

To: Mayor Kerri Howell, Folsom City Council Members, and City Attorney Steven Wang

I want to thank you for scheduling another meeting to allow further public comment regarding the proposed By-District map. After reading the agenda for this meeting I feel that another public comment meeting may be required and if so I hope you will schedule another meeting. After all these five council districts will be around for the next ten years.

After reading comments from other public members I would like to add my input as well. I live in proposed District 2 and I've been thinking about my neighborhood and if it can be considered a "Community of Interest" with the Historic District. When I drive over Lake Natoma I drive through this district and at times I visit Sutter Street. Does that mean that together we constitute a "Community of Interest"? I don't think it does. I would rather District 2 include Briggs Ranch. District 2 is more of a "Community of Interest" with that area of Folsom. Both areas have been developed for more than 35 years and both communities have gone through some of the same social transformations. When I moved into my house in 1987 the neighborhood had more children, then they grew up and the neighborhood became "more mature". Younger families are starting to return and the cycle is once again starting. I don't see that happening with the Historic District. It has become more of a commercial district and less of a residential one.

As I wrote at the beginning of this letter and I would like reiterate here. This process is too important to rush so its better to do it right the first time.

Thanks for your time,

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