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**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Petaluma Riverfront Trestle  
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**From:** [Ann Brady](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [chip atkin](#)  
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Please make Lafferty one of the top 10 goals for the upcoming year.

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**From:** [Dan Lyke](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Dear Petaluma City Council members, and city staff:

I walk along Mountain View Ave and down 5th St many times a week. I am *\*overjoyed\** at the new traffic circle and crosswalks at 5th and I St, and the ways that drivers on I St are slowing down and behaving more attentively at the intersection with 5th. The changes there have reduced my stress when crossing that intersection on foot amazingly.

I am further overjoyed at the news that we're going to be getting stop signs on Mountain View Ave at Mission Drive. It's always terrifying to cross that intersection on foot, and the poor utility pole that's been taken out by wayward drivers needs all the help it can get, but the recent spate of collisions there have reinforced how important a safety upgrade there is. One neighbor tells me of literal tears of joy when they got the notification postcard.

I realize that we have a long way to go in upgrading our city's infrastructure to make walking and biking (and in the case of Mountain View Ave at Mission Drive, just standing on the sidewalk) less hazardous; I am grateful at these steps in that direction.

Dan Lyke  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Douglas Bryant](#)  
**To:** -- City Council; [alecerf2424@gmail.com](mailto:alecerf2424@gmail.com)  
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Here is the letter I have sent to the City Council on previous occasions. This problem continues to plague us and our neighbors. 143 Howard St. is now up for sale with no buyers, and the Seven-Eleven has gone out of business.

Doug

Doug Bryant, President

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I am writing this letter on behalf of the residents, home- and businessowners in the vicinity of East Washington, Howard Street, and Stanley Ave.

Here at 136 Howard St., as we first communicated in 2016 by phone and email to the Petaluma police, the city council and the mayor's office, in 2024 we are still faced with the same problems on a 365-day-a-year basis. Only the problems have multiplied, and our safety is more compromised than before.

The gathering of day laborers, loiterers, homeless and the mentally ill, both in front of our house and on the property of the Shell gas station next door, continues to be a daily nuisance, that is harmful to our business and quality of life and poses a danger to our family's safety.

Among the incidents and problems:

- 1) Noise: The number one problem with these people's presence is the noise level. They regularly begin shouting and yelling amongst themselves and to passing cars as early as 6 AM and generally continue until noon. Sometimes this continues all day. It is disruptive to our business and home life.  
They use inappropriate language. We are a bilingual family. And they are shouting insults and expletives loud enough for us to hear inside our home.
- 2) Blocking the public right-of-way: Large groups of men standing on the sidewalk, in the street, and on gas station property. Pedestrians and joggers on a daily basis are forced to cross the street rather than run the gamut of day of laborers and the mentally ill blocking the way. At times, they are blocking the sidewalks on both sides of Howard. I have seen a couple with their baby stroller carry it out into the street and walk there instead to avoid them. My wife and kids are at times scared to walk out to the car. They often step on our plants, lean up against our vehicles and trees, and leave garbage behind.
- 3) Parking: The occupation of parking spots in front of our house and Kehr Construction next door, not just by vehicles but large groups of men standing in the street. Recently they had the audacity to use a stolen traffic sawhorse to save a parking spot in front of our house. They also park their vehicles on gas station property regularly and gather there.
- 4) Traffic Hazard: between Stanley across the way, the entry drive to the gas station, and the intersection of E Washington and Howard, this is a hazardous spot. Groups of people partly blocking the entry drive to the Shell station, standing out in the street and running across every which way is a constant distraction and hazard. They also park their vehicles on gas station property regularly and gather there. My wife and I have come close to having multiple accidents, nearly striking pedestrians or other vehicles, especially when taking the kids to school.
- 5) Verbal harassment: At least a dozen times, when we have asked a large group not to stand on our plants, for example, or even just to park further up the street in an open spot (so I can park my truck with its trailer), we have been faced with a totally belligerent response: yelling, cursing out, name-calling, etc. On other occasions, for no

reason at all, a mentally ill person has started cursing me out. Overall, the atmosphere is threatening. The men refuse, for example, to move out of the way when my wife needs to go to her car, or when she pulls out to drive the kids to school. They stare at us as we come and go, often pointing at us and talking amongst themselves.

