Subject: Vote No - For the love of Petaluma!

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Hello council members,

I am emailing to urge you to vote against Sid Commons developments and future developments of the Petaluma wetlands. Developing in these areas would pave over land that is crucial for flood control. As we all know, climate change is a near and present danger, and those wetlands also are a essential to help preserve our environment and the health of our community. Developing on lands that we know this information about is irresponsible.

Also, adding this much housing to this area without proper city planning will negatively impact current residents. Doubling the housing on a small U-shaped street would congest the area too much if there were a flood (which there would be an increased risk for) or fire (which we know could happen any given fall). There is a fence along the train tracks. Essentially, there would be no safe way out for residents in case of emergency.

I understand that your decision is complex and you may feel a lot of pressure from developers with a lot of money that promise to increase growth, but I urge you to consider the bigger and long term picture. Petaluma is truly a special place, and what makes it so special is its downtown, beautiful, natural surroundings, and the people who live there and love it. If you vote to allow these developments, you are putting all that in danger. It would be completely reckless with resources more precious than money to support the proposed developments.

Please consider the environment and residents of Petaluma and vote against the Sid Commons developments on Monday.

Thank you,
Lauren Mata