

C. Gorton Updated
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Per your request, I am sending a more simplistic map outlining the area commonly known as LPE. The area outlined in black and colored pink is known as Lexington-Parkway. The area colored orange is the housing development called Empire Ranch.

Lexington-Parkway was established in 1989 and has a mix of newer custom homes and original tract homes. Sitting right in the middle of Lexington-Parkway is the heart (or brain) of the LPE interconnected wetlands. The wetland that sits inside Lexington-Parkway is one of the few remaining untouched wetlands in the area (arguably Northern California). The main artery of the heart (no pun intended) extends from Lexington-Parkway into the area known as Empire Ranch. Lexington-Parkway, in conjunction with like-minded advocates in Empire Ranch, steward these wetlands and take the position to heart (again, no pun intended). If these untouched wetlands are to survive, the wetlands need to be kept in the same district with like-minded individuals.

On the NDC website there were two maps were submitted that incorporate Lexington/Parkway/Empire Ranch – B. Cline and C. Gorton. The map entitled C. Gorton was presented by myself. The map entitled B. Cline was submitted by someone who lives in the surrounding area (I'm assuming). Neither C. Gorton nor B. Cline knows one another. If you compare the maps you have submitted to the ones proposed by C. Gorton or B. Cline you will clearly see the fragmentation and distress your proposed maps create. The fragmentation of your proposed maps will do irreparable harm to the wetlands since districts will now only have the voting power of one.

As for Lexington-Parkway specifically, Lexington-Parkway centers around Folsom Lake College (please refer to the Google map sent you). In one of the maps you proposed, Silberhorn, which is one of four main roads in Lexington-Parkway, has one side of the street in one district while the other was in another. Another proposed map had Silberhorn split entirely in half even though the house sitting next to the cutoff point was only two feet from its neighbor's front door. In a third map, the central wetland was divided in half. These are just a few examples of fragmentation.

To reiterate, Lexington-Parkway is a neighborhood that needs to remain intact and be shown the same consideration as other Folsom neighborhoods (ARC, Historic, Prairie Oaks, Folsom Hills, Russell Ranch, etc.).

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If two individuals who do not know one another outline the same area as a community of interest, it would be good advice to listen to what they say.

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I hope I have made things more clear. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Council meeting on Tuesday.