

**From:** [Jim Thomas](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Please Make the Petaluma Museum a Priority in 2025!  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 12:29:54 PM

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Thank you,

Releasing carbon dioxide, methane, and general nonsense into the atmosphere since 1953.

**From:** [Karen Hinton](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Make the Petaluma Museum a Priority in 2025!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 2025 8:49:43 AM

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Karen & Gerry Hinton

[REDACTED]  
Petaluma

**From:** [Judy Helfand](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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Dear Councilmember, at the museum.

Although I live in the county (not within Petaluma) I frequently attend exhibits and value this museum. Please consider the request regarding seismic upgrade.

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Thank you,  
Judy Helfand

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*There is no social-change fairy. There is only change made by the hands of individuals.*  
Winona LaDuke

Judy Helfand  
[REDACTED]

I live on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mishewal (Wappo) people. We care for and dwell on the land with gratitude and respect to the ancestors and their living descendants.



**From:** [Karen Cann](#)  
**To:** [-- City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Wood burning stoves within Town limits  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 3:53:57 PM

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In this day & age, we know that wood burning smoke is toxic to those who breathe it. Just like second hand cigarette smoke. Wood burning should be outlawed in town where people live within yards of each other. Please consider creating legislation to prohibit it.

I am a resident of Petaluma on 5th Street. A neighbor close by burns a wood stove. The smoke seeps through my AC into my living room even when I cover the unit outside. The smoke pools on my front porch. I am older. It causes respiratory problems. A wood burning advocate on NextDoor suggested that I wear a mask 24/7. It is a violation of my right to clean air. Please do something about it.

Thank you for your time.

Karen Cann  
[REDACTED], Petaluma, CA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kathleen Doler](#)  
**To:** -- City Council  
**Subject:** proposed lithium battery farm next to Adobe Creek community  
**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2025 2:23:15 PM

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Petaluma Council Members:

By now you've all likely heard about the lithium battery farm fire at Moss Landing. Here's a link to the story out today in the Petaluma Patch:  
[https://patch.com/california/petaluma/s/j3z6h/fire-closes-highway-1-along-monterey-bay?utm\\_source=local-update&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=alert](https://patch.com/california/petaluma/s/j3z6h/fire-closes-highway-1-along-monterey-bay?utm_source=local-update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=alert)

According to the story, not only did the farm have a big fire this week, it had **two "overheating events" in 2021 and 2022 and a "third incident happened in 2022 in the neighboring Elkhorn battery plant that is owned by PG&E."** Jodie Lutkenhaus, professor of chemical engineering at Texas A&M University, who was quoted in the story, said **there is a need to find safer batteries that can be used on the grid.**

Given this information, and multiple fire events at these plants, I strongly urge the Petaluma City Council to reject PG&E's plan for its proposed battery farm next to the Adobe Creek Community. **Any battery farm needs to be miles away from the community, not right in the middle of it.** The proposed location next to the Adobe Creek community is also very close to Casa Grande High School, close to Wiseman Park and way too close to a large number of houses and apartments. And our fire risks here in Sonoma County are much higher than they are at Moss Landing and Monterey County.

Furthermore, PG&E's safety record for its infrastructure is abysmal. Don't let them further threaten our beautiful community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Doler

A resident of the [REDACTED].

Kathleen Doler

Author of [THE HOOK](#)

Journalist, Adventure Sports Addict

[kathleendoler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathleendoler@sbcglobal.net)

**From:** [Lyndi Brown](#)  
**To:** -- [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Make the Petaluma Museum a Priority in 2025!  
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Thank you,  
Lyndi Brown

Lyndi Brown | [REDACTED], Penngrove CA 94951 | [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



**From:** [kathy](#) [REDACTED]  
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Thank you,  
Kathy & Ken Schmidt

**From:** [Maggi Smith Hall](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
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**From:** [Margaret Woll](#)  
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**From:** [Marion Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Thank you,


**Marsha**

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D.  
Former Santa Rosa City Council Vice Mayor, SRJC Trustee

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Santa Rosa, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** [Mary](#)   
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Thank you,

Mary Alden  


**From:** [Mary Helmke](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Maurice](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Parking  
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How many parking spots are we losing with the new law leaving empty spaces at crosswalks?

**From:** [molly stuart](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Petaluma Riverfront Trestle  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:33:35 AM

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I support the City of Petaluma committing staff and funds now to rehabilitate the Trestle and complete the construction of a beautiful riverfront promenade. Please share this email with the City Manager and the City Council.

Thank you

**From:** [PATRICE e EVANS](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Peter Williams](#)  
**To:** -- [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Petaluma Historical Library  
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Please encourage the City Council to plan on addressing a seismic retrofit of this building before it falls down. It would be a sad reflection on the current members of the council if the building were to be lost on their watch.

Thank you,

Peter and Mary Ann Williams.

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Peter Williams

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**From:** [Ray Peterson](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Thank you Rick Harvey (Petaluma resident for five years - this is such a great and unique city!)

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**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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