

From: Taryn Obaid <taryn_obaid@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2023 6:23 PM

To: -- City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofpetaluma.org>; Ellis, Evelyn <eellis@cityofpetaluma.org>; -- City Council <CityCouncil@cityofpetaluma.org>; Ann Edminster <ann@annedminster.com>; Bolt, Christopher <cbolt@cityofpetaluma.org>

Subject: flood risk: Payran area River drains remain blocked

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Dear City Clerk -- This is a public comment to please be forwarded to GPAC members and Climate Action Commission. Thank you.

Dear City Leaders,

The issues of 1) blocked storm outflow drains due to neglected maintenance and 2) diminished capacity of River caused by accumulated silt deposits due to neglect to dredge the Payran section of River has persisted for several years despite multiple emails and public comments about the ongoing flooding as well as increased flood risk caused by this situation.

I attach a new photo (taken just last week) to add to the other photos sent to City of these drains over the past years. This drain is ~30-50% blocked outflow, located just west of Payran Bridge.

While I know City recently prioritized and completed dredging of the tourist sections of River (turning basin and marina) at a cost of millions, I have not heard whether City has scheduled maintenance of this section of River, which has the history of disastrous flooding due to confluence of multiple creeks (most notably Lynch and Washington Creeks), and which is dangerously past-due for maintenance.

Can you please tell me when City will prioritize maintenance, including dredging, of this section of River for sake of citizen property and bodily safety?

Thank you very much and Happy New Year,

Taryn