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Dear council members,

My name is Jonathan Cole and I am a resident of Petaluma, and a parent of 3 children (ages 5,11,and 14), each of which attend Live Oak Charter School. We moved to Petaluma in 2015, drawn in large part to its charm and beauty, but also because of the school that calls the fairgrounds its home. Like many Petalumans, we see the fair as an extension of the town's history and charm. Not many places can boast an annual fair as well as multiple parades and other community oriented events celebrating the city and its history. However, as someone who visits the fairgrounds on a daily basis, I can also say that the current administration of the fairgrounds is problematic. Over the past 8 years since our oldest started attending kindergarten, we have watched the facilities at the fairgrounds fall into disrepair. Many have had to leave the school entirely due to the mold issues affecting many of the buildings on the property. We see the current management of the fairgrounds as unsustainable and would ask that the city take a more direct role in directing the future of the fairgrounds. Furthermore, the Live Oak Community welcomes the opportunity to enhance the fairgrounds as a long term tenant.

Best,
Jon Cole