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I am not sure which is more insulting and offensive – the City Demographer's previously-submitted maps or the "new" maps known as 201 and 202. All maps submitted by the City Demographer fragments Lexington/Parkway/Empire (LPE). LPE is a **community of interest**. Isn't keeping communities of interest not only the purpose of creating districts but the law?

It is not hard to see the damage done to voters and communities of interest when using current member council members' addresses as the criteria for drawing districts. The newly-submitted City Demographer maps rip apart LPE and attach voters to a community with no connection or history. What sense does that make? If you are looking for a previously-submitted map that will keep LPE (and others) intact, the map titled B. Cline would be the closest.

Lexington/Parkway/Empire has a long history. We are friends, family, neighbors, and often business partners. The wetlands in the middle of Lexington were fought for (and saved by) those who lived in Lexington. The new Broder Park that most who sit on Council are familiar with was taken under the wing of neighborhood advocates as a united front to try to save it. The trails in the middle of all three areas (Lexington/Parkway/Empire) were protected because like-minded neighbors consider the trails important to the neighborhood for future generations to enjoy. The development at the end of Silberhorn was converted to luxury homes rather than the initially-planned apartment building to keep the esthetic of the neighborhood thanks to those of us who yet again united for the greater good. The children who grew up in Lexington/Parkway were the first graduating class of Vista del Lago (many of their names are engraved within the walls). And, our neighborhood once again united to keep Vista del Lago High School (which is only one block from Lexington) as our home school when FCUSD wanted to move Lexington/Parkway students to Folsom High, which is four miles away. From either a numerical or ethical perspective, it does not make sense to split the area commonly known as LPE (Lexington/Parkway/Empire) and incorporate it into an area where our community has no connection or history.

I promise voters are watching what you do and paying attention. Drawing districts for the sole purpose of retaining titles is unethical and detrimental. Your job is to represent the **people**, not your own interest, and the decisions you make today will be felt at the ballot box in November. Folsom is a small town, and voters have long memories - I guarantee it.