To Whom It May Concern:

I’m writing in opposition to the proposed development, Sid Commons. There are glaring problems with this plan and I urge the Petaluma City Council to reject this proposal.

185 units at the end of a cul-de-sac, with only one exit point, could be potentially fatal in the event of a wildfire. We need to accept annual fire risks as part of our new reality and plan and develop wisely.

Paving over and draining a wetlands area? With all due respect, I suspect any Petaluma City School elementary student could advise you that this is an environmentally harmful choice. If you don’t care about our actual wildlife can you at least be concerned with the optics of this decision?

I understand that we are experiencing a housing shortage but I implore you to build *wisely* and ethically. Develop land in ways that provide *real* affordable housing, so the clerk who helps you out at CVS, and your server at Simmer, and your local mechanic can actually afford to live in the community where they work.

Instead of rushing to fill a gap and selling Petaluma off to the highest bidder with poorly conceived (at best) plans, please, please, please consider the quality of life impact for our residents and our ecology. Do no harm.

I urge you to reject this development plan.

Sincerely,

Gwynne Johnson