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Subject: Scott Ranch Park Extension and Limited Housing Project

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Dear Petaluma City Council Members:

I kindly request you vote YES on the Scott Ranch Plan.

I believe this is a very good compromise in which both parties (City of Petaluma and Davidon) as well as the local community will benefit. Davidon has continued to work with both local conservation groups and the City Council to accommodate requests. I believe their current plan has allowed significant expansion to Helen Putnam Park resulting in permanent protection of both the property and local wildlife and habits, as well as preservation of the old barns with new park amenities. As a local resident who hopes to continue to live and retire in this community, this new section of Helen Putnam Park will allow for accommodation and access to both children and seniors to this beautiful park as we transition both into and out of our activity levels.

The current proposal includes a significant reduction of the number of homes from the initial proposal as well as what I believe the property is potentially zoned for. There is a need for additional housing on all levels in Petaluma to attract all income levels to our community. This proposal with all the 'green' housing features seems consistent with the current community climate as well as the needs at this location, next to Helen Putnam Park.

This seems like a 'win-win' for both our Community and the Scott Ranch developers. I cannot see how going back to square one and/or working with a new developer (e.g., if Davidon sells) that Petaluma would reach a better situation for all parties. Also, it could take years to reach a new agreement which could negatively affect the current sections of the property that need protection against erosion and habitat loss.

Again, I urge you to consider all the factors and vote in favor of allowing the Scott Ranch Development to proceed.

Sincerely,
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