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	31	Office of Emergency Services (Sonoma County)	Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services
ANSWER	How the fairgrounds are used as evacuation sites. Discuss the need for evacuation facilities during (what seems to be) annually occurring wildfire events.		
	28	Heather Hines	City of Petaluma (Development Director)
ANSWER	The influence of planning and zoning regulations on what can happen at the Fairgrounds; what is fixed and what can be changed. what land use restrictions exist for the property, economic impact of the fairgrounds, projected economic impact of the fairgrounds. It is difficult to make suggestions about future use without knowing revenue generated by current use. Land use issues, what can be done on the parcel and what can not happen there.		
	25	Student Leadership Organizations	Bilingual Student Association
ANSWER	fairgro	outh of Petaluma should have a seat at th unds for positive student activities. Also, ation, many families use the grounds for	in the case of the Bilingual Student
	25	Elece Hempel	Petaluma People Services
ANSWER	Representing non profit community organizations.		
	24	Dan Bleakney (or other rep)	Daily Acts, Jupiter Foods
ANSWER	Daily A would might climate connec	nmental activities, local food purveyor/bacts has a key role in various Petaluma en be good to hear their visions for the Fairgbe supported in future scenarios. Could be/environment concerns. Mission is to instable equitable climate resilient communable communities built upon the daily actions.	vironmental activities and plans for more; it grounds and how the City's sustainability be a good contributor for spire transformative action that creates nities. Vision is to create healthy, just and





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	24	Kelly Smith	Farmer's Market
ANSWER	Use of fairgrounds for farmer's markets on the grounds. Speak to the need for a more permanent location of local farmers market(s), connect people to their food, highlight the changing agricultural landscape.		
	24	Dave Alden	Urban Chat/Know Before You Grow
ANSWER		gies for incremental changes over time to nt land uses while improving connectivit	
	24	Eric De Kok	CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research (Deputy Director)
ANSWER		nate goals and can speak on the climate	and regional planning guidance that furthers change context for making planning
	24	Seair Lorentz	Petaluma River Park Foundation
ANSWER	Non-p	rofit organization representing parks' inte	erest.
	24	Felix Ortiz	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
ANSWER	suppo		ne Hispanic Community providing them with oport numerous events (big and small) held levent producers and promoters.





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	23	Police Department	
ANSWER	Answer the question, is there more crime associated with affordable housing? The panel needs to hear from the department that is involved and well known in the community. (Jennifer Pritchard).		
	23	Peter Calthorpe / Carl Elefante	Calthorpe Associates / Quinn Evans Architects (Principal Emeritus); AIA (former President)
ANSWER	How different land uses can be layered into a single space to create an inclusive Fairgrounds that accommodates MANY uses & opportunities. Opportunities for adaptive reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure to help create a more vital, connected community while also reducing climate change impacts.		opportunities. Opportunities for adaptive help create a more vital, connected
	23	Matt Maguire	Mid-Town neighborhood leader
ANSWER	To rep	resent the concerns and wishes of the Mi	d-Town residents.
	23	Moira Sullivan	local advocate, CA, EPA
ANSWER	Works	with CA environmental protection agenc	y, advocates for safe streets and greenery.
	22	Kristin and Chris	Live Oak Charter school
ANSWER	Recaus	. Harris Database	a and the fairgrounds, they have many





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	22	Teddy Herzog	Safe Streets
ANSWER	pedest	d of ever more cars going faster in favor (on outdoors enthusiast, he promotes a of safe streets for everyone. Teddy heralds of slower and safer streets. He is part of Safe
	22	Matt Sharkey	Petaluma Fairgrounds Speedway Designated Spokesperson
ANSWER	downt		uma for over 10 years. He owned a retail store Speedway. He believes the Speedway is a ding a BMX track to the area.
	22	Raja Abastado	Sunrise Movement
ANSWER		nt/youth organizations' views of potentia cial and/or detrimental to young people	· ·
	22	Abraham Solar	St Vincent (church) and well known in the Hispanic community
ANSWER	Repre	senting the Hispanic community in the	city.
	21	Faith Ross	Petaluma Blacks for Community Development
ANSWER	Repres	senting historically underserved citizens	often left out of community discussions.





