

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Ban the use of toxic biosolids as fertilizer and compost
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 6:03:28 AM

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Sincerely,
Chris Rose

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
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Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 8:40:01 AM

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Gabrielle Swanberg

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
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Monique Roblin

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: General Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:36:00 AM

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Dear Members of the City Council,

As the Public Art Committee meets next on June 27, and the Argus Courier features a tubs on stilts article THIS week, my comment is submitted for your meeting.

Christopher Smith was quoted in the tubs article as saying hardly anyone from the public attends the Public Art Committee meetings to give input before committee decisions. People who live and work in Petaluma have many responsibilities. Post COVID especially, attending in person meetings at 6:00 p.m. on a weekday can be a challenge. City government has not listened to requests to resume virtual meeting access with commenting ability. City government could be more meaningful for the community with virtual meeting access and the ability to comment.

And the description in the A-C article of the H Street pocket park as some kind of blighted area that will be cleaned up and made special by the tubs on stilts "art" installation was bizarre. This kind of PR now by the employed M Group Public Arts Specialist, Melissa Abercrombie.

The H Street pocket park was a quiet corner with a couple of benches. I recall as a Board member of Rebuilding Together Petaluma when the pocket park was created.

A major missed reality in Petaluma is our natural environment and why leaving the riverbank as it is with the nearby water is enough. More than enough. If trash was around, pick it up and keep the area cleaner.

The so-called fine balance represents no balance with its setting. This installation is spun in PR with mention of an "arts district."

As someone whose life in Petaluma has been dedicated to our natural environment and protecting and enhancing habitat, open space and birds and wildlife who deserve their homes and spaces, I would much prefer to go to Aqus Cafe near the H Street pocket park, purchase a tea, sandwich and cookie, then go to the pocket park and sit on a bench, simply quietly taking in the grassy riverbank, the nearby water flowing by. And then a surprise of a white Great Egret in air gliding by.

This is the art of Nature.

We really, as humans, need more of this in Petaluma. Often, less is more. Nothing added by people is more.

The tubs on stilts will overtake the end of H Street. Like many who cherish the natural world and spaces for connection, I will no longer visit there. In a formerly natural setting, this "installation" will be like constructing a building with all impacts that accompany that, right

on the riverbank. An inappropriate installation with people taking over a space, no environmental awareness or sensitivity. Claims for "special" Petaluma, "magic."

Susan Kirks

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Ban the use of toxic biosolids as fertilizer and compost
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 8:20:07 AM

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Sincerely,
Phoenix Giffen

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Ingrid Alverde](#)
Subject: Public Comment City Council- Items not on Agenda 6/17/24
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 10:28:29 AM

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Dear Mayor McDonnell and City Council Members,

I wanted to take a moment to send an email commending the City Staff for their continued efforts around public engagement and keeping community members informed about what's going on in Petaluma.

The City recently released the first episode of a new monthly podcast called One Petaluma. It was so cool to hear about the evolution in the way the City is communicating with residents and I appreciate the dedication to this effort by staff.

Having this podcast that provides a deep-dive into local government and allows residents to see the ways the City is working for them. This podcast is another step toward inclusion and encourages civic engagement in Petaluma. I'm proud of our hardworking staff and proud to call Petaluma home.

Thank you,

Ali Gaylord

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Resolution for Peace and Reconciliation
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 2:49:20 PM

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Esteemed Mayor and Council members,

My brother just informed that on May 28, the Pacifica City Council unanimously passed the "Pacifica Resolution for Peace and Reconciliation" (below) after extensive dialogue with community members and city leaders that enabled them to arrive at language that would be acceptable to the diverse viewpoints in the community around the Israel-Palestine situation. I thought this might prove to be a helpful model.

With gratitude for your leadership,

[Ann V. Edminster, M.Arch. \(she/her\)](#)
[REDACTED]

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**CITY OF PACIFICA
COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT
5/28/2024**

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SUBJECT:

Peace Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consider whether or not to adopt the attached "Pacifica Resolution for Peace and Reconciliation."

STAFF CONTACT:

Mary Bier, City Councilmember

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On Friday, May 17, 2024, Councilmember Bier submitted a request to the City Manager to place the peace resolution written by the Pacifica Peace People on an upcoming agenda. The resolution is provided as attached for City Council's consideration.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City Council could choose to not adopt the attached

resolution or could choose to make revisions to the resolution prior to adoption.

