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Dear Mayor Barrett and Councilmembers,

I received a call from Elece Hempell from PPSC regarding inquiries from city council related to the Police Department CPSM Report, specifically around the SAFE Team and our unsheltered community. Since the focus of this item is to inform City Council and the community about the workload and organizational analyses of both departments and not addressing homelessness specifically, I want to address the concern that was raised in an effort to be helpful. The general observations made by CPSM on page 76 are intended to address the workload impacts of the unsheltered community on police resources and not to be informative about the reasons for homelessness in our community due to the existence of services. The impacts of crime and quality of life for the unsheltered population in our community are not different than the impacts we are seeing in communities across this country. As a community, the resources we provide, especially those supported by the City, allow us to address the quality of life for everyone, regardless of where they originated. Without these resources, court injunctions like the one we recently navigated, as well as our ability to address the impacts of the unsheltered in our community would be negatively impacted. Every community is experiencing homelessness and we are proud to be part of a team that treats everyone with dignity and compassion when we look at this public health crisis. Whether people experiencing homelessness came from Petaluma or not, the general observations made by CPSM were specifically related to the impact on police services in a community doing its very best to help improve the quality of life for everyone in Petaluma recognizing the lack of available resources in other communities. It is a reciprocal process under the Housing First Model, where the closest available bed is offered to the person most in need regardless of their origin, a coordinated entry process we here in Petaluma benefit from as well.

I hope this email was helpful and I addressed the concern being raised. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. See you all tonight.

Respectfully,

Ken Savano

Chief of Police

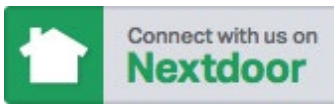
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Vision: ***Those we serve know those who serve them.***
Leadership: ***The relationship with our community begins with the relationships with our staff.***



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