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Dear Petaluma City Councilmembers and Staff,

Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County (HLT) supports the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Petaluma Amending Resolution Nos. 2014-036 N.C.S. Setting City Facilities Development Impact Fees, 2014-037 N.C.S. Setting Park Land Development Impact Fees, 2014-038 N.C.S. Setting Non-Quimby Act Park Land Acquisition Fees, 2014-039 N.C.S. Setting Open Space Land Acquisition Fees, and 2016-076 N.C.S. Setting Traffic Development Impact Fees, to provide for non-applicability of the fees to certain city-supported affordable housing projects.

Petaluma currently faces a housing affordability crisis and this step will encourage the development of more affordable housing by reducing costs on projects that often struggle to be financially viable. An increase in affordable housing benefits all citizens of Petaluma through preventing homelessness, ensuring shelter for all people in all stages of life, and allowing Petaluma employees to live where they work rather than being priced out. HLT supports this resolution as a means to create more affordable housing in an era where it is greatly necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dev Goetschius". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Dev Goetschius
Executive Director