Representatives of the City and Police have told both us and the gas station owner, Hamid Golchini, to post signs against vagrancy and call the police in response to this problem. The police do little or nothing, and their visits only make these people more belligerent towards us.

Overall what we are faced with is an occupation of our street, businesses and neighborhood by a large group of various people, growing larger all the time now, who feel they 'own' this place and can do whatever they please, without any regard for the people who live, work, walk here. They have claimed public and private property as their own territory, conduct business there and brazenly and belligerently stake claim to it, year-round, on a daily basis.

Good evening, City Council and City Staff,

Our Mobile Park residents of Petaluma welcome Mr. Quint and Mr. DeCarli. We sincerely hope you will allow us the ability to educate you both on the hardships and the many egregious acts that have and continue to take place on senior citizens and vulnerable mobile park residents. We will continue to bring the truth forward in the hopes that one day our residents can get back to living in peace and calm.

We are now in 2025, with little resolution. We have and continue to be intimidated, coerced, extorted, unlawfully increased and have service reductions all over our parks.

We must be clear WE own our mobile homes. We made this investment to live within our means but to have pride of ownership and to live our lives as hard-working residents or retired senior citizens.

We lease the land and are held to a standard of abiding by the law and rules and regulations we signed when we purchased.

Park Owners, these bad actors, are breaking the laws, showing the city and state every day that they don't follow the ordinances, that they don't follow senior park overlay zoning and that there have been no ramifications for them not doing that. This is why they continue. They feel emboldened that the city and the state do not enforce when it comes to them.

We are sensitive to lawsuits against the city, and we of course are aware and prideful of the city that revisions and zonings

have been voted in unanimously by the previously seated council.

We know the courage that it takes to make the well thought out and well researched decisions you made and continue to make.

We are, however, at a crossroad. We are well past enforcement.

Youngstown residents once again are aware that another park-owned mobile home has gone into contract at 71 Michael drive to a young family with very young children. The buyer has been told it is an all-age park; they have been given fake rules and regulations of an all-age park.

No senior signs back up since April of 2023, no rules and regulations being supplied that are lawful with senior park status. No purchase contracts or lease contracts that state senior park. 7 Belle, 114 Pamela Court, 119 Pamela Court, 31 Michael, 45 Pamela Court and now 71 Michael Drive all sold willfully as an all-age park.

To add Fraud to this new buyer not told they put in a notice of closure to the city, new buyers other than one who was complicit with them not being told this was a senior park. Fraud in not putting the senior park overlay in the disclosure notices.

They are literally screaming to you all. WE will do whatever we want. Your ordinances, your zoning will never stand in our way.

In fact, their employee stated to a resident just yesterday why are you fighting it we already WON.

Yes, they did sue you and the council against the senior park overlay and 2 parts were dismissed with a writ of Mandamus on the other two parts yet to be heard but they have NOT WON.

So, like our appeal just because we filed it would we be allowed to not pay the award without a judge signing off. Of course not.

Do these bad actor park owners have more money than us **O**f course they do. We still are citizens who own our mobile homes and deserve the same rights as they have. We should always be equal under the law regardless of our bank account balance or our disabilities.

Little woods residents are reeling. The mental health toll on wondering what more can be taken from them is wreaking havoc on their spirit. Parking removed, an appeal pending, 2 arbitrations, service reductions all over the park and Harmony continuing to incite hardship and abuse.

Take Take and Take until they push a resident to submission or push them out.

