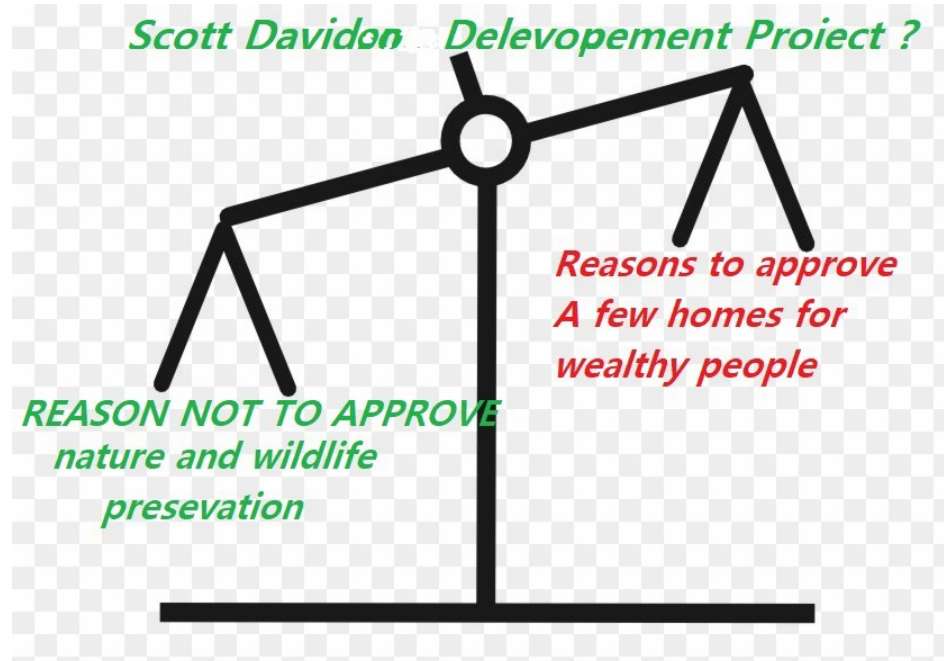


From: Bernie Album [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:48 AM
To: -- City Council <CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org>
Subject: Davidon Scott's Ranch Development

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Re: Feb 27, 2023, City Council meeting: Davidon Scott's Ranch Development.

Dear City Council Member,

Studies report **“there are at least 90 documented species of vertebrate wildlife, including 17 special-status species, at the Davidon project site”**. Building encroachment on such an ecologically-rich site, versus

preservation weighs in favor of preservation for mitigating climate change and preventing biodiversity loss. M Group consultant's assessment that, “any and every significant impact can be mitigated” is false. This type of development impact cannot be migrated. Kelly Creek and the rare and irreplaceable wildlife species there must be protected, not mitigated.

Roundabouts and other infrastructure, and restoration of the Red Barn and other buildings, are not more important than the protection and preservation of Kelly Creek and her ecosystems. There is abundant information from qualified scientists that this is the LAST place to be encroached on, either with the built environment (houses, hardscapes), or with thousands more humans with their cars, bikes, pets, and pollution.

Do not permit more development at this wildlands location.
(*e.g.*, Westhaven) When homeowners wash their cars, the soaps-detergents wash downstream onto rural properties alongside the creek. . Please do not add more impact and allow more development with increased human encroachment on this fragile creek system that provides sustenance and habitat to SO many wildlife species. The balance scale for protection weighs heavily in favor of a NO vote.

IF ever there was a location where one must not expand human encroachment, it is here on our Kelly Creek riparian corridor. We have to turn this lethal tide of profit at the expense of our rare and irreplaceable biodiversity. The Davidon project provides the perfect opportunity to do so. Your colleagues on the Planning Commission, Darren Racusen and Blake Hooper, voted against this project, and our Climate Commissioner, Ann Edminster, spoke out against it. Please join them in denying this project on the grounds of all the imperiled special-status species and other wildlife at this site.

Respectfully,

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