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Hello,

As a parent of two small children in Petaluma, I'm writing to request you cancel the plans of installing artificial turf on parks throughout Petaluma.

While artificial turf may have sounded good back when this decision was made in 2015, since then science has revealed the overwhelming dangers of artificial turf grass blades, which are made with PFAS ("forever chemicals"), especially for children's still-developing bodies. The EPA warns of harm caused by breathing in air contaminated with PFAS, citing link to cancer and harmed immune systems, among other dangerous health effects.

Cities are banning or placing moratoriums on artificial turf across the country due to lawsuits.

Please make an emergency stop to these plans and re-evaluate. Artificial turfs require water for cleaning, and there are new natural grasses developed that are drought resistant.

Thank you,
Maia

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