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Dear City Council:

Governor Newsom just signed a bill enabling California cities to ban all artificial turf!

Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety (FACTS) asks you to please immediately enact an ordinance to ban all artificial turf within Petaluma City Limits.

Governor Newsom's action enables California cities to ban all artificial turf on both public and private land. Democrats in the Legislature are worried about health risks created by the chemicals present in these lawns, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS chemicals. Petaluma should be worried too and take action. https://calmatters.org/environment/2023/10/california-synthetic-turf-pfas/

Please act immediately to ban all artificial turf for all the reasons the community has cited over the past year and why Recreation and Parks Commission said "no more plastic turf so Petaluma can be a model city, especially because it is not recyclable ("chemical recycling" is greenwashing), and even if it were -- there are at least 491 dangerous chemicals found in recycled plastics: https://interestingengineering.com/innovation/at-least-491-dangerous-chemicals-found-in-recyled-plastics

Thank you for keeping Petaluma families safe,
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