

**From:** Joanne S [REDACTED]  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** Sheep at turtle creek  
**Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 2:57:44 PM

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We loved having them here!

They did such a great job, and so pleasantly. Please support our neighborhood and bring them back next year.

Thank you,  
- Joanne Skrably  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [leslie](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Sheep grazing  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 5:46:36 PM

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know I support a program to continue using sheep and goats to control weeds and bushes in the open spaces of our city. It's a wonderful alternative to using mowers, saves money on equipment, fuel and person work hours. Additionally, the manure produced by these animals adds nutrients to the soil where they graze. I'm sure the animals also bring joy to Petaluma residents, as they did in my neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Leslie Kelly-Guerrero

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Lisa](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Sheep  
**Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 10:53:26 AM

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I live in Turtle Creek and would love to see the sheep back next year. Thank you, Lisa O'Brien  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mary ann malinak](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** sheep grazing  
**Date:** Friday, July 5, 2024 11:14:59 PM

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Hello City of Petaluma,

We have thoroughly enjoyed following the herd of sheep grazing first at Arroyo Park and now at Wiseman. it's such a great low-tech environmentally friendly solution to reducing the fire danger by keeping the dry grass under control. We would all much rather hear the sheep bleating than the sound of tractor mowers. please bring the sheep back later this summer if needed and definitely next year. thank you!

mary ann malinak  
resident of Petaluma for 24 years and long time voter  
[REDACTED]

From: [Peter T](#)  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fw: July 4 COMMONSENSE California in Crisis  
Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 12:56:05 PM

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From: Peter Tscherneff <[REDACTED]>  
To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 11:43:39 AM PDT  
Subject: July 4 COMMONSENSE California in Crisis

## **July 4 2024....FOURTH of JULY..... SEMPER Fi COMMONSENSE during California Crisis**

**Tyranny, like Hell is not easily Conquered... We Californians are thee Most Powerful People in thee Most Powerful State in a Nation that sought to be free of Greed's Corruption....**

**We have never seen FREEDOM nor Liberty nor true Self – Determination for either ourselves nor our children.... Yet many will argue we are more free than the rest of the world, true perhaps yet we are amidst a Violent Storm and that Storm be upon us NOW !!!!**

**Your Fierce Loyalty to the Promise of America being called upon here & Now !**

**All Time is NOW & NOW is the Time for the 40 Day**

**Freedom Strike freeing the US Constitution, Leonard Peltier, Green Beret Surgeon Dr Jeffrey MacDonald and our children into America's Promised Gardens.**

**For the System has poisoned your food, your water and the very air we breathe..... this Patriarchel System of Politics, Religions and Media have allowed, even encouraged the ongoing abuse of the Earth, Her animals all the while maintaining the Sex Trafficking of Women & children to this very moment....**

**Law Enforcement has long been compromised YET we can free them to Truly serve Americans as intended... Encouraging all to join the CSPOA Constitutional Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association... knowing the US Constitution states that No One w a Title of Nobility may hold Public Office in America... BAR Lawyers are ESQUIRES of Nobility & do not belong as a judge, senator, congress or White House..... We have been overthrown by Usurist bankers by the BAR**

**Chona Sarte Governors Aid,... age 32 parties w 12 year Cocaine**

**addict Gavin Newsom & dies of OVERDOSE (Covered up of course).....Ruby Rippey Gibney Governors Aid has cocaine fueled affair w Gavin.... Three Dealers have been identified as providing Newsom w the very finest coke.**

**This Cocaine addict has been splitting 17 million every month w his 6 Big California Oil Associates all thanks to Californians being totally OK w paying \$3 per Gallon more than any other State.... Are YOU OK w this arrangement ? Leonard Peltier has been denied Parole again after 49 years and is legally blind & very poor health.... YOU the reader are as free as Leonard Peltier for the Prophetic Command given Peter by Yeshua calls for the 40 Day Freedom Strike... Be Ye now Great Warriors Great Spirit Sings with hold all your purse strings...Let us join together NOW to engage the Stage w Fierce Love in turning the Page... Striking the system into submission and choosing a Warrior Woman (like Tulsi Gabbard ) into the White House for We are the TRUE POWER of the CHRISTOS LIGHT of Almighty's Might... We are the TRUE Government, calling upon Our Lady of America & the American SPIRIT Commanding the Promised Freedom ....**

**Join together as Liberators nevermore Spectators..... this article by "Peter Tscherneff 5 G youtube" (search)**

**From:** [Stephanie Adams](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Sheep  
**Date:** Friday, July 5, 2024 7:46:38 AM

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I loved seeing the sheep grazing in the Turtle Creek area. They made quick work of clearing out the undergrowth and were entertaining in the process. Terrific solution and I hope to see them again!