What enforcement is stopping them-it's 2025 and this has been happening since 2023

Little woods residents not asking for a handout. They are asking that for the many years they have lived there they have been parking in the same spots and then under fake notice fences go up, no opening and just because these bad actor park owners say so you now have no parking. This is all wrong. The taking is coming from the park owners-willfully saying you the city of Petaluma had no right to pass a revision that denied them this

past year 1%. \$5 to \$10 an address they could not increase-so we are going to show you. We are going to abuse the residents because they didn't deserve to be protected.

It's not like they didn't warn us.

They stated in the revision process as well as at city and county meeting all over the state that Petaluma is out of control and taking away their rights so they will bully with multiple frivolous arbitrations, and they will show us and the city you do not take anything away from them.

This is clear cut abuse, intimidation and coercion. It is not even thinly veiled-its overt

Capri residents have had their rights taken away since the beginning. They were never allowed to know they had a choice, that they had protections.

Where is the money they have been overcharged. Harmony knows they overcharged and continue to take, and the residents own attorney showed them their overcharges were not lawful.

Still no correction, no credit, no nothing. Instead, they double down and make the mobile park an entire fire lane removing parking. Service reductions are again going on daily.

Then let's address fraud.

Never sharing that there is a rent stabilization ordinance, only bringing the last page of a lease to a door of a resident and making them sign it then. Then never giving the residents a copy of their lease.

How about the fraud of taking an arbitration award that they were denied by the arbitrator.

We have listened to other city council meeting where they speak of the takings that the City of Petaluma has done to them.

They speak about vacancy control takings although vacancy control is and has been in the ordinance since 1974.

They speak that the city is not allowing them fair market value ground rents and of course the rent stabilization ordinance has been in effect since 1974 allowing them an increase yearly based on CPI

As we stated previously the only revision (70% of CPI) only cost them less than 1% increase while they could take the 2% increase annually this past year.

Where is the enforcement?

We, the residents, are thankful for your diligent research and for the city councils votes of doing what is clearly right.

It was and is courageous because you, the city like us the residents don't welcome continued costly litigations, but we are well past enforcement.

Our parks are unrecognizable as they were just a few years ago.

The cost of this is the mental health crisis that has manifested in our beautiful residents.

Youngstown has experienced 2 suicide attempts and major mental and physical health deterioration. I think you can

imagine senior residents having this hanging over them while they come to an end of their life.

Our families in Little woods and Capri working hard to provide for their families and worried all the times.

No control-the residents have no control of any of this. They must rely on attorneys and the city and state to help them navigate these complex legal challenges.

Our hope manifests from our solidarity together but this is a difficult journey.

This is not just happening in Petaluma with these bad actor park owners, it is happening in just about every city in the state of California because large investment groups buy knowing that they make large amounts of profits. Investors would not be buying in if this was not the case.

In fact, in Youngstown a resident was erroneously forwarded the end of year results for our park owners. This includes the best year yet of 10 million in sales of mobile homes and the increase in employees to 130 this last year.

We acknowledge that you seek to protect residents throughout this city and to make Petaluma safe. That's why we chose Petaluma to retire or raise our families.

We are hopeful that you see the need for change and that the next steps, which will be courageous, but necessary to the well being of almost 900 residents must move forward.

Our HOPE is for a new tomorrow.

It's just simply not right what is happening in our mobile parks-  
Its simply not right.

Youngstown Strong

Little woods Strong

Capri Strong

Leisure Lakes Strong

Petaluma Mobile Residents United Strong

**From:** [Jordan Germyn](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Petaluma Riverfront Trestle  
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**From:** [Loretta M \[REDACTED\]](#)  
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Dear Council Members:

I wish to tell you how miserable you have made all of our holiday get togethers with family and friends this year due to the loss of parking on D street.

For just about every gathering at our home....and most were during times when it was raining....all during the festivities, a family member or guest had to go move a car so that another guest could park closer, as that guest either had a baby in tow, was carrying packages, food items or was more elderly with less mobility. A guest had to 'move' their car, so that another person could park as close as possible, while they parked further away.

