FOLSOM CITY CLERK

February 10, 2020

Folsom City Council 50 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630

Honorable Mayor Aquino and Members of the Folsom City Council,

The Folsom Area Democratic Club is formally asking that you begin the process to change Folsom City Council elections from at-large to by-district. The more than 80 members of our club and 350 Folsom residents, who signed the attached petition, support such a change in our city's election system.

We believe that Folsom's use of an at-large election system places a significant electoral obstacle before minority groups and other "protected classes" of citizens in Folsom. The City of Folsom is racially and ethnically diverse. Roughly 13% of the population is Asian, 11% is Hispanic and 5% is African-American (Census Data July 2016). Unfortunately, the City's diversity is not reflected in the current City Council, nor has it been reflected in prior City Councils. Californians have called for the replacement of at-large local election methods with district-based elections in furtherance of the State's commitment to upholding voting rights for minority voters protected by the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Over the past two years, several Northern California cities have transitioned, or are in the process of transitioning, from at-large to by-district voting to avoid running afoul of the CVRA. These cities include Davis, Lincoln, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Roseville, Menlo Park, Santa Rosa, Fremont, Concord, Brentwood and Antioch.

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We look forward to the City Council beginning deliberations on by-district elections and hope to see this process completed by May 1, 2020.

Sincerely,

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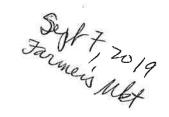
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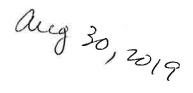
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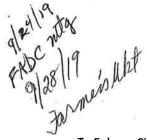
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City of Folsom By-district Election

# Signatures

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Name	Location	Date
Folsom Area Democratic Club	US	2019-08-08
Vijay Bhaskar Jonnalagadda	Folsom, CA	2019-09-03
SHASHI KATIYAR	Folsom, US	2019-09-03
Hari Shetty	Ontario, US	2019-09-04
David Flory	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
daria stark	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Tressa Cooper	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Karysa Trombley	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Jenifer Jacobs	folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Louise Lopez	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Erika Englund	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Marguerite Storbo	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Daniel Castro	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Robyn Peace	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10
Chris Yatooma	Sacramento, CA	2019-09-11
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Phyllis Cauley	Folsom, CA	2019-09-13
LYDIA CLARK	Folsom, CA	2019-09-14
Kavita Sood	Folsom, CA	2019-09-20
sunil chebiyam	Folsom, CA	2019-09-23

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Logan Powell	Jefferson, GA	2019-09-23
Susan Clarke	Grand Rapids, US	2019-09-23
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PEGGY BLAIR	Folsom, CA	2019-10-02
Gary Williams	Valrico, US	2019-10-02
Merle Kentner	Longview, US	2019-10-02
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Joseph Piccoli	US	2019-10-03
Brian Ozdemir	Manchester, NH	2019-10-03
Mark Gullette	Lima, US	2019-10-03
Anthony Peguero	Perth Amboy, US	2019-10-04
Richard Bauer	Winter Garden, FL	2019-10-04
Taina Duran	Providence, US	2019-10-04
Gavincia Wells	St.Thomas, US	2019-10-04
Maye Foster	Boynton Beach, US	2019-10-04
Martha Nash	Mabank, US	2019-10-04
Lisa Griffith	Dallas, GA	2019-10-05
janice levitt	baltimore, US	2019-10-05
Earlene Williams	New Mexico	2019-10-05
Keith Rowley	Lincoln Park, US	2019-10-05
Scott Edmonds	Sebastopol, US	2019-10-05
CINDY SLAIGHT	LAMAR, US	2019-10-05

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Srinivas Voleti	Rancho Cordova, CA	2019-10-14
Sanjay Naik	Sacramento, CA	2020-01-25
Shivaprasad Maribasavaiah	Hayward, CA	2020-01-25
Sharadh Shetty	Bengaluru, India	2020-01-26

### **Comments**

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Name	Location	Date	Comment
Vijay Bhaskar Jonnalagadda	Folsom, CA	2019-09-03	"By-District model is more democratic and keeps elected council members more responsible. Also, reduces expenses for both candidates and the city. All that nastiness and competition during elections will be cut because you will have to convince only your district's voters that you are fit for the job."
Jenifer Jacobs	folsom, CA	2019-09-10	"I'd like the Folsom City Council to include a more diverse group of people - those who represent a smaller district in particular."
Marguerite Storbo	Folsom, CA	2019-09-10	"I love the idea of election reform! Let's change things up a bit and maybe get some more/different voices at City Hall."
Lois Ballard	Orangevale, CA	2019-09-19	"Lois Ballard Folsom, CA United States"
Kavita Sood	Folsom, CA	2019-09-20	"It shows more accountability"
Lisa Griffith	Dalfas, GA	2019-10-05	"I pay plenty for dish this is rediculous we should all the channels we signed up for come on !!"