Stephanie Adams



**From:** [Andrew Restrepo](#)  
**To:** [-- City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Race Track noise  
**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 9:31:20 PM

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Good Evening

I am writing to you as a resident of East Petaluma to complain about the unrelenting noise from the race track. Every weekend we are at the mercy of this loud noise.

My mother is ill and we request peace and quiet in our community.

How is it possible that the City allows this noise level to perturb the community?

Please contact me at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your attention

Andrew Restrepo  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Nathan Spindel](#)  
**To:** [-- City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback on McNear Park improvements  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 3:43:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [McNear Ramps.png](#)  
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Dear Petaluma City Council,

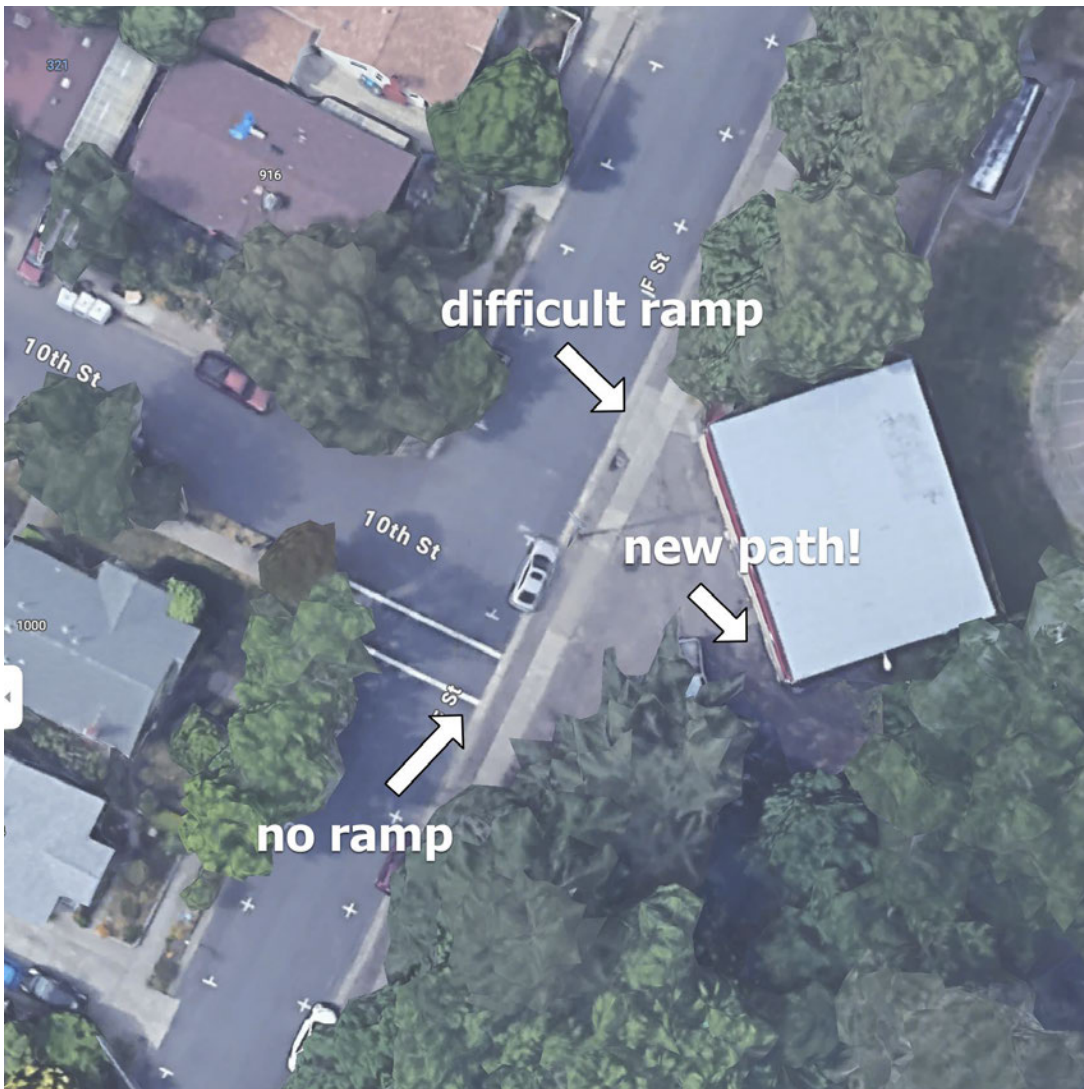
I am a homeowner who lives two blocks away from McNear Park. My young family visits McNear Park and its playground often. We greatly appreciate the recent path improvements by the playground and bathrooms. Thank you to the City for achieving this.