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	20	TBD	CA or Petaluma Future Farmers of America
ANSWER	Could provide historical context of agriculture education and fairs/exhibitions. Member of the Petaluma FFA and President for the 2021-2022 school year. Emma has taken Sustainable AG Biology, Agricultural Mechanic and Ag Soil.		
	20	Alison Hill	Owner of Happy Hearts Pre-School
ANSWER	of the fairgro	Fairgrounds as a business owner, commu	nas flourished. Can speak to the importance unity member and parent. currently using the hose to use the fairgrounds for their school the grounds.
	20	Carolan Ferreria	Member of Western Fairs Association and Owner of Professional Event Services
ANSWER	WFA a		f California to provide support through the irgrounds safe and secure. Long relationship
	20	Sarah Cummings	President and CEO of Western Fairs Association
ANSWER	In addition to leading the Western Fairs Association and supporting the fair industry throughout the Western USA region, Sarah is a previous CEO of the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds and can speak to the history of the grounds, the important role the CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture and District Agricultural Association play in our local community and beyond. former CEO Petaluma Fair and current CEO Western Fair Association - can give insight on how other fairs around the western united states use their facilities and how they work within their communities to make their fairgrounds useful to everyone.		
	20	Allison Keaney	Friends of the Sonoma Marin Fair/Former CEO Petaluma Fair





Friends organization mission/history of the fairgrounds

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	20	TBD	CA Dept of Food & Ag - Div of Fairs & Expositions
ANSWER		nia Department of Food & Agriculture ma unities handled the reimagining of their f	•
	20	Mike Parks	4th District Agricultural Association
ANSWER	fairgro	h District Agricultural Association is the ounds; they are appointed by the gover erstand how the fairgrounds were start	nor. I think it's important to hear their story
	20	Torri Estrada, Rebecca Burgess	Carbon Cycle Institute (TE), Fibershed (RB)
ANSWER	"ex State l		
	20	Seair Lorentz	Someone from California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) / Fairs and Expositions (F&E) Division
ANSWER	provid	, , ,	nia Department of Food & Agriculture nia fairs, ensuring the best use of available about the state's role in the creation and

future of the fairgrounds.

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Leader & Student Rep

4-H leader/Petaluma Fair community

exhibits





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ANSWER

History with the fairgrounds/organizes all the community exhibits during the fair. history of involvement with the 4-H program and the fairgrounds & the need that kids have for a place to showcase their skills (livestock and non-livestock) and share their learning with the community/public. coordinator of 4-H events that have been used in conjunction with the Petaluma Fairgrounds.

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	19	Katherine Rhinehart	Self
ANSWER	Petaluma and Sonoma County Historian. Can speak to the history of the fairgrounds, historical significance, in context with history of the city and county. Petaluma is a unique City, I think the panel needs to know about the history of Petaluma and the fairgrounds because before you move forward you should know where you came from. Thank you.		
	19	Mark Krug	Burbank Housing
ANSWER	Affordable housing policy and development. Round walk is an affordable housing project built approx 20 yrs ago. At the time there were concerns about crime and the type of people who would be moving In. to my knowledge despite the fear my impression is that there was no appreciable increase in crime associated with it.		
	19	Michael Flores	Deputy Secretary Executive Office California Dept. Food & Agriculture
ANSWER	Can pi Califor has or	rovide history of all fairgrounds and exp	California Dept. Food & Agriculture Planation of the connection to the government and the impact the grounds
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ANSWER

Manages the nonprofit that runs and receives the benefit from the annual fair beer and wine sales. Long time community member and user of the fairgrounds. non profit organization that has booths at the fair as a community fundraiser.

