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To: City Council Public Comments

Subject: [EXTERNAL] New eComment for City Council **Date:** Friday, December 11, 2020 4:56:20 PM

New eComment for City Council

Cadance Hinkle Allinson submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 3.2 WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS, MITIGATION AND RESILIENCY PROJECTS: PROPOSED USES OF PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS In this Study Session, staff will provide a presentation showing specific projects related to wildfire preparedness, mitigation and resiliency, all of which could be funded with PG&E settlement funds. City Staff from the Fire Department, Police Department, and Transportation and Public Works have identified projects to increase the City's wildfire preparedness and resiliency. These projects have been developed based on critical needs identified during natural disasters over the last three years (the Tubbs Fire, the Kincade Fire, and the Glass Fire), and from Public Safety Power Shutoffs that occur each year. They are grouped as projects within City Control, and projects upon which the City will need to partner with other organizations.

eComment: December 11, 2020 Mayor Rogers and Members of the Council City of Santa Rosa 100 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Re: Support of Proposed Changes to Downtown Parking Dear Mayor Rogers and Council Members, The Downtown Action Organization is extremely grateful for the support provided from the City and the Parking District in response to the ongoing economic crisis facing Downtown businesses. Providing community members with multiple free parking opportunities in the garages and waiving meter reservation fees for parklets, has been an incredible benefit to the businesses that have been able to remain open. On behalf of the DAO, I am writing to express our support for the Parking District's proposal of the following parking changes until Sonoma County has reached the yellow tier: • Parking meter rates in the Value Zone return to \$1 • Free parking at all five garages, Monday – Friday from 5 PM to 6 AM • Free parking at all five garages on Saturday and Sunday • First hour of parking free in all five garages • One free metered parking session using the Passport mobile payment application • Waiver of meter reservation fees for temporary parklets, outdoor seating and retail to expand business footprint to meet physical distancing requirements related to COVID-19 health order With many businesses still struggling to operate, forced to operate at limited capacity and working through challenges of operating in increasingly challenging circumstances, being able to offer customers free and easy parking during prime shopping, dining and takeout hours, will remain crucial to their success. We appreciate the Parking District's ongoing support of small businesses and Kim Nadeau's willingness to discuss and

collaborate on parking solutions that serve our Downtown businesses, our community and the Parking District. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Parking District and working together to keep Downtown afloat during these tumultuous times. Thank you, Cadance Hinkle Allinson Executive Director Downtown Action Organization

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From: Barbara Hoff

To: <u>City Council Public Comments</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PG&E funds for abatement of fire danger

Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:52:13 AM

Regarding the use of some of the PG&E funds to mitigate fire danger in Santa Rosa, I am proposing "the use of targeted grazing as a tool to reduce fire hazard risk and mitigate fine fuel load" as promoted by the California Woolgrowers' Association in a newsletter dated February 28, 2020 that I forwarded to City Council members on December 1, 2020. CWGA goes on to say, "..used with consistent success by many public agencies to manage fuel load, grazing also includes the co-benefits of increased carbon sequestration, provides an ecologically sensitive alternative to chemical herbicides, is popular with the general public, and supports the future of agriculture in California.

In the Spring of 2019 the Reagan Library in Simi Valley had 500 goats grazing around the library to create a firebreak that helped fight the fire in the Fall. Targeted grazing has successfully reduced fuel loads across California in over 26 counties.

Please seriously consider using targeted grazing in Santa Rosa. Questions or clarification needed? Email info@woolgrowers.org.

Thank you for your help in keeping our beautiful city safe.

Sincerely, Barbara Hoff 805-404-6862