

**From:** [sally McCaffrey](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Make the Petaluma Museum a Priority in 2025!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 2025 7:43:54 AM

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Dear Councilmember, I appreciate your attention to, and support for, our historic Museum. It has been a valuable asset to our community for many years and I hope we can continue to depend upon community care in areas of need . Skip Sommer, Historian.

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**From:** [Suzanne B](#) [REDACTED]  
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City clerk, please forward this to all of the city council members. Thanks

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SUZANNE BIAGGI  
S.BIAGGI/sculptural landscapes  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**From:** [Vivienne Frost](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
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Thank you,  
Vivienne Frost



**From:** [Ted Thomas Photographer](#)  
**To:** -- [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Against the Overlay!  
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Hello -

I want to voice my strong opposition to the proposed overlay in downtown Petaluma. Please keep Historical Downtown Petaluma, historical.

Thank you,

Ted Thomas  
Petaluma resident/business owner

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Ted Thomas  
[REDACTED]

Have a great day!

GOOD EVENING CITY COUNCIL, CITY STAFF

WE HAVE TRIED TO WELCOME IN THIS NEW YEAR IN OUR MOBILE PARKS WITH HOPE, RESOLVE AND PEACE.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE DAILY HARASSMENT AND DISREGARD FOR ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE BY BAD ACTOR PARK OWNERS AT YOUNGSTOWN, LITTLE WOODS AND CAPRI.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO IMAGINE THESE VERY REAL SCENARIOS

IN YOUNGSTOWN, WHEN 90 RESIDENTS STOOD UP TO MANAGEMENT TRYING TO CREATE A RESOLUTION GROUP WITH A WIFE OF ANOTHER PROPERTY MANAGE AND THEIR ATTEMPT AT THE TAKINGS OF RENT STABILIZATION, VACANCY CONTROL AND MORE, THE MANAGEMENT TELLS INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS THAT SHE WILL NO LONGER TALK TO THEM BECAUSE THEY SIGNED THAT PETITION AND CEASE AND DESIST. IN FACT, ONE RESIDENT SAID THEY WERE CANCELLED.

YOU MIGHT ASK HOW DO YOU GET ALERTED THEN TO EMERGENCIES OR TO RENT ISSUES OR TO ANYTHING IN YOUNGSTOWN AND THE ANSWER IS YOU DON'T.

YOUNGSTOWN HAD AN EMERGENCY PG&E ISSUE. WE AS RESIDENTS HAD TO GET THE INFORMATION FROM PG&E THAT WE HAD FAULTY AND OUTDATED POWER LINES AND THAT SOME WERE SITTING IN A PLYWOOD BOX. THEN THIS

LAST SATURDAY RESIDENTS RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM MANAGEMENT THAT ELECTRICITY WAS BEING TURNED OFF. MANAGEMENT NEVER STATING WHEN OR HOW LONG BUT LEADING SENIORS TO BELIEVE IT WAS BEING SHUT OFF THEN.

AS RESIDENTS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD BY PG&E THAT THE ELECTRICITY WOULD BE OFF ON FEB 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM 8:30AM TO NOON SENIOR CITIZENS WERE FRIGHTENED.

IT'S NOT JUST THE LOSS OF FOOD BUT SOME RESIDENTS ON LIFE SAVING ELETRICAL MACHINERY THAT MATTERED.

ONCE AGAIN IN TALKING TO THE INSPECTORS ON SATURDAY, MANAGEMENT KNEW THERE WOULD BE NO POWER OUTAGE ON SATURDAY AS THEY WERE ONLY PREPARING THE AREA WITH HEAVY MACHINERY FOR THE FEB 1ST SHUTOFF AND REPLACEMENT.

MANAGEMENT KNEW AND FRIGHTENED THE RESIDENTS ANYWAY.

LATER MANAGEMENT WOULD CLAIM THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM FAKE PG&E PEOPLE.

THIS IS JUST A SUMMATION OF ONE DAY IN RESIDENT'S LIFE AT YOUNGSTOWN NOW

ON A MORE HOPEFUL NOTE, THE RESIDENTS OF YOUNGSTOWN WON THEIR STAY ON THE AWARDED INCREASE OF \$248 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING EACH

MONTH SINCE OCTOBER WHICH INCLUDED ATTORNEY FEES UNTIL THE APPEAL IS HEARD APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>.

