

April 8, 2024

Mr Mayor and City Council:

My name is Nickola Frye, and I am the Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee. I am also the Secretary for the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together Petaluma, and a very proud delivery person for the Petaluma People Services program Meals on Wheels.

As you can guess I am extremely partial to the programs that you are proposing to receive the 2024-25 funds as part of the Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition to the benefits I personally experience while being involved in these two programs, I want to let you know a little of the effects that these Petaluma nonprofits have on some of the residents that I have seen within, just this last week.

My neighbor and friend, Judy and I, have been delivering for Meals on Wheels every Tuesday and Thursday for almost three years. Route 8, our route, delivers hot, healthy meals to the residents of twenty or more east side Petaluma homes twice a week.

I get us to each home and Judy does the leg work to get the meals to each front door. We have formed friendships with those we deliver to: we know when they are handling illnesses or heading to the hospital, when they need cheering up, or when they might just need someone to talk to. We know who has dietary needs, we are aware when significant events happen in their lives, and we even know all their dogs' names.

We know who has difficulty getting to their door, so we call them when we are on the way, or if they cannot be home they let us know where to leave their meal, so the rooster who hangs out near their house doesn't get to the meal.

We enjoy helping the staff and volunteers at Meals on Wheels - Tracy, Bill and all the others, and they know that we love fresh baked cookies. As you can tell this is a mutual supportive group of Petaluma volunteers.

As for Rebuilding Together Petaluma, I have been as actively involved as I can be for almost two years. I first became involved with RTP when they were looking for seniors who needed yard work done at their homes.

Because I live in the Petaluma Estates, a senior manufactured community of 215 homes, I was very aware of the needs of some of my neighbors. I contacted Drake Cunningham and offered to organize information about thirty or more seniors who were in immediate need. We all get to an age where our limited mobility makes it difficult to get down and pull out all the weeds.

The differences that the volunteers and dedicated contractors of RTP have made in the lives of seniors, families, veterans, and low income residents is wonderful to observe. Just this last Saturday, April 6, I worked with ten community members who came together to do some serious, necessary repairs to an older mobile home. The work that was accomplished that day allowed the elderly couple, both in their 90s, to remain safely in their home.

Last September, RTP and another group of community volunteers and others worked hard to demolish the bathroom of this very same home. They replaced the flooring, including the subfloor and some joists, and put in new fixtures, safety handrails, and returned the restroom to full use for this sweet couple.

When you are involved and actually see the difference that RTP can make in the lives of those in need - safety checkups and equipment, new stairs, ramps and porches, weather stripping and windows, water heaters, not to mention somethings that you really do not want to know that residents in need have to deal with - holes in walls and floors, dry rot, broken windows, and missing heaters, you can understand why we take the mission of Rebuilding Together Petaluma so seriously.

The work of RTP is centered on repairing homes, revitalizing communities and rebuilding lives. Our goal is to create safe homes and communities for everyone.

For me it is a true pleasure to be involved with these two nonprofits.

Thank you for your time.

Nickola Frye

Resolution No. 2015-126 N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

ESTABLISHING A RECONSTITUTED SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council has a history of working with groups of seniors, both through formal and informal committees to advise the City Council on matters impacting senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds there is benefit in allowing individuals who are younger than age fifty-five to have input on matters impacting senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds there is benefit in allowing individuals who reside outside of the City, yet within the City's Urban Growth Boundary established by the voters through the adoption of Measure I on November 3, 1998, which is incorporated as Policies 1-P-29 through 1-P-36 of the Petaluma 2025 General Plan ; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Ordinance No. 2260 N.C.S. on February 26, 2007, amending Title 2, Chapter 2.70 of the Petaluma Municipal Code to re-establish the Senior Advisory Committee which the City Council had disbanded in 1989 due to lack of participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has on August 3, 2015 introduced an ordinance that would repeal Title 2, Chapter 2.70 of the Petaluma Municipal Code to permit reestablishing a reconstituted Senior Advisory Committee by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Charter provides in section 55 that the City Council shall have the power to establish such commissions as shall be necessary for the effective accomplishment of municipal business, subject to such commissions including a City Council member as a commission member and term limits specified in that section, and the Petaluma City Charter imposes no such restrictions on establishment of City committees or appointment of committee members or their terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact on the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

