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Dear Petaluma City Council,

I am writing today to ask you to consider taking direct control over the portion of the fairgrounds which is leased by Live Oak Public Charter School. I am the parent of Nora and Everett ages 10 and 12. They have attended Live Oak since kindergarten and have both enjoyed and thrived from the holistic education program at the school.

Over the past several years, my wife and I have seen the challenges the school has faced while leasing from the 4th DAA. The school facilities are old and in some cases in need of great repair or replacement. As issues arise, often times despite having the resources to do more, the school is confined to only providing bandaaid repairs or temporary fixes that stretch the facility just a tad bit further, only to need to address the situation again in the near future. We want better for the children of Petaluma who attend this public school and the parents that work so hard to contribute financially and through our labor to the school.

If our school was able to lease directly from the City, I am confident you would find this civic serving institution to be good stewards of your facility, with tremendous parental financial and volunteer support. Under direct control of the City I am confident that the partnership between the City and the school could be mutually beneficial and lead to a lasting benefit to the community at large by providing a stable, safe school ground for all of our children to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
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