

# Resolution No. 2025-XXX N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

## RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SB 634 (PEREZ)

**WHEREAS**, the City declared a Shelter Crisis in Petaluma on September 13, 2021 in recognition of the urgent need for shelter faced by a significant and growing number of people in the Petaluma community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has undertaken significant work to reduce homelessness in Petaluma, including the creation of the People's Village near the Mary Isaak Center and the Studios at Montero providing non-congregate shelter and permanent supportive housing, respectively, with supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 634 (Perez) would prohibit a local jurisdiction from adopting an ordinance, or enforcing an existing ordinance, that imposes civil or criminal penalties on a person who is homeless for any act immediately related to homelessness or any act related to basic survival, or on a person who is assisting a person who is homeless with any act related to basis survival; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 634 removes tools and abilities Cities need to manage local situations of homelessness with the appropriate compassion and local solution solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which established the general rule for projects concerning which it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

1. Declares the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. Finds that the adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which established the general rule for projects concerning which it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Opposes the passage of SB 364 (Perez) and directs staff to submit the executed Letter of Opposition (Exhibit A to this Resolution) to the appropriate members in the California legislative process.

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

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**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 21th day of April 2025, by the following vote:

Approved as to  
form:

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City Attorney

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

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Mayor