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To the members of Petaluma City Council,

I know and understand why everyone is concerned about affordable housing for all Bay Area residents. I do not believe that means all developments are good for Petaluma and those of us who live here. The Sid Commons apartment complex that is being proposed would cram 180 rental units (primarily market rate) onto the end of a neighborhood street of around 100 small single-family houses. The developers own a 79-unit apartment building already on Graylawn Street. So this new development would sardine in over twice the people already coming in on that one street.

Growing without a clear vision for the future and consideration for the impact is irresponsible. We need to plan wisely or our city will not be able to sustain the people or all the developments already approved. We do not have the infrastructure for this. This is also a rental property which will ultimately cost the city more to support than it will receive in property taxes.

Additionally, a PUD was put in place in the 80s to protect the parcel noted for Sid Commons (even with revisions the developers made after the Petaluma Planning Commission voted against amending the PUD which restricts building on parcel 09). There was an agreement when the first apartments went in that this parcel would not be developed. It was also clearly stated that nothing should go in that wouldn’t have its own access road. We are asking the city to uphold its promise to the neighborhood to not develop that land — and not put the neighborhood in any form of risk from flood or fire. Especially without another exit point for the additional 2x people. It would be irresponsible to put the Payran neighborhood in danger against the will of its residents (who are also voters and tax payers).

Please support the community opposed to the Sid Commons development. Graylawn already has an apartment complex and is doing its part for the housing crisis. Help keep the promises made to the midtown residents.

Thank you,
Stacie Navarro