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	18	Stephanie Larson / Wesley Hunt / Jake Dunn	UC Cooperative Extension / Sonoma Section CA Ag Teacher's Association	
ANSWER	group: educa	lls under the auspice of UC Extension & accessing the facilities. Could provide tion/Future Farmers of America's use or Technical Education opportunities.	e insight as to current impact of agriculture	
	Matthew Johnson, Cultural Resources or Tribal Land Specialist Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria			
ANSWER	The Panel should know about the full history of the land on which the Fairgrounds sits. The perspectives of extractive use and capitalism are not the only valid lens with which to view the land and its resources.			
	18	TBD	Petaluma Music Festival	
ANSWER		TBD e fairgrounds for an annual event.	Petaluma Music Festival	
ANSWER			Petaluma Music Festival Chief Counsel Department of Food And Agriculture	





	18	Max Alper	North Bay Jobs With Justice
WEI	the ne	ont-line communities are often left out e eds of the community are. Farm worker eserve a voice at the table.	of the conversation when deciding what s in Sonoma County are the backbone

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	17	Rhianna Frank / Alternates: Panama Bartholomy or Ned Orrett	City of Petaluma (Climate Action Manager)
ANSWER		es of climate impact over which the City ounds can support the City's climate go	,
	17	Mike Morris	PHS Music Boosters
ANSWER	The petaluma music festival is one of the largest performing arts fundraisers for schools in the community and the event is held on the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds annually.		
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A	17	Kaitlyn Garfield	Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County
ANSWER	-	Kaitlyn Garfield Inent affordable housing and the comm	,
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,	17	Todd S. (as a representative of the school)	M.E.Ch.A Casa Grande /. Bilingual Student Ambassadors
WE	The yo and ce studer	enter to express their needs and desires	ppens to this land. They should be front s. ESPECIALLY our young Brown and Black

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	17	Kailea Frederick	Climate Action Commission of Petaluma, NDN Climate Justice Organizer
ANSWER	Climate resilience is an important topic for Petaluma. Land Back and reparations are important pieces to be considered when deciding what the fate of this community land will be used for. Equity: how might choices about the Fairgrounds's future help to redress historical inequities? They are working hard on moving Petaluma towards being Climate ready. It is important that we plan with the lens of Climate Justice.		
	16	Corey Garberolio	City of Petaluma (Finance Director)
ANSWER	Financial impact on the City of various future scenarios for the Fairgrounds. It is difficul make suggestions about future use without knowing revenue generated by current us		
	16	Eric Danly	City Attorney, City of Petaluma
ANSWER	Can speak to legal constraints and opportunities for the City-owned property.		ties for the City-owned property.
	16	Tawny Tesconi	Petaluma River Park Foundation





ANSWER	History of the Petaluma fairgrounds; insight into what other fairgrounds do with their property.		
	16	Dayna Ghirardelli	Petaluma Fair Board/Dairy industry advisor
ANSWER	Fair board perspectives/dairy industry perspectives on the milk barn use at the fair.		

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	16	Mike Tomasini	Local animal rescues, livestock evac organizations - Dogwood, NorCal Livestock Evacuation
ANSWER		ent years, animal rescues and livestock ountless animals by housing them at th	·
	16	Shelina Moreda	Calthorpe Associates / Quinn Evans Architects (Principal Emeritus); AIA (former President)
ANSWER	How different land uses can be layered into a single space to create an inclusive Fairgrounds that accommodates MANY uses & opportunities. Opportunities for adaptive reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure to help create a more vital, connected community while also reducing climate change impacts.		
	16	Mike Francesconi	Mid-Town neighborhood leader
ANSWER	Can provide history of all fairgrounds and explanation of the connection to the California Department of Food & Agriculture, government and the impact the grounds has on not just Sonoma County but all of California as both an event center and emergency evacuation center.		





