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Subject: [External] N. Hollis Parking

Mayor Patz and City Council members,

Recently I stopped by Rudy's Cafe for a latte and realized they are in a green parking zone that is currently being considered for parking meters in the near future. I encourage you to retain the green zone that is currently in place, instead of meters. My latte was approximately \$3.50. If there was a parking meter, I would have put in an hour's time, in case I visited with anyone while drinking my latte. If an hour was \$1.00 that would have increased the cost of my drink by 29.5% and if parking was \$2.00 an hour, the increase in cost would have been 57% or effectively \$5.50 for the drink. This is all theoretical because I would not pay that much to get a latte as much as I would like to see them stay in business, I'm retired and living on a fixed income and need to watch my expenditures.

We need to encourage and support our small businesses and putting them out of business by continually increasing their cost of doing business is going to be detrimental to the city. So, I reiterate the request that you maintain the green parking zone to maintain turnover instead of replacing it with parking meters.

I plan on attending this evening's meeting; however, I don't know how long I will stay so wanted to pass this on in advance of the meeting.

Thanks very much,

Betsy Cooley,  
Resident