I did not want those with babies/small children or the elderly having to cross the wet street during the rain, walking over slippery leaves/debris in order to get to our home. None of this would have been necessary if parking had not been removed from D Street. We have lived here for more than 25 years and have never had to play such games during the holidays of moving cars around due to no available parking at our home. The need to keep our family/friends safe while they visit us has become a daily concern and one that is totally unnecessary.

And no cyclists were seen using this 'space' that you have taken away from us and everyone else 24/7, and given to a very small special interest group. Cyclists are rarely seen on D Street and they are never seen during the rains or in evening/night hours. Yet the safety of our family and friends has been put in jeopardy every day because you removed 122 parking spaces on D St, including ours, plus more on all the affected side streets at intersections. You gave it all to cyclists even though they have no licenses, no insurance, no registration and the lanes are used by a rare few and never every single day and night all year round. You also did this to the 85 year old D St church and their elderly and disabled members whose attendance is down 50% since you decided to add bike lanes for cyclists that have full mobility and could easily use their legs to bike over to existing bike lanes on a wider, safer B St.

This aggressive plan to push the bike agenda is harming more people on a daily basis than it will ever benefit. These dedicated bike lanes should not have been put on a heavily traveled truck route such as D Street which necessitated the removal of parking that is used far more often by all other people every day, rain or shine-contrary to Bjorn's one night count.

Loretta Mateik

**From:** [Matt Maquire](#)  
**To:** [Kevin McDonnell](#); [Brian Barnacle](#); [John Shribbs](#); [Karen Nau](#); [Janice Cader-Thompson](#); [Frank Quint](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Peggy Flynn](#); -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** 2025 City Council Goals: Lafferty Park masterplan  
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Dear Mayor, Council Members and Council Members-Elect:

On behalf of the Friends of Lafferty Park, I write to request that in setting your Council goals for 2025, you make master planning Lafferty Pak one of your top ten goals.

In our 30+ years of citizen efforts to get Lafferty Ranch open to the public, we've travelled a long and circuitous path. In recent years, as you know, we have made substantial progress in making Lafferty available to the public for its enjoyment and benefit. The city's partnership with LandPaths has been very productive and has given hundreds of local residents and visitors a chance to see what Lafferty has to offer, to hike parts of it and discover its beauty. We now have over two dozen LandPaths certified docents, and the reactions by all who've been up to Lafferty have been uniformly enthusiastic.

It has always been FLP's goal to see Lafferty made as openly available to the public as a wilderness park can be. While there are discussions to be had about what the details of that look like, we feel it's important for the city to create a master plan to address all such questions, and to finally make Lafferty an official public park, open to all the public. It was our hope that that process could have begun this year, but since it has not, we feel it is high time to make it happen this coming year.

We realize that the City Council, and its committees and commissions such as the General Plan Update and Park & Recreation commissions, and staff, have much on their plates already. We also know there are always pressing issues competing for the Council's time and attention. Regarding land use, FLP recognizes that all have been working to incorporate the fairgrounds and peninsula park into its planning

and is taking an organized approach to all its parks, current and proposed, while juggling the many other land use issues.

Since we don't see that workload shrinking any time soon, we would just make the case that after more than 30 years, the best time to make this happen is now and so we call for no further delay. If the Council does not make a Lafferty masterplan *specifically* one of its top ten goals, we would ask that the Council make master planning for all the city's parks, existing and planned, one of its top goals. As part of that, we would expect a Lafferty plan to be incorporated into that process. We have faith that the process will serve the public's interests once it is begun, and that the results will be truly welcomed once achieved.

We thank you in advance for your support in this community effort and hope you will act to make the dream of Lafferty Park a reality this year. Feel free to contact me if I or the Friends of Lafferty Park can be of any further help.

