

VIA EMAIL: CITY.COUNCIL@MENLOPARK.GOV

City Council
City of Menlo Park
701 Laurel St.
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Re: Clockworks Restaurant 961 El Camino Real

Dear Menlo Park Mayor and City Council:

On April 10, 2023, the City of Menlo Park Planning Commission unanimously approved this restaurant at 961 El Camino Real (Clockworks) adjacent to the Guild Theater. I understand that the City Council will review the project at an upcoming meeting and I want to express my enthusiastic support for the project.

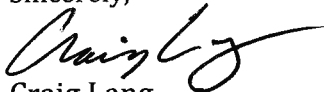
The project will be an asset to our community in that it promotes and supports our city's goals as outlined in the Downtown Specific Plan, specifically as they pertain to the goals of **Revitalizing underutilized parcels and buildings; expand shopping, dining and neighborhood services to ensure a vibrant downtown and maintain a village character unique to Menlo Park**. Also, as quoted in the Downtown Specific Plan and heard through many of the workshops to prepare the Specific Plan, I agree that I "**Want more night life businesses so I can spend evenings in Menlo**".

The restaurant will revitalize an existing building and allow for a new, vibrant eating space with small scale live entertainment to serve our neighborhood. Being next to the Guild and offering a pre- and post-show dining experience is synergistic with the investment that has already been made at this location and will offer a new and exciting option for an evening to be spent in town. This project has the right attributes to benefit the downtown and the city as a whole, since it includes the following components:

- **Revitalization of an Existing Building** – revitalization of an existing building with both indoor and outdoor dining options and enhancement of the existing building.
- **Pedestrian Friendly Design** – increased visibility into the building will allow for the engagement of pedestrians along El Camino Real.
- **Investment, Tax and Fee Generation** - development of the project will result in the payment of additional fees and taxes to the city, which is a benefit to the city.
- **Transit Proximity**- this provides for an eating establishment on a busy commercial corridor that is proximate to transit (within 0.5 miles walking distance of the Menlo Park train station) and will serve downtown.

I encourage the City Council to support this restaurant for our city.

Sincerely,



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