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To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Submitting Public Comment April 3, 2023 - Consent Calendar 9 - Receive Comments on the City's 2023-2024 Proposed CDBG Program Annual Action
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Hello,

Please find my public comment to share with the City Council members and Mayor for the Monday 4/3 meeting. Best, Ellen Hathaway

March 31, 2023

RE: Public Comment regarding City's 2023-2024 Proposed CDBG Program Annual Action

Dear City Council Members,

As a volunteer, current board member and donor of Rebuilding Together Petaluma (RTP), thank you in advance for your continued support of this organization's important work that makes a positive and direct impact on all Petaluma residents. I strongly hope RTP's funding from the CDBG program will be continued and expanded for the year ahead.

Helping our most vulnerable residents to stay in their homes is RTP's mission and passion and contributes to the City achieving some of the enormous housing goals set in the General Plan and by the State of CA.

It's an honor to be part of an organization contributing to immediate relief of our low income, veteran, elderly and disabled homeowners by conducting necessary home repairs, accessibility and safety fixtures, and much more, that in some cases is the reason a neighbor is able to stay in their home rather than being forced to move. All neighborhoods in Petaluma benefit from the work we and our committed volunteers provide.

In addition to our work partnering with other local benefit service organizations, we are developing Fee-for-Service projects and Workforce Development projects that will not only help to generate revenue for RTP, but will directly assist with job training for our community members.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best,

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