However, we are disappointed that the nearby curb issues at F St and 10th St were not addressed during this paving project. The existing difficult curb ramp is deteriorated, steeply angled, and very difficult to use with a stroller, wheelchair, or bicycle. This difficult ramp is just 30 feet from the newly paved path and will be used to access it daily. Furthermore, there is no ramp where the existing 10th St crosswalk meets the east side of F St. The nearest usable ramp is far away at the corner of 11th St (> 300 feet away).

I understand that funding is constrained and that the costs of installing ADA curb ramps are not insignificant. However, I kindly request that the council consider adding an ADA curb ramp at either of the two locations in the annotated image below. This would increase accessibility and safety for all, especially young families, disabled individuals, and those arriving by bike.

Thank you for the recent improvements and for considering these requests for future enhancements.

Nathan Spindel







**From:** [Taryn O](#)  
**To:** [-- City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [-- City Clerk](#); [Kent Carothers](#); [Bill Cover](#); [Darren Racusen](#); [Cindy Chong](#); [Katharine Defanti](#); [Gina Benedetti-Petnic](#)  
**Subject:** Photo: Canopy Tree Destruction on Petaluma Blvd. N.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 3:10:39 PM

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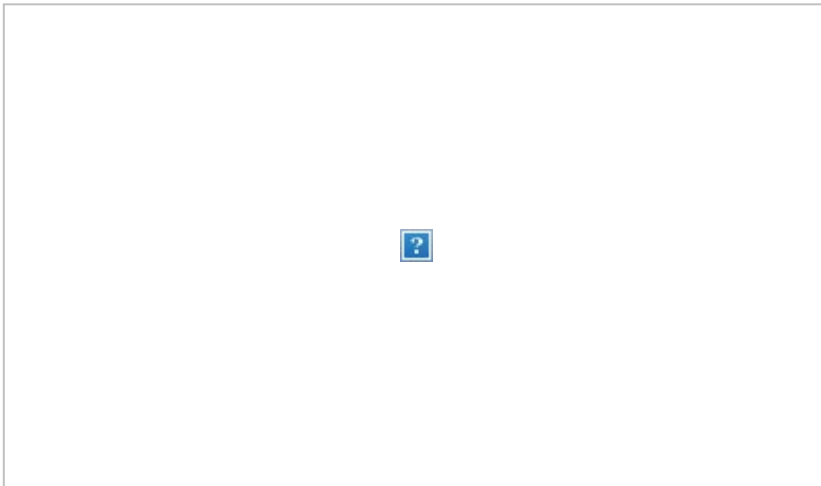
Dear City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to Gina Benedetti-Petnic and Kent Carothers from Public Works for facilitating my direct involvement with PG&E regarding their tree management efforts in our city. This is critical work, per the opportunity evidenced by the photos below.

