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Dear Planning Commissioners, Mayor, City Councilmembers, PBAC members, and Transportation staff:  
Please see the attached addition to the petition we sent last week, signed online by community members regarding the D Street Quick-Build Project.  
Additional community members have signed and added their comments, bringing the total to forty-one.

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## To the Petaluma City Council, Planning Commission, and Department of Public Works

We, the undersigned, urge the City of Petaluma to move forward with a quick-build project on D Street that includes pedestrian improvements, traffic calming measures and designated bike lanes. D Street is an important link between city neighborhoods, the countryside and the coast, and it is critical that it reflects a Complete Streets design that considers the safety of all potential users – pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

We commend the city for demonstrating that existing parking on D Street is only used about 14 percent of the time, indicating that there is opportunity for infrastructure that accommodates more users on the corridor. The city's own surveys also have shown that maintaining parking on D Street ranks far below implementing pedestrian, bicycle and traffic calming improvements as community-wide priorities.

Safe mobility and connectivity are stated priorities of the Petaluma City Council. Given the ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by the year 2030, the city cannot afford to stall on projects that encourage mode shift.

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| D St traffic affects the whole city. As a cross town connector for non motorized traffic it's essential. How about building some equity for the east side taxpayers struggling every day to avoid motorized vehicles while outside anywhere in Petaluma? Quality home life for everyone is supported by decreasing traffic hostility on D st with good bicycle and pedestrian lanes. |  |                      |
| Michael Dollar   |  | Michaelbdollar@      |
| Having dedicated bicycle lanes will encourage more users. More cyclist and pedestrian activity on D will naturally slow drivers down. The city should move forward with the proposed parking configuration.  |  |                      |
| Joel Klabo   |  | joelklabo@           |
| I support better bike lanes on D street, I don't feel comfortable riding there. Especially with my kids without some clear separation  |  |                      |

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| Julie Elias  | [REDACTED] | jce87@[REDACTED]        |
| The idea to provide these safety improvements is good. It's crucial to provide appealing streets for the benefit of residents. Make D St. vibrant.                       |            |                         |
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| The only way people will shift their mode of transportation is to make it safe to do so.   |            |                         |
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| This is a much needed project. Failing to recognize and act on projects can leave the city vulnerable to lawsuits. It is much more cost effective to fix unsafe streets. |            |                         |
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| We are in favor of bike lanes on D Street, Petaluma and anything else to keep our neighborhood safe.   |            |                         |