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Subject: RE: District Map - Prairie Oaks / Districts 1 & 4

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Dear Council Persons:

The proposed two maps still do not address the fact that some communities are being carved up. I have lived at 909 Palmer Circle for 23 years with my husband and kids. This is the Prairie Oaks neighborhood. My husband and I are both civil litigation defense attorneys in Sacramento. Back in 2002, our Prairie Oaks neighborhood came together and worked hard to pass Measure C. Measure C provided funds to build Gallardo Elementary School, one of the top performing elementary schools in the state. Our neighborhood volunteered by walking the city with flyers, making phone calls, organizing and putting on a fundraiser at City Hall. Measure C also built the theater at Folsom High School and provided much needed upgrades to Blanche Sprentz, Carl Sundahl, Empire Oaks, Gold Ridge, Natoma Station, Folsom Hills, Natoma Station, Oak Chan and Theodore Judah. The parents of Prairie Oaks met at Catlin Park regularly in 2001 and 2002 to organize for Measure C. As a result, Prairie Oaks became a very tight community within Folsom. We all know each other, our kids grew up together. We celebrated our ability to come together to create change for the betterment of our larger community. Now, you are going to tear us apart? Gallardo Elementary, which is about 1/2 mile from my house, would no longer be in my district. Neither would Catlin Park! We are all in the same landscape and lighting district. We all experience issues with traffic at Folsom High School, Iron Point Road and East Bidwell. In one map, you have my neighborhood connected with homes near the "new" Raley's on Iron Point Road. Other than living in Folsom, our community interests do not align with those residents. Many of our Prairie Oaks residents call our area "Prairie City", due to the fact that our community was constructed on the site of the old mining town of Prairie City. We are a solid community within the city of Folsom. If you do not understand where Prairie Oaks' boundaries are located, I invite you to take

a drive over here. You will see that we have large entry signs designating “Prairie Oaks” at all entrances.

I understand that one city council member stated that even the city of Chicago has districts that break up communities. My oldest son now lives in Chicago. Folsom is not Chicago and never will be. The city of Chicago has dozens of districts, and their districting system stems from the late 1800’s. There are over two million people living in Chicago. Throwing your hands up, saying we will have other problems like other cities does nothing to solve our issue at hand.

I will try to attend the meeting tonight, but I had a medical emergency yesterday. Yes, I had a medical emergency but I am still seeing the importance of this issue to email you all today.

Thank-you.

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