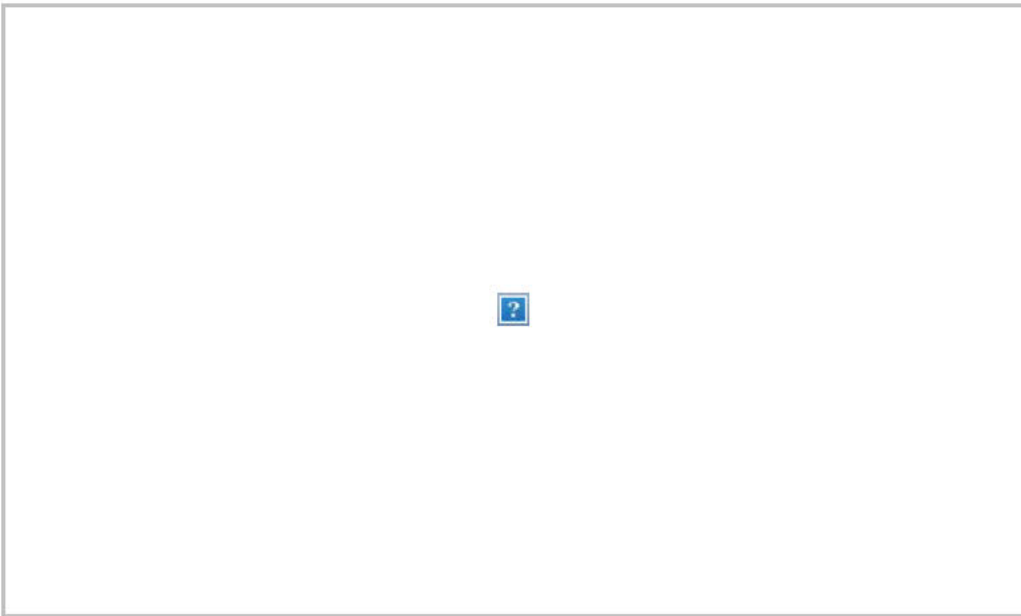
Leading the Tree Advisory Committee ad hoc's engagement with PG&E has been a source of pride for me. Together, we are striving to realize the numerous mutually identified benefits:

1. Building trust between PG&E and City-Community
2. Enhancing tree protection and preserving our City's tree canopy
3. Securing additional community benefits from PG&E, such as funding for special projects

Last Week's incident involving the destruction of a canopy tree along Petaluma Blvd. N. underscores the urgency of our ongoing initiative.



On a more positive note, I am inspired by instances where thoughtful approaches have successfully preserved canopy trees, such as the City-of-Sonoma's Sycamore shown in below photo. Through skillful and consistent pruning efforts over the years, utility companies have managed to mitigate risks while maintaining the aesthetic and environmental benefits with this tree. (Please zoom-in to see the detail of how branches are pruned vertically and horizontally around two levels of utility wire networks.)



I am committed to continuing TAC's collaboration with the PG&E Gov't/Agency Liaison and Vegetation Management Teams to ensure the maximum protection of Petaluma's trees and to expand our City's tree canopy for the benefit of future generations.

Thank you for your support of this critical work. I look forward to continued work as a team for the #1 goal of a sustainable and vibrant Petaluma for all of our Community.

Warm regards,  
Taryn

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**From:** Taryn Obaid [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 3:17 PM  
**To:** kcarothers@cityofpetaluma.org <kcarothers@cityofpetaluma.org>; gpetnic@cityofpetaluma.org <gpetnic@cityofpetaluma.org>  
**Cc:** Bill Cover <wcover@gmail.com>; Darren Racusen <darrenracusen@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** PG&E tree work & encroachment permits

Dear Kent and Gina,

Thank you very much for bringing the Tree Advisory Committee into City's conversation with PG&E regarding their tree work within Petaluma.

Three of us met with Zaid and his extensive team of cross-departmental partners to better

understand their total process, standards, and quality assurance practices. We got some answers and have many remaining open questions... The next steps for us are:

4. Understand what happens in particularly "bad" cases, in which our canopy trees are removed or over-aggressively "trimmed," seemingly unnecessarily.
  - a. E.g.: PG&E Vegetation Mgr will be providing us detailed explanation on the mutilated canopy sycamore 183 Payran, which was destructively cut back well over 70%.
5. Understand full range of issues and consider possible solutions for the encroachment permit applications PG&E currently has pending with the City.
  - a. I.e.: how might "moving levers" related to arborist expertise, process, and/or quality assurance protocols benefit community while ensuring PG&E meets their hazard work needs?
6. Speak with Zaid and Jason again in a few weeks to further discuss opportunity and line up Jason to present at a future TAC meeting, addressing issues raised by community members.

With regard to # 2, above, Vegetation Mgr Dan directed us to request of you copies of their pending applications with City. Can you please provide, or point us to best person to handle this request? Thank you in advance for your help.

Thank you again for including us with working together to opportunistically and pragmatically increase tree protection in City of Petaluma.

