wendy Bettis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:27 PM  
**To:** Web Planning Division  
**Subject:** The Yard

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I just want to express my excitement for The Yard in downtown brentwood! I think this would be a fabulous addition to the downtown area. While we have some incredible restaurants, this gives us yet another option! The Yard will provide a place to hang out and eat during all the amazing events and just on your typical day! The fact that it is family friendly should also be a huge draw to the city, especially downtown as downtown is such a hub. People want to hang out with each other, that is apparent at parades, farmers markets, during events like Bestie Bash and weeknights. So why not give the people more spaces and restaurant areas to do that, especially with their families? On top of all of this the owners have the biggest of hearts and love this community. Let's support more "mom and pop" businesses in this community! The more we have of this the better the community does in the end! Thank you for your time! We look forward to this all getting approved and our first bite and drink there!

Wendy Bettis