RELATION TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND WORK PLAN:

Adoption of the attached resolution does not directly relate to the City Council's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to the recommended action.

ORIGINATED BY:

City Council

ATTACHMENT LIST: *Pacifica City Council 2 May 28, 2024*

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PACIFICA RESOLUTION FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

WHEREAS, the beautiful city of Pacifica, which means Peace, stands committed to the

belief that all human life is precious in all communities and nations of the world regardless of

national, ethnic, political, or religious affiliations or identities; and

WHEREAS, recent and ongoing armed violence and destruction have resulted in the

tragic loss of thousands of lives of Palestinians and Israelis; and

WHEREAS, these brutal attacks have caused ongoing shock, trauma, grief, and fear to

those directly experiencing them as well as to those watching the horrors unfold; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia and anti-semitism have risen significantly across the United

States and around the world with direct impact on communities, including Pacifica – from

synagogues and mosques, to schools, universities, offices and wherever people gather; and

WHEREAS, the people in Gaza have been effectively cut off from basic life necessities,

and most have been displaced multiple times, resulting in mass starvation and ongoing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the majority of nations in the UN have voted for a cease-fire resolution, and

millions of people worldwide, including residents of Pacifica, have joined in peaceful actions since

Oct. 7th to amplify the call for human rights, peace and justice;
and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we are globally connected
through our shared humanity
and that our actions, however local, carry global implications;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pacifica
joins the calls from
the growing number of cities across our country and the world
for an immediate and lasting
cease-fire in Gaza and Israel, the safe return of all hostages and
detainees, immediate,
unconditional provision of life-saving humanitarian aid to the
people of Gaza and the initiations
of reconciliation and a viable peace process for Israelis and
Palestinians to create a better
future for all.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Riverfront neighborhood concerns
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 1:23:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I live in the Riverfront development on Pico Street and am increasingly concerned regarding the constant loitering, alcohol & drug use, and obstruction of traffic at the intersection of Hopper and Caulfield.

- Loitering: people are constantly loitering in this area. Whether sitting on curbs or blocking crosswalks this is a safety issue. We have had to stop, honk, and swerve many times to avoid hitting a person. There are “No loitering” signs directly posted in this area citing specific city/county codes, however, neither SAFE or PPD seem to be able to effectively and consistently manage loitering in the area. **What is the city’s plan to maintain a safe area and prevent loitering long term?**
- Open drug and alcohol use: Consistently, there are open containers and drug use ongoing in this area. Additionally, there are reports of lewd activities on going. **These are squarely illegal acts, how is the city prioritizing law enforcement to ensure public safety?**
- Obstruction of traffic by cars, bikes: cars and bikes are constantly illegally parked at this intersection and along Caulfield blocking traffic. This is dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians. **How is the city managing this intersection to ensure laws are enforced and all drivers / pedestrians can use roadways, sidewalks, and crosswalks as they are intended?**

I look forward to your response and appreciate the prioritization of these issues to ensure our neighborhood is a safe and respected place.

Julia

June 17, 2024
At Petaluma City Council Members,

As you are aware, this is not the first time bringing up the issue of ongoing violations to the City ordinances and safety hazards to pedestrians and vehicles.

Myself and our neighbors are very appreciative of Mr Pocekay and Ms Flynn's engagement in conversations with the Mary Isaaks Center regarding relocating their boxed meal distribution. We are also very thankful for the relentless engagement of PPD in removing encampments on a regular basis. Still this is not enough as proven by the below photos.

These are pictures of the last month when I experienced hazardous situations when driving in and out of our neighborhood. Note these are not all instances but just the ones I was able to document. I am highly concerned of retaliation towards my family and property due to taking these photos as it is very easy to identify a family by the car they drive parked at their home address.

As a family with children we feel unsafe walking or biking out of our neighborhood.

We strongly urge the City to coordinate with COTS to provide its meal service at a different location to its non-residents and begin working on a longer term vision to relocate the shelter away from the entry to a residential neighborhood. Additionally request removal of the oversized planters and adding a way to dissuade people from loitering on the sidewalk and ledge alongside the train tracks.

Thanks for your urgent consideration to this ongoing important issue.
Marco Cellario



Blocking of travel lanes



Hazardous erratic behavior & loitering