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**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Cc:** [Kevin McDonnell](#); [Janice Cader-Thompson](#); [Mike Healy](#); [Pocekay, Dennis](#); [Barnacle, Brian](#); [John Shribbs](#); [Karen Nau](#); [Peggy Flynn](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Police Chief  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 1:27:28 PM  
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Petaluma, CA 94954

City of Petaluma  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

Dear Police Chief Recruiter:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Interim Police Chief Brian Miller. I highly recommend Chief Miller to the City of Petaluma for the permanent position of Police Chief.

I have known Brian for the past few years as he has been a frequent guest on Petaluma's local radio talk show *Inside Petaluma* on KPCA 103.3 FM of which I am the executive producer and co-host. A few years ago, I worked with then Chief Ken Savano and Deputy Chief Brian Miller to regularly schedule the deputy chief and other staff from the Petaluma Police Department to appear as guests on my radio show in the interest of helping build a more positive relationship between the police department and the Petaluma Community. Through those many hours of guest appearances, I have had the opportunity to observe Brian in his professional role and it became obvious to me that he is engaged and knowledgeable in his role as well as being knowledgeable of every internal department and staff position within the police department.

The things I have learned about Brian is that he is deeply invested and committed in service to the Petaluma Community as is reflected in the many police related programs he has been involved with and continues to be involved with. And, his 19 years of service with the Petaluma Police Department is testimony of his commitment. Along with his wealth of knowledge, he is patient, a good listener and a good problem solver. I have also come to know Brian as being a good husband and father (he helps his daughter sell Girl Scout cookies!) which I feel are good qualities for a community leader. I consider Brian a friend.

Interim Chief Brian Miller is well equipped to grow from challenges that he is presented with. His many years of experience with the Petaluma Police Department, along with his leadership experience as the deputy chief, prepare him beautifully for the permanent position of police chief. I strongly suggest making Brian the top guy for Petaluma's Police Department.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Thomas

Cc: Petaluma City Council

Petaluma City Manager

\*\* hard copy sent to recruiter/city hall via USPS\*\*

**From:** [Jeanette](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Petaluma Riverfront Trestle  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 4:30:53 PM

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I support the City of Petaluma committing staff and funds now to rehabilitate the Petaluma Riverfront Trestle to a beautiful riverfront promenade. Please share this email with the City Council members and City Manager. Thank you. It is Time To Trestle!

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**From:** [Terry Kosewic](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** D Street Bike Lanes  
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Dear City Clerk,

I am a D Street resident; I live at 826, and moved into this house in January of 1978. In September of that year I joined Heritage Homes, and that was the beginning of my Petaluma civic involvement. I became a life member and was on their board of directors for over 25 years. I was also on the traffic committee of the 1985 General Plan update, so I know a little bit about traffic flow. In 1991 I was appointed to SPARC (Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee) and served on that Committee from 1991 until 2010 when it was disbanded with the exceptions of two years while I was on the Planning Commission and two years off because of my heavy work load. I was then appointed to HCPC as the Heritage Homes representative when it was formed, until I quit in 2021. That's over 27 years on Committees & Commission.

I am writing to you to protest the intrusion of bike lanes on D Street. I know that the City Council is not responsible for the hiring of incompetent managers / engineers, but it doesn't take much common sense to see the poor quality of our traffic engineer, if you can even call him that. For me, the perfect example is the timing of the traffic lights at the intersections of The Boulevard and Washington Street with the lights at Kentucky Street and Washington Street. They are timed during the highest East West traffic flow to allow only eighteen (18) cars at a time to move in either direction. If you are heading Westbound the light turns green at the Boulevard and as traffic begins to move, the light at Kentucky Street turns red. This allows eighteen cars to queue into the space between The Boulevard and Kentucky Street. Then when the light at Kentucky Street turns green, the light on the Boulevard turns red. This typically will back up traffic to Copeland St or Lakeville St Westbound, and Liberty Street or Howard Street Eastbound on any given day. I believe this warped logic is the same warped logic that is being used to promote bike lanes on D Street. B Street is wider, has 80% less traffic, and is considerably safer. As it is right now, I have a difficult time leaving my driveway in the morning or evening hours because there is so much traffic. The stop sign at 8th and D only spaces the traffic out and makes it more difficult for me to exit my driveway. I am not asking for it to be removed, I am just stating a fact. I was at home and heard the crash the night the fellow was killed in an accident when he failed to stop at the D Street stop sign and his pickup was hit broadside by a fully loaded milk truck driving the 35 MPH speed limit before the 8th St stop sign was installed. It was this accident that put the stop sign in place. It is a scene I will never forget. If you vote to put bike lanes on D Street, I want you to also sign a statement, that for as long as you live, you will agree to notify the family of any

bike rider that is killed on D Street, and not leave it up to the police.

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*Remember God is with you always,  
Terry Kosewic*

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