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Petaluma City Council

Sonoma County

11 English St.

Petaluma, CA, 94952

Dear Petaluma City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of appointing Elda Vazquez-Izaguirre to GPAC. I respectfully request that the City Council take the opportunity to vote for an individual who has a proven history of defining what it means to be a Petaluman.

Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre would make an excellent choice as a representative of Petaluma for her devoted efforts to public education, and the advocacy of students with special needs. Her experience with her daughter diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder has made her a champion that has taken on both the Old Adobe and Petaluma School Districts to receive better resources for her daughter. She has a proven record of winning.

In her professional career, Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre has been a dental assistant primarily serving low-income families who do not have adequate access to dental care. Her deeply rooted commitment to ensuring ALL families have the right to healthcare, has given her the perspective that health, human services, and equality are the bedrock of a flourishing community. She believes in human centered ideas, rather than those of profits, greed, and resources limited to a select few.

As an immigrant from Honduras, Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre knows the struggles of assimilating into a culture that is not your own. As she and her family continue to navigate our vast web of complicated and sometimes near unattainable resources, she has continued to press on, learning that the value of hard work, dedication, and the need to speak-up is equally important to one's success against injustices.

Additionally, Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre has remained a Petaluma resident for over 25 years with 10 of them being both a landlord and homeowner. Her experience in both fields has allowed her to understand the needs of renters and upward mobility in the community we all share.

Like most of us, Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre sees Petaluma for the potential it has. As a mother of two children, she envisions a future where our city can continue to foster the small town feel that has been with us for so long. The rising cost of living is a concern that most of us can

agree pushes away and breaks families apart.

I urge the City Council to appoint Ms. Vazquez-Izaguirre to GPAC. I strongly believe that her efforts will benefit our students, mothers, and community members alike. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alex Gonzalez

Petaluma Resident, District 2