	16	Beatrice Camacho	Undocufund
ANSWER	Mutual aid at the fairgrounds is VITAL. We need to uplift this work and take down barriers for resource and access. This organization has helped support our front-line communities most affected by the fires - far surpassing support from governmental entities in times of emergency.		
	15	Pete Gang	Safe Streets
ANSWER	Pete is a local architect who is very involved in creating and advocating for safe streets in Petaluma by aligning several groups under one umbrella. Safe streets are aligned with Vision Zero, Carbon Neutral by 2030, and safe routes to schools.		
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	15	TBD	Event Planners
ANSWER	Discuss current facilities and why they do/do not use the grounds as a venue for weddings, cultural events, industry association conferences & how the facilities might be enhanced so rentals of the facilities could be increased.		
	15	Eris Weaver	Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
ANSWER	To inform the panel of the options for active transportations for alternative uses of the Fairgrounds.		
	15	Mary Dooley, D'Lynda Fischer OR Veronica Olsen	MAD Architecture (MD), Cool Petaluma (DF) / Sustainable Design Assistance Team Steering Committee
ANSWER	Vision for a civic center (city hall, police, fire, venue space/conference center, transit center, expanded recreation facilities) The Fairgrounds's potential to serve as a nucleus/centerpiece/catalyst for the community, support its self-sufficiency and sustainability and climate goals		
	15	Pedro Toledo	Petaluma Health Center





ANSWER	Listen to the perspective from the Health sector in Petaluma.		
	15	Brian Sobel	Past City Council member AND past Sonoma-Marin Fair Board Member
ANSWER	Can speak well to both sides as he has held a position with both the City Council and the Sonoma-Marin Fair Board.		

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	15	Resilient by Design	Resilient by Design
ANSWER	Resilient communities should be at the forefront of all our minds. Creating a community space that ensures support during times of disaster (fires, blackouts). It is also extremely important that changes made are made with a Climate Justice lens.		
	14	Ron Tucker	RIP City Rider
ANSWER	The Fairgrounds host two annual fundraisers of the nonprofit group who gives back to our community in many ways. They can speak to the history and long relationship to the community.		
	14	Glenn Ross	Marin County Veteran Council, President
ANSWER	Glenn Ross was born and raised in Petaluma. He knows the city and many people here. He is a veteran and Past Post Commander of VFW, present and hands on during fire evacuations at the Veterans Building. Glenn is a man of color. Glenn offers a unique and important perspective.		
	14	Dr. Daniela Dominguez	On The Margins





ANSWER	We are making this nomination so that we can begin this work from an equity lens - first recognizing, then collectively re-imagining the systems of oppression that were present when the fairgrounds were created, continuing throughout history, to the ones still present today.			
	14 TBD Norcal Resilience Network			
ANSWER	Divestment from fossil fuel and moving towards a more resilient community should be top priority. Petaluma has declared a climate emergency, our decisions surrounding the Fairgrounds should reflect that.			

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	13	Karym Sanchez	The North Bay Organizing Project
ANSWER	Representing our front-line communities - our farm workers, our undocumented folks, front-line workers, immigrants, youth. All folks that are historically marginalized and left out of the democratic process.		
	13	TBD	Sogorea Te' Land Trust
ANSWER	We are on Indigenous land, how can we give Land Back in this process?		
	12	David Rabbitt	Sonoma County Supervisor
ANSWER	Input on county use of land during evacuations, emergency preparedness, importance the county places on keeping the fairgrounds, and what the county sees as important uses for the property as part of the county plans.		





ANSWER	Could provide historical context of the facility and how the agriculture industry relies on the fairgrounds to provide educational connections to elementary age students through the ag day program.		
	12	Keith Benson	PHS Auto Shop & local car/racing community member
ANSWER	The track is one of the most contentious pieces of the property & it is important to hear from this segment of our community about the value of racing - it's economic impact, community activity aspect, unique opportunity for recreation not found in many other communities.		

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	12	Veronica Olsen	Local designer, cyclist advocate
ANSWER	Veronica is an experienced local designer and strong advocate for connected bike and ped routes.		
	12	Loren Poncia	Stemple Creek Ranch
ANSWER	Could speak to the importance of education around new ag practices being used in the area and their importance of developing farm to table opportunities in the area, could offer insight as to how the facilities might be used to connect people to how/where their food is produced		
	12	TBD	Santa Rosa Junior College / Petaluma
ANSWER	Involved student leaders or the department(s)- Environmental landscape design, Hospitality and Marketing, fairgrounds new or revived goal will need all these forces.		





