

Resolution No. 2023-XXX N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

AUTHORIZING RESPONSE TO THE SONOMA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT REGARDING “OUTSOURCING PETALUMA PLANNING DEPARTMENT: IS IT BETTER OR IS IT EASIER”

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury (CGJ) is an independent institution with the principal function of overseeing all aspects of county, special district, and city governments in Sonoma County to ensure that the best interests of its citizens are being served; and

WHEREAS, the CGJ has the authority to inspect and audit the financial expenditures of county and city departments and special districts to ensure that public funds are properly accounted for and legally spent, inquire into conditions of jails and the treatment of inmates, and inquire into the performance of any county, city, or special district public official or employee; and

WHEREAS, the CGJ issued the Final Report for 2022-2023 on June 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CGJ notified the City on June 13, 2023 of its obligation to respond to the “Outsourcing Petaluma Planning Department: Is It Better or Is It Easier?” investigations; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the “common sense” exemption in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. Find the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of this Resolution.
2. Authorizes the City Manager to submit all required documentation to the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury in relation to the CGJ report regarding “Outsourcing Petaluma Planning Department: Is It Better or Is It Easier?”

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 07 of August 2023, by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor