

November 5, 2022

Petaluma Mayor and City Council Members  
City of Petaluma  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA. 94952

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My specific situation: Still working

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Maria Colla  
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My specific situation: FIXED INCOME



Kathleen Carney  
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My specific situation: \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]

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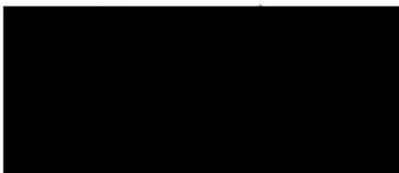
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My specific situation: WORKING TOWARDS RETIREMENT.



BRENT KRAUS

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Stuart J. Dietrich

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My specific situation: Social Security is my only income, which is \$1600 approx. monthly. I have savings of less than \$1000.

I pay food, utilities, car insurance, TV cable etc. I'm 74 and in poor health, no family to help support me.  
[redacted] Markie Sanders  
Print Name  
I can't afford

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My specific situation: 75 and 83 year old couple living on a fixed income

Gregory Teeters

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My specific situation: Retired. I'm 66 years old. Living on SSI and

retirement

GARY COOTS  
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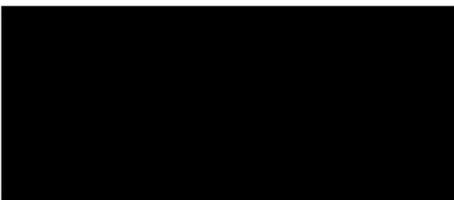
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My specific situation: Living on fixed income



Pam Long  
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My specific situation: fixed income with hardly any extra money for simple pleasures like going to movies or out to eat. Vacations are out of the question.

[redacted signature area]

VERNA LEYBA  
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My specific situation: AFTER forced retirement in 2021 over  
only source of income is Social Security. A 6% increase of rent is a significant challenge.

[redacted] STEVEN B KHAMM  
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According to the National Council on Aging Elder Index "over 15 million (or roughly 1 in 3) older adults aged 65+ are economically insecure, with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (\$25,760 per year for a single person in 2021). These older adults struggle with rising housing and health care bills, inadequate nutrition, lack of access to transportation, diminished savings, and job loss. Older women are more likely to live in poverty than men as a result of wage discrimination and having to take time out of the workforce for caregiving."

Demographics from the County of Sonoma state that seniors are living longer and currently represent 24% of the total population of the county. "21% (24,583) Sonoma County seniors age 60 and older live in poverty. For seniors 75 and older the figure is 26% (8,617) which live in poverty compared to 11.3% of the total population. Although there are no breakdowns on poverty for seniors over the age of 85, Sonoma county is currently home to 12,434 seniors in that age bracket.

19.7% (11,743) of the population of Petaluma is currently 62 and older (July 2021). The current median age is 42.8. There are approximately 850 mobilehomes in Petaluma, which represent 3.7% of all housing.

My specific situation: With inflation & high cost of food, gas, P&E + 6% rent

increase was the highest I've seen in the park for 17 years! Really

Disrespectful To Seniors who  
do many are struggling!!  
and on fixed incomes!!

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