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Dear City Council and Planning Commission,

Will you kindly inform the public when you will begin to follow your acknowledgement of our City-wide high flood hazard with regard to building near our rivers and creeks? ...and importantly, cease allowing developers to inject concrete into wetlands?

These dangerous and needless allowances for developers put all who live nearby and downstream at increased personal, and property danger.

Examples: Sid Commons, Riverbend, Riverview, Riverfront, North River, Casa Grande Creek, Kelly Creek... all entrenched, campaign-contributing developers who have long contributed to City Council member campaigns: LaFranchi, Johnsons, Coombs, Barella... and some with additional financially-beneficial relationships with City: vendors (LaFranchi) and land leasees with deeply discounted water rates (Coombs).

Why is City allowing developers to do their own flood analysis, submit no storm runoff analysis, destroy river banks, and/or even redo our entire City-wide flood geographical surveying given their river and creek-front developments? This is a clear conflict of interest and is dangerous to resident lives, health (stress of increased flood risk, decreased air and water quality), and property.

Words mean nothing, and false promises are dangerous to lives and property. Actions are what matter to Petalumans. Your first priority as City leaders is to keep Petalumans safe.

PLEASE do what other cities in California have done DECADES ago, and disallow developers the bias privilege of doing their own EIRs, surveys, reports, etc. We need to hire Dr Smallwood to do ALL biological resource analyses for our City, and proven public interest-first consultants for all the other components of EIRs. Not 'Status-Quo-Rolodex' consultants whose track record is developer \$\$/engagement.

Thank you for committing to serve to transform our town by taking action to keep Petalumans safe.

This is copied from Taryan Obaid's letter previously sent to you. I whole heartedly agree with this letter.

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