	12	Jeremy Hoffman	EDEN Housing
ANSWER	Input a	about affordable housing if that is the ca	ase.
	12	Indigenous Leaders	Pre-fairgrounds historian
ANSWER	It is extremely important to remember that there is history here on this land before the		

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	12	TDB	TBD
ANSWER	Repres	sent a large population of our underser	rved community.
	11	TBD	Clover Sonoma / Benedetti Family
ANSWER	Family and se	r-owned Petaluma Ag company with ro	ots to the fairgrounds; exhibits, sponsors to the role the fairgrounds played in their





ANSWER	A visionary agricultural practitioner who is creating a climate-positive approach to agriculture		
	A representative from another fairgrounds who negotiated a change of use or other transition		
ANSWER	For an understanding that transitions can happen and what they could look like.		
	11	Greg Sarris	The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
ANSWER	It is highly important to address the historical inequities that have taken place on this land we are guests on. Speaking to Indigenous leaders in our community should also be a priority.		

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	10	Jennifer Beretta	Redwood Empire Holstein Association / Sonoma County Farm Bureau / 4-H leader
ANSWER	Use of fairgrounds to support the Holstein Association shows and teaching opportunities.		
	10	Julie Atwood	Halter Project





ANSWER	Emerg provid	•	ition and information to the community
	12	TBD	Circular economy expert
ANSWER	Petalu	of new uses that might be proposed as ma/Fairgrounds uses that would foste Sonoma County.	s complements to existing or development of a circular economy in
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	11	TBD	Clover Sonoma Dairy
ANSWER	Clover	l has been a long time user and suppor	ter of the grounds. They are one of the ne importance of promoting and preserving
ANSWER	Clover	L has been a long time user and suppor t dairies in the area and can speak to th	ter of the grounds. They are one of the ne importance of promoting and preserving

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	09	Tuilerie Gayeton	Lexicon of Sustainability
ANSWER	thems	exicon uses story-based design thinking elves as protagonists in a narrative that on they've helped create.	g to help organizations and companies see t begins with a problem and ends with a
	09	TBD	Vestar Group, Owner of Target Center





ANSWER	They a	are neighbors and often interact with th	e property.
	09	Rene Rivera	Skyline Productions
ANSWER	the fai	numerous events at the Fairgrounds and rgrounds for his business. Additionally lead to the panel as a small business owner	
	09	John Antonio	High School Athletic Head Coach
ANSWER	Mr. Antonio is a long-time Petaluma resident and athletic coach. He knows firsthand the benefits youth sports have on communities.		
	09	TBD	Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League
ANSWER	be use		d when making decisions about what it will r from our Japanese community and their

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	09	Immigrant Defense Task Force	North Bay Organizing Project - Immigrant Defense Task Force
ANSWER	Almos need f must.	t a quarter of our residents speak Span or Language Justice in public spaces, t	ish as their first language. Uplifting the o promote access and inclusiveness is a





	08	TBD	Playland
ANSWER	Use of	fairgrounds for Playland course.	
	07	Sebastian Bertsch	Sherwood Design Engineers
ANSWER	Floodi	ng risks & mitigation opportunities.	
	06	Evan Wiig	Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
ANSWER	Import	cance of locally sourced food.	
	06	Courtney Conkle	Wyoming State Fair CEO/former CEO Petaluma & Lake County fairs
ANSWER	Input on use of fairgrounds & working with community members to facilitate the use of fairgrounds in California and across the western united states.		

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05	TBD	Elk's Club
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	05	Mike Healy	City Council member
ANSWER	He talks about the purchase of Kenilworth Park in 1910 that became the Fairgrounds site in 1935.		
	03	TBD	Local communications entities (radio, press)
ANSWER		participation in the communication area s taking place in the fairgrounds (past, p	a of public or private family or community present and future).
	03	TBD	Analyst
ANSWER	Break		Analyst d how many hours or days/year they use
ANSWER	Break	down of current uses by type of use and	,