Matt Maguire

President, Friends of Lafferty Park



**From:** [Peter Ts](#)  
**To:** [BAAITS Admin](#); [Aspen Stepanek](#); [Amanda Brock](#); [Vera Claudine Tabib](#); [Daily Acts - Trathen](#); [Paige Elise](#); [Wayne Hsiung From The Simple Heart](#); [Michael Fiumara](#); [George Daniel](#); [JUDITH IAM](#); [Suzanne Terry](#); [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Song of the Lion King (post Public Comment plz)  
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## **The Lion King.... A tale of Two Lions in America**

**The Tale of Two Lions and thee Narrow Path... in choosing wisely be avoiding the Wrath...**

**For One of these Lions keeps You blinded in the bible .....While the other sets You Free unto Liberty Overcoming by Revival**

**Of all religions let's have a Look regarding the nature of a Living book.... A Living book that operates by Spirit... that undermines Believers abiding Deceivers as they do Hear it**

**For who among You seeks by Faith to Serve... to stay the Course of Almighty's Force rather than swerve..**

**Who be the author of 66 Books but the Roaring Lion who seeks to devour... in service to Sataniel being Lucifer to this moment this very hour..**

**Therefore shall we proceed by True Hearted Inspection, Just what it means regarding Resurrection**

**Follow me as I am always w You... as the Krystos Light clarifies our Sight both Righteously & True...**

**As the Red Man tells the tale of Bad versus Good To feed the Good Wolf not the Bad then proceed as we should...**

**There Truly be many Sons of Great Spirit Creator  
Almighty Allah so too many Blessed Daughters...  
Who burn with Liberty's Loving Desires while  
waging thru Fires so too truly walking upon  
Waters...**

**Of Parables couched amidst Poetic Rhymes... the  
Servant Seer illuminates the Sign of the Times...**

**As the Queen of Light reveals a Hidden Path so ever  
Higher... Strikingly very Deep of Clear Sapphire..**

**So too regarding the powerful accounts in the Book  
of Enoch as to what to expect and how & where to  
walk...**

**The True Lion to serve both NOW and then.. be the  
One Daniel served in thee Lion's Den...**

**For though Peace & Tranquility so speaks brother  
Buddha... This Peace be only attained abiding thee  
Lion of Judah...**

**At this moment be but One point in the bible as You  
please, be Word of Direction from the Rock w Keys**

**Be Ye now prepared & witness Ezekial 13:13  
between now and this Full Moon you'll see what I  
mean...**

**By this Full Moon as the Black Wolf does Howl... the  
message delivered by the All Seeing Owl...**

**All Strength & Love embracing thee Prophetic  
Command... the 40 Day Walk into thee Promised  
Land**

**Into the genesis gardens of Victory... having  
Commanded & Claimed the True Peace called truly  
truly LOVE & Liberty.... Blessings Most Beautiful to  
the Spiritually Dutiful..... Amen Amin AHO**

1/5/25

**Memorandum**

**To:**

**City Council members**

Kevin McDonnell

John Shribbs

Brian Barnacle

Janice Cader Thompson

Mike Healy

Karen Nau

Dennis Pocekay

**Community Development Director**

Brian Oh

**Planning Manager**

Andrew Trippel

**From:**

Roger McErlane

**City Council members elect**

Alexander DeCarli

Frank Quint

I am requesting that the Council reconsider the wisdom of proceeding with the entire 12 acre overlay zoning proposal that is in process now. Instead, I suggest limiting the overlay discussion to parcel A only. The rezoning considerations of the downtown should be part of a much more in-depth evidence based economic evaluation and the results should be integrated into the General Plan Land Use updating process.

I am concerned that if we continue as we are and approach it as a much larger issue than the hotel site itself, we may lose the Hotel project as a result. The Overlay Zoning proposal raises so many more unresolved issues that are not related to the hotel site specifically and are more related to overall planning issues that exist in the downtown core area. I am supportive of higher densities and more activity downtown, however I don't believe we are on the right track to successfully achieve this.

