

Jocelyn Gonzalez-Thies

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Many of us elder locals could never dine out again, if they were taken down. Many tourists would give Mendocino a miss, knowing that outside dining areas have been removed. Covid is not over, especially for older people and immune compromised.

They're not defacing—they make the town look festive, like the music festival tent. And they look really good when you consider that they're providing a great service not only to business but to citizens, who are clearly in favor of keeping them. The Historical Board has done a great job, keeping Mendocino as charming as it is, but it to go against the will of the people like this? it's not like we're asking for a high rise on the headlands.

Coronavirus rates are going up and masking mandates returning to many offices and schools—it's simply perverse to deprive us of outside dining areas.

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