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Subject: Scott Ranch Park Extension and Limited Housing Project

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To Mayor McDonnell and Members of the Petaluma City Council:

I am writing to ask for your approval of the Scott Ranch Project and the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). As an over 35-year resident of Petaluma, I have enjoyed walking at Helen Putnam Park (HPP) for many years. And, I believe that the proposed and environmentally sound HPP extension and green residential plans will greatly enhance this site for the benefit of the entire Petaluma community.

I also appreciate the proposed enhancements to HPP for easier and safe access to the park and the trails. Several years ago, I sustained an injury to my knee which makes it difficult to walk up steep hillsides. The proposed Scott Ranch plan will make entry to HPP and the trails more easily accessible to seniors and mobility-challenged community members, as well as provide protection of endangered wildlife and significant improvements to the existing parkland.

I took a public tour of the Ranch and was struck by how much of this beautiful land is actually permanently preserved by the Scott Ranch Project. I was pleased to learn that most of the ranchland (89%) that is seen in the iconic photos of the red barns, along with the scenic pastures and vistas, will be permanently protected if this project is approved by the City Council.

This is truly a wonderful gift to the City of Petaluma and to our entire community and I urge you to approve the Scott Ranch Project and the FEIR.

With best regards,

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