

Members of the Folsom City Council:

As the City of Folsom develops its By-District Council Map, I would like to advocate for the neighborhoods that comprise South of East Bidwell Street and North of Highway 50, an area which is largely-comprised of the Natoma Station, Prairie Oaks, and Broadstone neighborhoods.

This area of the City of Folsom was developed in the 1990s. These neighborhoods have for the better part of three decades acted as a single community of interest. These adjoining neighborhoods are a working middle class community, many of whom rely on dual incomes. The children in this community often define these combined neighborhoods since they share the same schools, scouting organizations, and sports teams. These neighborhoods also share the same traffic concerns which impact their neighborhoods (i.e. Highway 50, Iron Point, Blue Ravine, Riley Street, Oak Avenue Parkway). They also share in the historic lack of representation on the Folsom City Council. To the best of my knowledge, no member of the Folsom City Council has ever resided in these neighborhoods. The elected officials from north of East Bidwell Street have driven the agenda for the neighborhoods. To be clear, I am not criticizing their leadership as I believe they have helped to create a very special city.

All I would respectfully ask is for the City Council to attempt to keep these neighborhoods together rather than divide them up.

Sincerely yours,