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The East Petaluma Alliance enthusiastically endorses Vision 1, a new green space in the heart of Petaluma. Because we are in a climate crisis and because the City of Petaluma is committed to achieving greenhouse gas carbon neutrality by 2030, instead of a parking lot and obscure buildings, we can have an inviting civic center, public gardens, amphitheatres, spaces for agriculture, livestock, public art, youth services, and revitalize this underutilized space.

As a parent, a family-friendly space to take kiddos, near housing and public safety officials like the police and firefighters, would be amazing. To get in touch with nature, we can lay on the grass under the trees for shade and play, take advantage of the pedestrian walkways, chess tables, swimming pools, the YMCA, the swimming pool and/or playground features, it's the perfect place to be... where East meets West!

With such an expansive green space, we envision a gorgeous, relaxed, and comfortable place to gather or picnic, after shopping the local business, or grabbing food at the farmer's market. Later, we could linger and catch a live theatre performance, movie night in the park, or a concert from the youth symphony at the ampitheatre. Imagine the possibilities!

Best regards,

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