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**To:** -- City Council; -- City Clerk; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please make sure that you do not approve a very watered down IPM tonight  
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Dear City Council,

Greetings. I have been meeting with local community members and statewide experts for the last five years about this issue since we started meeting in Margie Helm's living room. Your community has waited a really long time to see a very protective IPM. In the meantime, our parks department has done a great job managing local land largely without the use of toxic synthetic pesticides but this could change at any time. Please ensure that the IPM program put before you tonight has teeth and breadth. Please see some concerns listen below:

With this Resolution, staff is:

1. separating IPMP from policy
2. making the IPMP a flexible/"living" program
3. giving staff broad flexibility (for exemptions and exempt City locations)!

Of note:

- Resolution only to approve an abbreviated IPMP (just 3 pages!): <https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=4b871664-f163-4f9a-b058-8b3e281cb80e>
  - Full "Draft IPMP" plan is here (14 pages): <https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=598314f4-f215-4262-b5a2-3139acfb6ea2>
- The IPMP is to be a "living doc" that staff can change the rules (locations, exemptions, etc.)!
  - See "Discussion" section at bottom of doc p.3: <https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=e9a0e5e4-2f02-492d-b1a3-a2a8248702f8>

Questions to address:

- Is there in fact a loophole on City-owned Rooster Run Golf Course (not specified, seems it's left open per "information received by staff")???
- What are penalties for non-compliance?
- Hire an IPMP Coordinator who is a strong, demonstrated expert (credentials and lengthy track record/experience).
- For accountability and transparency, we will benefit from:

- a Formal annual Report published (thank you to Council Member Nau for requesting this at Parks Commission meeting)
- o specifying terms of practice and compliance and enforcement in the IPMP, as other leading cities do
  - Where is the Exemption Form/rules???? (such Form was presented at Parks Commission meeting, but is not a formal part of IPMP/is not included in what is being approved tonight). This is a critical component that determines the strength of the IPMP!
    - a. See Appendix B, which was presented at the Parks Commission meeting: <https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=d8606cdf-0f2a-4a1e-b01e-d6333ba0a7b2>

Sincerely, Lendri Purcell

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*"Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public."*

*Cornell West*

"We are slowed down sound and light waves, a walking bundle of frequencies tuned into the cosmos. We are souls dressed up in sacred biochemical garments and our bodies are the instruments through which our souls play their music." Einstein

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