Best,  
Taryn



**From:** [Kate DelRoss](#)  
**To:** [ParksnRec](#); [-- City Clerk](#); [-- City Council](#)  
**Subject:** neglected park  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 1:38:43 PM

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Hello City Council members, City clerk and Park and rec

This letter concerns a small park in my neighborhood on the corners of Dorset Dr and Kensington Pl. and was sent previously on May 19, 2024. This park sits across the street from my home and is a sad reminder of the neglect that has been going on for the 24 years I have lived here.

Below is a letter I sent through the online Accela portal that was active in 2021. (Apparently ignored)

The situation has grown worse in the last three years. The problems outlined in my previously sent letter are still present; they have never been addressed.

Recently the two swings have been removed; however, there are now three broken down toddler slides that have been there for years. In addition there are broken concrete chunks and other building material scattered throughout the park. It is well known that trash begets trash. The rampant weeds continue to be ignored until they are 4 or more feet high.

This park has become an eyesore due to neglect. I have had to ask both adults and children to not ride their quads and bicycles around the tree using the park as their racetrack.

Please address these issues and restore this park to what it was intended to be: a park; not a dump or a racetrack!

This is my third email on this problem. Please remedy this situation so that we have a park rather than an eyesore.

Thank you, Kate DelRoss

Please remedy the situation at the small park that sits on the corner of Kensington Pl. and Dorset Dr.. The problem: Twenty years ago when I moved across the street from this park the park property was completely surrounded by healthy vegetation. This park has experienced years of mismanagement and neglect to the point that it has become an eyesore. Most of the vegetation is gone, dead or dying. Many years the water is never turned on (like last year) and the weeds have been allowed to grow so tall often growing through the benches. 99.9% of the times the weeds have not been addressed until they are mature and have plenty of seeds to spread around, ensuring that the weeds return in ever more abundance year after year. The other .1% the weeds are sprayed with herbicides as they were a month or so ago. Additionally, in the past 18 months the park has become a playground with two swings hanging from the tree and toddler slide (mostly in pieces) and plenty of trash. This is not what the park was designed for. The heavy use it is now experiencing impacts the neighborhood negatively and the oak tree is in jeopardy due to the heavy use, including bicycles. The remedy: 1. Clean out the dead vegetation 2. Clear out the swings and trash 3. Make sure the irrigation system is working properly 4. Replant appropriate vegetation 5. Apply mulch around the tree (needs to be re-applied every few years) 6. Address the weeds before they go to seed. Weeds need to be pulled before they go to seed. Weed whacking is not the answer for this park. Please address the problems at this park. This is where I live. Thank you. Kate DelRoss



Good evening, City Council and City Staff,

Tonight, we represent Youngstown, Littlewoods and Capri Mobile Parks.

We come here respectfully to ask for updates, to seek clarifications of senior park overlay violations, verification of applications of closure for Youngstown and Littlewoods, guidance of where residents in Capri turn to the coercion involved in long term leases giving away their rights without them even knowing their rights.

Most importantly we bring you up to date on the mental and physical toll this is having on each resident enduring multiple rounds of threats and retaliations from these bad actor park investment park owners.

Did Three Pillars and Harmony file an appropriate closure notice to the city?

In addressing Capri Park Owner's application resulting in an August 13<sup>th</sup> arbitration for 12 residents has the city considered denying the application for its incomplete nature?

Has the city taken real action against the Youngstown investment park owners for completely disregarding the Senior Park Overlay and your violation letters?

If so what are the actions being taken?

Where do the residents of Littlewoods turn for the latest retaliations removing their parking, charging unwarranted ground rent increases, denying their rights as addressed both in the MRL laws and the revised City of Petaluma rent stabilization ordinance?

Where does the city stand on the fraud happening to potential buyers from investment park owners stating Youngstown is all age, demanding realtors sell to all age without the buyers knowing this is a senior park and requiring senior park rules and senior park leases and purchase agreements, to MLS listings without the notice that they submitted a closure letter to the city, buyers led to believe that ground rent can be set by park owners at whatever rate they wish to demand, bait and switch to buyers being told one ground rent price and then discovering afterwards that it is double?

Fraud stating that vacancy control does not exist.

To advocate for ourselves we have been burdened with way too many financial and threatening hardships.

