Melanie Hadden

From: Natalie Downe [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:54 AM
To: Melanie Hadden; Kathryn Slater-Carter; James Pruett
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for today's harbour meeting

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Hello Jim, Kathryn & Melanie,

I'm writing in support of Ketch and the Pelagic hospitality group. I understand there was to be a discussion of their proposed rent in today's Harbor meeting but that it was removed from the agenda last min.

I am at home sick with covid so I can't come to the meeting in person (which is why I cc'd you Melanie as the ada representative) I'm very upset that public comment at the public meeting of a tax payer funded organisation has to be done in person. I find this discriminatory. Please read out my comment in full in the public comment section of the meeting.

I fully support Ketch and the Pelagic hospitality group, I'm incredibly disappointed to hear that the 2hr parking in front of their place is not enforced (given the recent preoccupation the harbor has with parking issues) this is directly impacting the business that is fast becoming the heart of our little community. More people would undoubtably speak up in favour of them if we were allowed to comment on zoom at these public meetings. I'm sickened to hear that the harbour is trying to use David's recent health struggles to their negotiation advantage to force a personal guarantee of assets against a reasonable rent deduction. The Pelagic group has done so much to improve the facilities of the venue and to drive tourism to the area and yet the parking challenges of not having the 2hr area enforced is causing undue hardship. Please register this as the tip of the iceberg of the support Ketch has in the community. It would be a tragedy if it were to have to close.

Kind regards
Natalie

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To the **San Mateo County Board of Harbor Commissioners**

Relevant to **Public Comment** portion of today's meeting, Jan 21,2026.

I am writing in strong support of the owners of Ketch and the Pelagic Group and their continued presence at Pillar Point Harbor. The ownership group has invested an extraordinary amount of time, capital, and personal effort into building on the legacy of Ketch Joanne's and creating something truly special for our harbor, and that commitment deserves recognition and support.

These local owners have demonstrated long-term dedication to Pillar Point Harbor and the surrounding community. The result is clear: the restaurants and shops have elevated the overall aesthetics of the harbor, bringing new energy, vibrancy, and pride to an area that continues to be central to our coastal identity. The thoughtful design, welcoming atmosphere, and quality food and drinks enhance the experience for everyone who visits, whether they are longtime locals or first-time guests.

Pelagic Group has helped further the harbor's reputation as a true destination. They attract visitors from across the region and beyond—people who come not only to dine, but to enjoy the waterfront, support other harbor businesses, and experience the unique character of Pillar Point. This kind of positive attention benefits the entire harbor ecosystem and strengthens its economic and cultural vitality.

Local ownership matters. These are not absentee operators, but people who are deeply invested in the success of the harbor and the community it serves. I urge the Board of Commissioners to do everything possible to support this local business and these local owners. Their success directly benefits the harbor, its other tenants, and the broader community—and ultimately, it benefits us all.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Harbor Master,

We are writing as residents of El Granada to express serious concern regarding the treatment of the restaurant at Pillar Point Harbor and the conditions threatening its viability.

The Harbor Commissioners initially agreed to reduce the restaurant's rent from $20,000 to $14,500 for October through December, acknowledging financial hardship. That decision was later reversed, and the owners are now being asked to provide a personal guarantee of their private property, despite having already invested $1.72 million to fully rehabilitate the building with new kitchens and a complete interior rebuild.

Equally concerning is the ongoing lack of parking enforcement. Two-hour parking limits for sportfishing visitors are not enforced, resulting in all-day parking directly in front of and behind the restaurant and leaving no space for customers. In addition, the Board has allowed food trucks and mobile bars to operate directly in front of the restaurant entrance, most recently in December 2025, further obstructing access.

Requests for basic enforcement—ticketing and towing long-term parkers and relocating mobile vendors—have gone unanswered. This is not a personal issue; it is a request for consistent, fair enforcement of harbor rules so a local business can operate.

This family has supported the harbor and community by serving the fishing fleet, offering 30% discounts to teachers and first responders, and investing their life savings into this location. They are now facing extraordinary pressure at a time of serious health challenges.

We respectfully request:

- Immediate enforcement of two-hour parking limits
- Relocation of food trucks and mobile bars away from the restaurant entrance
- A good-faith rent renegotiation reflecting current conditions

We urge you to reconsider the current approach and work toward a fair and reasonable solution.

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