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Subject: Scott Ranch Park Extension and Limited Housing Project

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To the Members of the Petaluma City Council:

We are writing in support of the Scott Ranch project. This property will be a valuable addition to Putnam Park and preserve wildlife habitat and open space at the perimeter of our community.

We are very fortunate to have a committed group of citizens that have taken up the charge to negotiate a solution with the property owner for this long-debated former ranch site. Their efforts include fund raising, procuring grant funding, engaging a competent professional team to perform environmental studies and propose a park layout, and hosting public meetings to educate the public. This has been no small effort and has produced significant results. The community is now on the cusp of having access to a 47-acre extension to a heavily used and beloved County Park, with studies, plans, and some funding available to implement park development.

Of course, we would have all loved to have access to the entire tract. The fundraising within the community was impressive, but not sufficient to purchase the entire parcel. It is a reasonable compromise to have 28 homes built on the least sensitive area of the site. It is a long way from where the proposals of past decades were, with many more homes and much greater visual, environmental, and traffic impacts.

Please support this effort by voting "yes" on the Scott Ranch project. We can't let this opportunity pass us by! We've waited too long for a reasonable development scheme on this property, and it is highly unlikely that any subsequent proposal will be as beneficial to the community as this one.

Sincerely,

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