Are you aware that Alameda County with our help and information threatened to sue Three Pillars and Harmony and made them back off on illegal rent increases.

To further protect mobile park residents they voted in legal fees for mobile park residents to use made available now for anything that comes their way.

Personally, to get to our much needed legal fees for Youngstown in 48 hours WE had to raise the money through our residents(some taking it from their food money), from residents at other parks, from fellow advocates and from short term loans off the back of a resident.

We are made to follow the law even while litigation, arbitration and retaliation hang over our heads but for Three Pillars and Harmony they have not been held accountable for their willful disregard for the law.

We know you have done your due diligence and voted for the right course but there is so much more to do.

We still have not seen the compliance mandated by the revised rent stabilization ordinance as to each resident's ground rents from the park owners to the city. Where does that stand?

As was mentioned to our residents the only reason these investment park owners thrive in their business is because of US.

We pay the ground rents, we buy our mobile homes, we pay our personal or property taxes, we pay for our utilities, sewer and water.

We even pay for the upkeep of their land under our mobile home and are held accountable to standards they don't use themselves.

We pay for them to make the extraordinary profits they make.

What's wrong with this picture is that we endure stress and hardships brought on by these investment park owners simply always wanting and demanding more.

Help us Help our residents.

Quality of Life is suffering.

We look forward to your answers and truly respect the comprehensive job each one of you do on behalf of all Petaluma residents.

YOUNGSTOWN RESIDENTS

LITTLEWOODS RESIDENTS

CAPRI RESIDENTS

**From:** [JoyD Baker](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 3:25:08 PM

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Last week for 3 days in a row the speedway held races. The noise from these races is so loud that sitting outside, or opening a window in the heat is so uncomfortable, unless you have a fully air conditioned living space. But even then the noise is so loud that I have to turn up the sound on my tv or radio, further disturbing my neighbors. It goes on and on for hours, and it would not be as annoying if the races were limited to a few hours in the afternoons.

Nevertheless, speedways don't belong in residential areas. It disturbs the sleep of young children, elderly people who go to bed early, beside able bodied people. The majority of people living in Petaluma don't go to see the races, but we are subjected to this year after year. A friend who lives in Rohnert Park hears it there too!

I thank the City of Petaluma for alleviating the ridiculously loud music coming from the fairgrounds every weekend. Now, please start paying attention to doing something with the speedway.

Thanks,  
Joy B  
Petaluma

**From:** [Maureen Gottschall](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Cc:** [Mike Gottschall](#)  
**Subject:** D Street Bike Lane - City Responses Needed: July 15, 2024 General Comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2024 9:01:33 PM

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Hi Caitlin,

Below is the full statement that I wanted to make at the city council meeting tonight, July 15, 2024. Please let me know if I should forward it to another email address as well.

Thank you

"I wrote an email on May 13, 2024 regarding my concerns about the D Street Bike lane. How was the original data collection for parking utilization completed and requesting third party data collection for the pilot study. I have yet to receive a response from the city.

Also, there are 64 obstructions on the proposed parking side where passengers are not able to get out of their cars. These obstructions are trees, bushes and other beautiful landscaping. I am not condoning removing them that will destroy our historic tree-lined street. These obstructed spots should not have been included in the original parking count. They are not valid parking spots and this goes back to my original question regarding the transportation data collection and its legitimacy.

From the D street project update this lack of response gives the impression that the pilot was pushed through because of an "opportunity" and the data collection was an afterthought. Several residents voiced their concerns in April regarding the analysis of the parking on D Street which was the basis of the greenlight for the pilot. The city has never responded to this as far as I am aware.

This lack of response causes concerns that the pilot study data collection will also run into similar issues of transparency and meeting audit standards. I, with many of my fellow petaluma residents, are requesting once again to have the data collection for the pilot program be done by a third party for transparency and assuring that audit standards will be met. Please respond to this request.

The D street project update states that all residents who are losing their parking will have "proximate" access to a side street or crosswalk, this is not true. We do not have access to either. Both sides of our home have many houses before we reach a cross street. This concern for our home has not been addressed by the city. Please address it.

D street is one of the entrances to our city, it is a designated truck route and the city is removing access to residents' homes to accommodate the bike lane. This does not make for an "ideal" bike lane candidate, it is far from it.

I ask that the city respond to our concerns."

Thank you,  
Mike and Maureen Gottschall