Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge the Mayor and City Council to **reject the Sid Commons Apartment Appeal to overturn the PUD for Parcel (09)**. Uphold the PUD that was instituted 38 years ago to protect this land and access to the Petaluma River.

Here are a few reasons this project is a bad idea:

- The environmental impact report (EIR) does not take into account how dramatically and quickly our climate is changing. This site is at serious risk of major flooding and does not provide adequate routes of exit in case of fire and other emergencies. (See Camp Fire, November 2018.)

- Bulldozing the river into a compacted, widened flood control channel to protect only Sid Commons Apartments will raise water levels downstream, increasing risks of flooding and flooding liability for the City of Petaluma and its residents.

- We are in dire need of natural carbon sponges to help mitigate climate change, so it makes no sense to pave over this wetland area.

I won't revisit all the points made more eloquently by scores of other citizens. But I will say this: Last year, you installed a Climate Action Commission to help advise you on climate-related issues--a great first step. But if you are unwilling to pause and take guidance from them on critical projects such as this, what was the point?

Sincerely,

Annie Stuart