When the proposed Overlay Zoning draft came before the Planning Commission in 2023, there were many questions asked by the Commission members as well as the attending public, regarding the foundational logic of the proposal itself, and the financial/economic background behind such a recommendation. It was clear by the questions raised that more economic and financial information was needed to provide a better understanding of the issues that should act as the basis for the overlay proposal. This was clearly expressed by both the PC members as well as the general public which were attending the meeting.

This resulted in the November 7, 2023 Memorandum by Strategic Economics with the purpose of addressing these economic questions. In very simple terms the memorandum states that “the increased maximum allowable height is likely to have little impact on residential development activity“ due to the construction costs associated with it. And it further states that that “higher density housing may become financially feasible in the future if transportation, place making and private amenity improvements enhance the areas desirability of the area”. There is no language in the Overlay Draft that refers to improving sense of place or improving transportation. These are conditions that need to be in place in order to attract higher density residential.

The origin of the proposed overlay zoning change was clearly tied to the proposed hotel site and the need to expand the zoning revisions needed to allow the hotel applicant to proceed with their application, thereby avoid spot zoning. As the overlay discussion evolved, it also became a vehicle to encourage higher density housing development in the central downtown area.

The planning commission was provided a map that made up the entire proposed overlay zoning boundary composed of Parcels A,B and C totaling approximately 12 acres of land. Some discussion followed regarding limiting the overlay zone study to only some of the designated parcels such as only parcel A, two commissioners voted to limit it to Parcel A only, but a majority of the PC voted to maintain all three of the parcels in the overlay zoning proposal. I am suggesting that we reconsider that decision.

My concern is that the process we are presently going through for the Overlay Zoning as well the Gen Plan land Use element, will not result in accomplishing a successful end result or public acceptance and we may sacrifice the hotel project in the process. The reasons for my concerns are as follows.

- Lack of any basic economic understanding that establishes a logic for proceeding with the Overlay as proposed. Where did the financial evaluation and the decision to go, come from?
- Lack of understanding of the project scale required to meet HDR program reality. 200 to 300 units @ 60 du/ac. (+- 4- 5 acres per project required) lack of appropriate design controls and guidelines.
- Confusion related to two very different land use policies, zoning allowances and Gen Plan Drafts, proceeding parallel for the same parcels of land.
- Lack of any understandable or convincing vision put forth by the council, Community Development, planning consultants or planning staff.
- A significant portion of the community does not seem trust or support the land use proposals for the Overlay or General Plan land use, as written.
- The process to date seems like it could blow up in our face and may impact the Hotel in the near future.

A possible win - win goal is to find a way to isolate the Hotel discussion by limiting the overlay to only parcel A, allow the hotel to proceed in it's own process and continue the overlay discussions as part of the General Plan land use process, but with a better economic understanding and vision as a basis.

Experts that I have talked with suggest that the economic information we need to understand so that we can evaluate and consider the most effective land use or zoning changes that address the downtown issues, need to include the following.

- Sales tax revenue for past ten years, Vacancy factor rates
- Breakdown of retail sectors and performance over the last 10 years
- Comparisons of Petaluma retail malls based on retail sector types and the downtown areab performance .
- Comparable trends in Novato, Rohnert Park, San Rafael.

Proceeding with the General plan land use as well as the Overlay Zoning without understanding and evaluating the investment and financial issues and opportunities, does not seem prudent or responsible for city government to pursue at this time. A much more detailed understanding of the economic dynamics that are and will be impacting the downtown is needed.

Let's take a deep breath, focus on the Hotel site for now, move the Overlay zoning discussion into a much wider and more through evaluation of the economic and design issues as part of the General Planning process.

