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Mayor McDonnell, members of our City Council, and City of Petaluma staff,

Our community has watched our leadership stand by while our riverfront has become less and less desirable over the past decades.

For years and years we've all talked about Petaluma River Access and Enhancement with plans for parks, trails, docks and other recreational opportunities.

We need to look ahead and to have plans for dredging our river again - as access to our turning basin makes Petaluma a real river town. Our river was reduced to a mud-choked slough and now we once again have an active riverfront.

The COVID pandemic demonstrated how important the river front is for outdoor dining, walking/exercise and social engagement.

We owe a great deal to Greg Sabourin and his vision and dedication to bringing small craft activities to our turning basin. The Floathouse is a great amenity for our community.

We are indebted to Sean Paul and Seair Lorentz, and David Duskin for spearheading a new Petaluma River Park.

Shollenberger Park is a gem that gives our community access to our Petaluma Wetlands and as a destination for nature-lovers.

Every year hundreds and hundreds of residents line the riverfront for the Petaluma Yacht Club's lighted boat parade.

We all know that the residents of our City love our river!

Each of you know that it is now time to **invest in the rehabilitation of the historic railroad trestle**. Let's not keep talking about this project. Public space revitalization is happening across the United States. Put Petaluma on the map as a forward thinking community with the vision for long-term investment and let's make this river access and promenade a success story! Let's make it a success for our community and let's retain the historic character we have with this trestle and its vital link to our City.

Partner with us to be sure that this amazing old structure is updated and turned into a showcase project for the City instead of the liability and eyesore that you have allowed it to become. Put staff and adequate resources ahead of other projects now - plans have been on hold for way too long!

The Petaluma Woman's Club will help raise funds for this project. We have offered you a memorandum of understanding and we are waiting for you to sign it. We are allied with other organizations in our community to raise awareness and to participate with contributions. On behalf of our 140+ membership - I speak for us all when I say please take swift action.

Make this a legacy project for yourselves and for everyone in our community! We are waiting.

Sincerely,

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