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Dear Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage you to **oppose** the Scott Ranch Project at D and Windsor in West Petaluma that is coming up for a vote today, March 27, 2023. I live nearby the proposed site, and will be directly impacted by the construction, traffic increases, construction disruption, and pollution that this development will cause, as will all Petalumans.

As a citizen of Petaluma and a frequent hiker at Helen Putnam Regional Park, I also am concerned about the environmental impact this development would have on this fragile habitat. As lovely as it sounds to expand the park (the only perk of this whole project - but frankly, it's a way to assuage the public from the housing development itself), the construction of 28 homes will require the unearthing of acres of hillsides, removal of heritage oak trees, disruption to wildlife corridors and displacing (some permanently) and/or negatively impacting 6 species which have special status. In addition, this area is in Petaluma's highest fire-danger district and I can't imagine we want to end up like Coffee Park in Santa Rosa.

This property is one of the best examples of how Petaluma used to look. Its bucolic beauty should be preserved for all to enjoy, not to benefit 28 homeowners and one large development company who doesn't have any ties to this town.

Please vote **NO** on this project. It will:

- \* not solve Petaluma's affordable housing issues
- \* increase the already heavy traffic on D Street
- \* destroy precious wildlife habitats and corridors
- \* become an environmental hazard as we continue to battle drought and wildfires

Sincerely, Camille Bossenberry