**From:** [Ralph Haney](#)  
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**Cc:** -- [City Council](#); -- [City Clerk](#)  
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Dear Council Members and Staff,

The recent removal of stop signs at the intersection of Fifth Street and I Street has turned a once safe intersection into a dangerous environment. I street is a very busy primary conduit and drivers do not anticipate cross traffic from a minor street like Fifth Street. The intersection is too small for a quasi/pseudo roundabout that consists of nothing more than a painted circle in the middle of the intersection. I've seen multiple near-misses already and confusion and hesitation from drivers, especially approaching from Fifth Street. This is also considerably less safe for bicyclists; there is simply not enough space for reasonable reaction time from motorists on I Street.

I've lived in this neighborhood for more than 30 years. I've driven it, bicycled it, walked it, and I know the dynamics of traffic here as well as anyone. I live on I Street less than two blocks of this intersection and traverse it multiple times daily. Mark my words, there will be crashes in this environment, and you have greatly compromised the safety of everyone, including pedestrians. I implore you to reverse this decision, bring back the stop signs, returning normalcy to this once safe intersection before people get hurt.

City Clerk: please add this statement to public record.

Sincerely,

Ralph Haney

[REDACTED]

Petaluma

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Glo-Phone.

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**From:** [teddyherzog](#) [REDACTED]  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** The park management plan for Lafferty Ranch - our wilderness park  
**Date:** Thursday, December 26, 2024 10:35:47 AM

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Dear City Council,

Lafferty Ranch is 270 acres of the most wild land anywhere near Petaluma and it is owned by our City.

Take a quick look at this 2 ½ minute video to see what the fuss is all about.

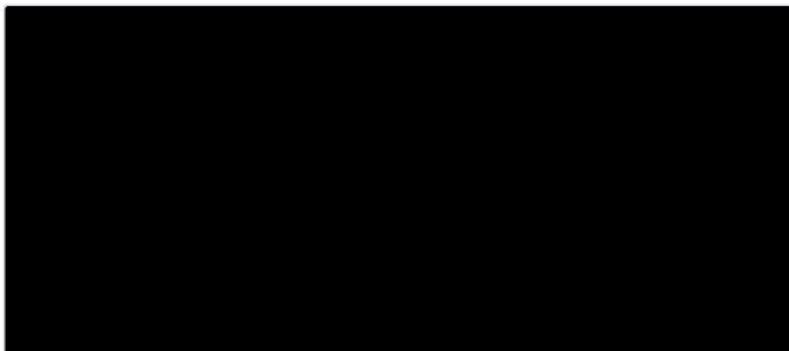
We've finally established public access at our one and only Petaluma Wilderness Park. Let's get the ball rolling on the Lafferty Ranch **park management plan** this year.

In my opinion, we want to improve public access to Lafferty Ranch but keep this land as a Wilderness Park.

Teddy Herzog

[REDACTED]  
Land Paths docent leading hikes at Lafferty Ranch

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**From:** [DEANNA ISSEL](#)  
**To:** [Kevin McDonnell](#); [b.barnacle](#); [John Shribbs](#); [Karen Nau](#); [janicecader](#)  
**Cc:** [fquint](#); [decarli4petalum](#)  
**Subject:** 2025 City Council Goals: Lafferty Park masterplan  
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TO:

Mayor Kevin McDonnell  
Brian Barnacle  
John Shribbs  
Karen Nau  
Janice Cader Thompson  
Frank Quint, Alex DeCarli

Cc: Caitlin Corley

Dear Mayor, Council Members and Council Members-Elect:

I understand you are in the process of setting Council goals for 2025. I am writing to ask you to please make a Master Plan for Lafferty one of your priority goals. We've worked hard for so many years towards making Lafferty an official public park, open to all the public. To do that and to make Lafferty Park as openly available to the Public as a wilderness park can be, we need a Master Plan. Please make that one of the top ten priorities for 2025.

Thank you for your work and dedication to Petaluma and for considering this as a Priority.

Sincerely,

Deanna Issel

Native born Petaluman and still a property owner there.

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