

March 13, 2023

Dear Petaluma City Mayor, Council and City Manager,

As we are now 3 months into the year 2023, it is not long before the City of Petaluma takes on a huge responsibility, possessing the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds which encompasses a large amount of maintenance and management. The transition of management is so important that you should see that establishing a close relationship with the 4<sup>th</sup> District DAA Fair Board would be of your best interest and invaluable to the success of the Fairgrounds, meeting the needs and achieving the planning vision of the community.

Unification of both the City and current 4<sup>th</sup> District DAA Fair Board on this transition would be a most ideal situation. Together both entities are a wealth of knowledge and experience that can build a better fairgrounds than just one side alone. You will be doing the community and yourselves a favor, saving time, money and resources, providing a smoother transition. Be a team, work together!

As a Petaluma resident, a mother of 3 children in Petaluma City Schools, a professional who has worked in town for 10+ years, and an active person in the community, I would encourage the Council and City Manager to strongly consider the creation of a Joint Powers Authority between the 4<sup>th</sup> District DAA Fair Board and the City of Petaluma. We are running out of time! Please at the very least consider adding this topic as an agenda item to discuss. The Fairgrounds means so much to the community and we care about what happens to it in the years to come.

Thank You,

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