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Moraga Drive-Through: From Burger King to Starbucks

By Sophie Braccini

Don't line up just yet to get your Chestnut Praline Latte at the drive-through Starbucks: the building is still Burger King. But the Seattle-based coffee company has plans to take over the stand-alone building at Moraga's Rheem Center...

pany plans to add seven to 10 employees to the 14 they already employ in Moraga.

However, commissioner Kymberleigh Korpus appealed the decision because of one sticking point: The new Starbucks calls for gender-neutral, family restrooms, and Korpus wants women-only and men-only ones.

"Though I was very impressed with the project overall, I view Starbucks' reliance upon only a single 'gender neutral' communal bathroom for restrooms as a safety issue that cannot be ignored," she wrote in a letter to attorney Ellen Rosenbluth and town planner Kelly Clancy.

Korpus said she hopes the current town council can decide the issue before the new town council takes over, so there as not to cause any unnecessary delay for the applicant." ... continued on page A11



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Moraga residents and visitors gathered at The Commons on a cool but dry December evening for the annual lighting of the town Christmas tree.



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