THIS STAY HEARING TOOK 3 MONTHS LONGER THAN IT SHOULD AND MORE ATTORNEYS FEES SINCE THE EXPARTE MOTION OF STAY WAS BURIED WHEN PARK OWNERS CHOSE TO MERGE CASES AFTER A PREMPTORY CHALLENGE THE AFTERNOON BEFORE OUR HEARING IN DECEMBER.

\$1500 MORE HARD EARNED MONEY HAD TO BE USED TO REDO THE MOTION AFTER ALREADY PAYING FOR THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

HOPE IS HOWEVER FELT AS THE JUDGE STATED THE LIKELIHOOD OF OUR APPEAL WARRANTED THE STAY.

MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR NOW RESIDENTS CAN BUY FOOD AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WITHOUT WORRY THEY COULD LOSE THEIR OWNED HOME IF THEY DIDN'T PUT THE MONEY TOWARDS THE INCREASED GROUNDRENT.

LITTLE WOODS RESIDENTS, ASIDE FROM HAVING TO PARK FAR AWAY TO RETURN HOME EACH DAY AND NIGHT ARE FACED WITH THE BAD ACTOR PARK OWNER TAKING PARKING AWAY WHILE THEIR CAR SITS RIGHT AT THAT PARKING SPOT. THEY ARE USING RESIDENTS, EXASPERATED BY NOT HAVING A PARKING SPACE OR EVEN USING RESIDENTS THAT HAVE 3 PARKING SPACES TO BUY

MORE AND TAKE AWAY PARKING FOR RESIDENTS WHO ONLY HAD THAT SPOT.

MANIPULATION USING RESIDENTS AGAINST RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED IN EVERY WAY, BEING USED TO CONTROL AND TAKE MORE ON A DAILY BASIS.

AT THE SAME TIME THESE LITTLE WOODS RESIDENTS HAVE TO PULL TOGETHER MONEY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT THE FIRST APPEAL, JUST TO MAKE SURE THEIR BEST INTERESTS ARE MONITORED WHEN HARMONY WAS DENIED THE ADDITIONAL \$1530 MORE GROUNDRENT THEY DEEMED NECESSARY.

RESIDENTS AT LITTLE WOODS SEE EVERYDAY FROM FENCING, TO BULLYING, TO THE DISREGARD FOR THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH THAT IN PARK OWNERS MINDS THERE IS NO REGARD FOR RESIDENTS WHO OWN THEIR MOBILE HOMES- A HOME WITHIN THEIR MEANS BUT INSTEAD TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THEM.

ITS DAUNTING TO WAKE UP EVERYDAY WONDERING WHAT IS NEXT.

WHEN PARK OWNERS CONTINUE TO BREAK THE LAW AND ORDINANCES BUT RESIDENTS MUST OBEY ALL LAWS AND ORDINANCES, EVEN THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS RULES THERE IS CLEARLY SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS UNBALANCED REGARD.

CAPRI SAME AS LITTLEWOODS FACES THE CHALLENGES OF PARKING DAILY, FATHERS WONDERING IF THEIR DAUGHTERS ARE SAFE COMING HOME LATE AND WALKING SUCH A DISTANCE WITH SEVERE ARTHRITIS, THE DAUNTING RED FIRE LANES THAT IF YOUR CAR STICKS OUT FROM YOUR CARPORT EVEN AN INCH YOU WILL BE TOWED, STILL HAVING TO PAY MORE MONEY THAN OWED EACH MONTH AND STILL WONDERING WHAT IS NEXT FOR THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE DISRUPTION OF EACH OF THESE RESIDENTS' LIVES HAVE BROUGHT ON DEPRESSION, STRESS, AND OUTRIGHT FEAR.

HERE IS HOWEVER WHERE HOPE CAME IN.

