

To the PSAC committee and the Petaluma Police Department,

Please consider the following input to build out the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.

Regarding Goal 2: Crime and Collision Reduction

Enforcement of speeding and reckless driving is a large expense for the Petaluma Police Department, and much of the speeding can be reduced by investments in improved roadway design rather than spending money on enforcement. Consider including a goal to partner with city agencies and local community groups to increase safe streets and modern roadway designs proven to reduce both speed and critical injuries, thus freeing up law enforcement time to dedicate on other safety priorities.

The "slow the fast down" campaign and the unspecified support for "engineering" in the safe routes to schools efforts for the plan ending in 2025 were steps in this direction, but consider increasing this support publicly on specific projects to bring more consensus to getting them done.

Regarding Goal 4: Safe Spaces

The PPD (led by Chief Miller) strongly supported our immigrant community this year and restated our support for the law. The strategic plan should cite the support of the Council resolution passed this year as an accomplishment. Set a goal to reach out specifically to community groups focused on our immigrant community to learn how PPD can continue improving services for their safety. Do the same for LGBTQ+ communities. Both communities are particularly and severely targeted at this time.

Regarding Goal 5: Transparent Accountability

Set a goal to stop acquiring military assault weapons. The data shared at multiple public comment periods demonstrate that militarizing police reduces trust with the community and does not increase safety.

Set a goal to specifically highlight and address publicly racial and other disparities in enforcement, and to work vigorously to resolve those in concert with PSAC and the community. I understand this is part of other processes, but being out front on this issue is paramount for police agencies.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Petaluma,

Sincerely,

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