- 1. Establishment.** A reconstituted Senior Advisory Committee (the Committee) is established by this Resolution and supersedes the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee formerly established pursuant to Chapter 2.70 of the Petaluma Municipal Code by Ordinance No. 2260 N.C.S., adopted February 26, 2007, which ordinance and any subsequent amendments are subject to repeal by Ordinance No. 2548 N.C.S. introduced on August 3, 2015. The reconstituted Senior Advisory Committee will be established

and this resolution be effective upon the date that Ordinance No. 2548 N.C.S. repealing Chapter 2.70 becomes effective.

2. **Composition.** The Committee shall consist of seven members, five of whom shall be a minimum of fifty-five (55) years of age or older, and two of whom shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age or older. Members of the Committee shall be residents of the City of Petaluma, or shall reside at a residence with a Petaluma mailing address.
3. **Duties.** The Committee will advise the City on issues and programs for seniors and active adults in the Petaluma community including the operation of senior facilities. Such advice shall include the following matters:
 - A. Identifying areas of interest and need for seniors and active adults in the Petaluma community.
 - B. Assist in the provision of recreational, social and health-related programs for seniors and active adults.
 - C. Advise the City regarding senior program operations which include recruitment of volunteers and identifying and helping secure funding sources for future programming opportunities.
 - D. Any other advice deemed necessary by the City Council and/or City staff as it pertains to the well-being of seniors and active adults.
4. **Terms.** The term of office of each member, shall commence on July 1st of the year appointed. Members appointed after July 1st shall serve the remainder of the term they were appointed to fill. No member shall serve more than two, full, consecutive terms. The members' terms shall be staggered such that the terms of no more than four members shall expire in any given year. Notwithstanding the expiration of a member's term pursuant to this provision, and subject to provision 5, members shall serve until a successor is appointed by the City Council. Subject to the provisions of this resolution, all members currently appointed to the Committee are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the reconstituted Committee as of the effective date of this Resolution. Said reappointed members shall serve on the Committee for the remainder of the terms to which they have been appointed. One member appointed to the Committee in 2015 shall serve until June 30, 2016, and all other members appointed to the Committee in 2015 shall serve until June 30, 2017, as specified in each member's appointment.
5. **Resignation/Removal.** The City Council may declare the office of a member vacant: upon the resignation, death, disability that results in the inability of a member to perform his/her duties, loss of residency or other status required for the member to be eligible to serve, or unexcused absence of a member from three consecutive regular meetings. The City Council may also remove any member of the Committee, for or without cause. Such removal shall require the affirmative vote of at least four members of the City Council.
6. **Vacancies.** Upon declaring a Committee office vacant for any reason the City Council shall, at a time convenient to the City Council, appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
7. **Meetings.** Meetings shall be held quarterly, and/or at other times, as necessary at a time and date convenient to the majority of the members. Meetings shall be subject to all applicable requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act ("the Brown Act", California Government Code Section 54950 *et seq*).

8. **Quorum/Action.** A quorum of four members is required to meet and conduct business. Fewer than four members, or if no members are present staff to the Committee, may adjourn the meetings of the Committee in accordance with all applicable requirement of the Brown Act. All actions or recommendations of the Committee shall be made at a meeting at which a quorum of the Committee is present and shall be made by majority vote of the members present. A tie vote shall constitute no action on the motion, proposed action, or recommendation.

9. **Organization.** The Committee shall have the right and duty to adopt such rules and regulations as it shall determine appropriate for the conduct of its meetings and the selection of its officers and for the performance of its functions and responsibilities. The Committee shall not have the right to employ any person or incur any expense or obligation without approval from the City Council.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE: I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 3rd day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

AYES: Albertson, Barrett, Mayor Glass, Healy, King, Vice Mayor Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kearney

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Clare Cooper

City Clerk

David Glass

Mayor