



September 15, 2023

To: City of Petaluma City Councilmembers

RE: Support for City Staff Recommendations for Oyster Cove

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the recommendation by Andrew Trippel, Planning Manager, that the City Council conduct the required public hearing and adopt the listed resolutions and ordinance for the Oyster Cove Mixed Use Neighborhood Project, as stated in the Staff Report for the September 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

Oyster Cove Mixed Use Neighborhood Project will add a significant number of housing and jobs in Petaluma that will have an impact in the North Bay with its residential homes and commercial component offering 132 airspace condominiums and approximately 9,000 SF of commercial space. Our community will benefit across income levels with 15% of the homes being affordable to low and moderate income households; the inclusionary housing requirement means that 20 households will be able to afford to stay in the North Bay that would otherwise be priced out, helping our community recruit and retain our workforce. Additionally, there are several features offered by the development to benefit the public, as stated in the report, with the added benefit of being located close to the SMART station.

For all of these reasons, we are in support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dev Goetschius". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dev Goetschius
Executive Director