WE AS A COMMUNITY OF PETALUMA MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS FORMED A SUPER CHAPTER OF GSMOL AND AT OUR FIRST MEETING (A MEETING SPACE DONATED BY PETALUMA HEALTH CENTER) WELCOMED 140 RESIDENTS FOR A NIGHT OF SOLIDARITY, INFORMATION, AND WELFARE CHECKS.

IT WAS HUMBLING TO SEE THAT THROUGH FEAR, RETALIATION AND HARM THAT LOVE, EMPATHY AND HOPE ARE POWERFUL.

IN ADDITION, WE HAD OUR FIRST ROUNDTABLE OF HARMONY-OWNED PARK RESIDENTS FROM ALL OVER CALIFORNIA JOIN IN A TELE-CONFERENCE GATHERING



INFORMATION OF ALL THAT WAS HAPPENING IN EACH PARK.

THE LIST WAS ENDLESS OF EGREGIOUS ACTS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE VOICES NOW ALL OVER THE STATE FROM SAN DIEGO TO WATSONVILLE TO ALAMEDA COUNTY TO SAN LUIS OBISPO ALL FOUND THEIR WAY TO PETALUMA AND HOW PETALUMA CONNECTED EACH OF THEM TO ALL OF US.

WHY DID ANY OF THIS HAPPEN?

IT HAPPENED BECAUSE THIS FAMILY OF PETALUMA MOBILE PARK RESIDENTS STOOD UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS, STOOD UP AGAINST RETALIATION AND FEAR (NEVER EASY) AND CONTINUE TO SEEK WHAT THEY RIGHTFULLY DESERVE.

WE CLOSE WITH A STORY THAT MATTERS.

ON DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AFTER MONTHS OF LEAVING FOOD ON A RESIDENT'S STEPS IN YOUNGSTOWN AND KNOWING THIS RESIDENT HAD BEEN GETTING MEALS ON WHEELS FROM INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS AT HER DOOR EVERY DAY 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR A RESIDENT WAS FINALLY ABLE TO TALK THIS ISOLATED RESIDENT INTO LETTING HER IN TO BRING FOOD WATER AND MORE. THE RESIDENT WAS MADE TO PROMISE THAT SHE WOULD NOT LET ANYONE ELSE IN AS THIS RESIDENT IN NEED KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SHE DID.

THIS RESIDENT HAD NEVER LET ANYONE IN FOR YEARS  
ONCE WE GAINED ENTRY, WE KNEW THAT THIS RESIDENT  
NEEDED MAJOR HELP.

THE RESIDENT'S LIFE WAS SAVED ONLY BECAUSE THIS  
RESIDENT FINALLY AGREED TO LET US IN.

A VOICEMAIL WAS LEFT FOR REBUILDING TOGETHER AT  
1:00AM IN THE MORNING THAT NIGHT.

BY THE NEXT MORNING AS THE HOSPITAL WAS SAVING  
THIS RESIDENTS LIFE, REBUILDING TOGETHER BEGAN THE  
HARDEST WORK I BELIEVE THEY HAVE EVER DONE.

EVERY WORKER, EVERY PERSON AFFILIATED WITH  
REBUILDING TOGETHER DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO  
SAVE THIS HOME AND ALLOW A RESIDENT TO COME HOME  
AND NOT BECOME HOMELESS.

THEY ARE MAKING THIS HOME HABITABLE, HEALTHY AND  
MOST IMPORTANTLY SAFE.

THESE ANGELS ARE THE BEST OF HUMANITY, THE BEST OF  
PETALUMA AND HUMBLY DO THEIR WORK WITH LITTLE  
FANFARE.

RESIDENTS IN OUR MOBILE HOMES, ESPECIALLY THE  
VULNERABLE ARE SURVIVING AND SOMETIMES EVEN  
THRIVING BECAUSE OF PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICES,  
REBUILDING TOGETHER AND THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF

PETALUMA THAT SEES EVERY RESIDENT AS EQUAL AND  
IMPORTANT TO OUR CITY.

