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Cc: [redacted]; -- City Clerk; Karen Nau; [redacted]
Subject: Vote "no" next Monday: \$300,000 of budget moved for more artificial turf
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Dear City Council and Park Commissioners:

Recent decision by Parks Commission and much discussion with City Council Members and community directed that there will be no more toxic Forever-Chemical plastic turf installed as "playing" fields.

The time is **now for City of Petaluma** to make #1 priority our children's well being. Children's bodies are still-developing. Forever-Chemicals microplastics are absorbed through breathing (lungs) and skin and blood (scraped skin). **This subjects our children to increased cancer risk, immune system disruption, asthma suffering, heat stroke and ACL injuries** bodies. Please change City's ongoing status quo operational tendencies and short-term thinking. **Please do not approve \$300,000 budget transfer at next CC meeting.**

Please do not approve any more artificial turf. The 15-year old plans are now obsolete and any contract may be cancelled or subject to Change Orders such that we please start to put our community's health and safety as priority -- especially underserved communities who do not speak English and understand the now-fully-emerged grave hazards of Forever Chemical turf to their children and adults.

See p.3 of this doc, which is being presented to CC next Monday so \$300,000 funds can be moved around to pay for another artificial turf install:
<https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=f4547bdd-a740-42a6-ad03-01e62593db0f>

Please vote for our children's health by voting "non" on this bduget transfer. The time to act based on science and Climate Change is now.

Thank you,
Taryn