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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Gary Boatwright and I am a resident of Gold River. I am asking that you look at the communities that border Folsom Lake as a community of interest. Specifically, Folsom in Sacramento County, which has strong ties to cities circling Folsom Lake like Granite Bay and other cities in the El Dorado Hills area into Placer County along the Lake and its tributary, the American River.

The federal government is currently in the middle of a multi-million dollar renovation of Folsom Dam. This is part of a major renovation to the spillway that is expected to continue until at least 2015. This is a MAJOR local issue and having a common voice in Congress and in the Legislature to address issues relating to this project will be very important to our communities.

To understand how critical the dam is to our communities, you have to look no further than 2001. After the terrorist attacks, the federal government closed Folsom Dam Road for security reasons. This paralyzed traffic for years in the area. Despite pleas from city officials to re-open the road, the federal government balked. Thankfully, in 2009, the Folsom Lake Crossing was completed creating a 1,000 foot four lane road with pedestrian walkway and bike lanes which reconnected this vital traffic corridor. This is a good example of why it is important that communities along Folsom Lake have a common representation.

Again, please consider keeping communities along Folsom Lake together in any legislative districts you draw for Assembly, Senate and Congress: Gold River, Folsom, Granite Bay, El Dorado Hills etc.

Sincerely,

Gary Boatwright



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