IT REMINDS US ALL THAT IF WE SENSE NEED, WE HAVE TO  
TAKE THE HARD STEPS TO HELP. NEVER EASY BUT IT WILL  
SAVE LIVES. NO ONE SHOULD BE LIVING LIKE THIS EVER.  
WE AGAIN ARE SO PROUD TO CALL PETALUMA HOME.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT RIGHT WILL SHINE BRIGHTLY  
WE ARE PROUD TO SAY WE ARE ADVOCATES FOR  
OURSELVES  
WE ARE PETALUMA MOBILE RESIDENTS STRONG

**From:** [Kimberly Scot](#)  
**To:** -- City Clerk  
**Subject:** RCV and Hotel/Overlay  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 12:32:22 PM

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Petaluma City Council Members,

Greetings and my sincere thanks for the important and difficult work you do. I am writing to request that you place Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) on the list of priorities to be addressed this term. I have personally been engaged in this effort to improve our deeply damaged electoral system for 20 years, and I have watched it making slow progress around the world, country, and the state of California. I believe Petaluma is well positioned to join other cities in adopting this more democratic form of representation at a time when our democracy is under serious attack. This is no reflection on our local representatives, but it has been proven that small steps must be taken on the way forward to achieve goals of county and state wide electoral reform. If you are not familiar with RCV, I recommend checking out CalRCV <https://www.calrcv.org/> for information. I am suggesting that a committee be formed (with strong community participation) to advise on first steps, which will necessitate a change to the City Charter, making a serious discussion possible.

Again, gratitude for the hard work you do in considering difficult issues. I applaud you for producing the One Petaluma podcast; I have learned a lot and look forward to the possibilities it offers as a means of informing and engaging us. I understand that it is up to we, the people, to take the time to use the resources you offer to be informed and engaged.

Finally, I want to state my strongly held and well informed opinion that the current Hotel and Overlay project must be cancelled. With respect for those who proposed and have worked hard to support it, I believe that, as proposed, it is utterly wrong for Petaluma and needs to go back to the drawing board, starting with what is hoped to be gained and possible alternatives to meeting those goals. The time and money spent should not be incentives to move ahead. I believe the proposal will be harmful for our downtown and that the stated goals can be better achieved by stepping back and retracing the process to where it can allow for other options. I feel certain there is a better way to proceed. Please do not allow this to go forward as proposed.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Scot

[REDACTED]  
Petaluma, [REDACTED]

**From:** [C Wallis](#)  
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Cecily Wallis  
History Lover and Petaluman since 1997



**From:** [Eileen and/or Dave Haflich](#)  
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Dear Mayor, City Council, Members, and Staff,

I am writing, as a Beyond Plastic Affiliate, to strongly oppose the re-installation of Artificial Turf (Plastic Grass) in Lucchesi Park.

There are many reasons to reject Plastic Grass as an alternative for City Parks, here are just a few:

- While manufacturers have reduced the PFAS (forever chemicals) in their Plastic Grass products, the fact is that they still contain PFAS along with upwards of 10,000 other chemicals. These chemicals off-gas naturally (including ethylene and methane) and this process is especially accelerated during warm or hot weather.
- Some manufacturers claim to have organic infill and environmentally friendly products, but the bottom line is that the 'grass' is always still plastic.
- There are no recycling facilities that can handle Plastic Grass in California. Plastic Grass that has been removed is taken to the local landfill where it further pollutes the environment.
- Even if used Plastic Grass were recycled, the fact is that the plastic it's made from will be with us forever no matter what form it takes. Plastic naturally degrades into micro- and nano-plastics which have been found in every part of the human body. New negative health consequences from micro- and nano-plastics are being discovered every year, including certain cancers, endocrine system disruptions, and weakening of the immune system.
- Micro- and nano-plastics are also shed by installed Plastic Grass every time it is walked or played on.
- Plastic Grass is not a zero maintenance product. Debris still needs to be removed and odors washed off.
- Plastic production in general is a significant contributor to Climate Change, from hydrocarbon extraction, to manufacturing, and finally transportation. Plastic Grass footprint is 54 t/CO2 for a 9000 square meter field.

Petaluma has a unique opportunity to join other California communities in imposing a city wide ban on Plastic Grass installations. We owe it to future generations to add less, not more, plastic waste into our environment.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Haflich  
Beyond Plastic Affiliate