



Fwd: Assembly District for El Dorado Hills/Cameron Park: (a) Folsom; (b) commentors

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To:[redacted]

Dear Commissioners,

I have reviewed the public comments visible on the Commission's web site for redistricting of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park, and have three comments arising from this review. This not is written from my personal perspective as a 20-year resident of El Dorado Hills.

The most important points from the overall set of comments are that western El Dorado County is very strongly connected with Folsom and with the US 50 corridor, and should not be redistricted as a small part of a district centering on Placer County and the I-80 corridor. Please redraw our mid-July Assembly District lines maintain appropriate integrity for both our district and that of the Placer County areas.

- Several commentors noted that Folsom and El Dorado Hills are **very** strongly connected. This is absolutely true: El Dorado Hills has a much stronger de facto connection with Folsom than it does with El Dorado County. Our two most important Joint Powers Authorities are the El Dorado-Folsom JPA and the Capital Southeast Connector JPA, which involves Folsom, Rancho Cordova, and Elk Grove.

This strong binding is due to (1) lagging commercial development in El Dorado County, including El Dorado Hills, and (b) a road network which makes Folsom more accessible to EDH than El Dorado County locations. The road network is the most compelling connection, we cannot change it except to add capacity where possible.

- Several commentors noted that El Dorado Hills and Folsom are **very** strongly connected with each other and with the Sacramento region through the US 50 corridor. This is absolutely true: US 50 bisects El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park, about 80% of our counted east/west traffic is on US 50. The main planned alternative to US 50 is capacity expansion in the direction of Folsom, Rancho Cordova, and Elk Grove through the Capital Southeast Connector program.
- Commentors include people who wrote as private individuals but who are also well known for their organizational affiliations and civic involvement. Harry Norris is best known currently as a Director on the boards of the El Dorado Irrigation district and the Marshall Medical Center. Roberta Long is a journalist who lives in Folsom and who for several years was the Managing Editor of *El Dorado Hills Village Life*, the larger of the two local newspapers for El Dorado Hills.

By the date of this email your comments probably will include some by others with generally similar qualifications in our community. Cameron Park might also produce comments from two past County Supervisors.

Please recognize the local knowledge represented in these comments and redraw our Assembly District lines accordingly. Placing El Dorado Hills into a Placer County Assembly District serves neither EDH nor Placer County.

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