

City of Healdsburg,

As citizens active in city affairs, we support your Nov. 20 sessions which look to the future. We are in regular contact, and have been meeting with a variety of resident groups in recent weeks in pursuit of retaining our "small town character". So, we have asked locals what does that mean to them- that is 1) SMALL & 2) TOWN, & 3) CHARACTER?

Here are some brief responses, for starters:

SMALL:

LOW POPULATION, SLOW GROWTH
HOTELS & OTHER BUILDINGS IN SCALE WITH EXISTING STRUCTURES
MINIMUM AUTO AND VISITOR CONGESTION TO AND IN THE DOWNTOWN
NO BIG BOX AND MINIMAL CHAN STORES
USEABLE PLAZA AND PARKS

TOWN:

VARIETY OF STORE TYPES
SERVICES FOR LOCALS
ACCESSIBLE CITY COUNCIL/STAFF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

CHARACTER:

DIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
DIVERSITY OF CITY REVENUES
ACCESS TO RIVER, PARK, TRAIN ASSETS
HEALTHY MIXED NEIGHBORHOODS
CULTURAL VARIETY OF CITIZENS AND EVENTS

It is very apparent to us that the above responses mimic those from the Villa sessions!!

You know what to do. Please include our descriptions of "small town character" in your proceedings.

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concerned citizens