

# City wants reimbursement for its lost parking spaces

SANTA CRUZ — The city is asking Transit District directors to come up with some money to replace the 18 parking spaces its new bus depot is eliminating on south Pacific Avenue.

As the district was processing its plans for the new Transit Center, the city had a moratorium on elimination of parking spaces.

However, that moratorium was ended when conservative councilmembers Spiro Mellis, Joseph Ghio and John Mahaney decided to stop supporting the emergency moratorium. They said it was being used instead of the city finding a real solution to its parking problems.

As soon as the moratorium was dropped, the Transit District processed its plans and got a free ride in doing away with the parking spaces.

Merchants at the lower end of the mall are complaining their businesses have been hurt.

Teresa Gellis of Union Grove Music said that other than the parking-space losses, the business can live with the planned benches and planters.

She said there was some fear of the types of characters that may come to sit on the benches, however.

Councilwoman Mardi Wormhoudt told her, "I think the kind of people I see stumbling around the Catalyst don't care where they sit — on the curb even."

Mellis agreed, saying that in the past the south mall area has had "characters, but no character."

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## Corrections

A story in Friday's Sentinel incorrectly stated that a preliminary hearing will be held May 16 for Ralph Moceo, who was indicted along with his produce company on 19 charges. The story should have said Moceo requested a preliminary hearing and that he is to be arraigned in Municipal Court C on the charges that day. A hearing date has not been set.

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A story in Tuesday's Sentinel reported that a man arrested on child molesting charges, Guadalupe Rodriguez, reported his address as 130 Country Estates Drive, Bonny Doon. Rodriguez, a laborer, does not live at that address.

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