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2011 Council District Redistricting and the West Evergreen SNI

We have been informed of upcoming changes that will affect our neighborhoods and our existing neighborhood associations. We are deeply concerned that these changes will destroy the sense of community that we have painstakingly built over the last 11 years.

The West Evergreen SNI is the area east of Highway 101, south of Tully and Quimby Roads, west and north of Capitol Expressway. The neighborhood was created in 2000 as part of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative by combining three neighborhoods – LeyVa CAT, Meadowfair NAT, and West Evergreen NA. We worked together to identify our Top Ten Priorities, and have since functioned as a cohesive unit to advance our priorities.

King Road divides our neighborhood between District 7 and 8, and we have worked very diligently since 2000 to unite our neighborhood – to create one cohesive unit out of three different neighborhoods. We have been very successful and have built a strong sense of community that is evident not only in the associations themselves but also in the many community events and efforts undertaken throughout the year by groups of volunteers from all segments of the neighborhood. We have worked hard at creating events and relationships that promote integration of the three communities. Destroying that now would be catastrophic to the strong sense of community in an area that is in desperate need of it.

In order to preserve this strong neighborhood we ask that you adopt one of the following:

1. Keep things the way they are – King Road divides our neighborhood between Council District 7 and 8, but we have worked long and hard to build relationships with council offices, to create trust among residents, and to improve our neighborhood. Changing our boundaries and breaking our neighborhood apart now would severely undermine our efforts and all that we have done. Keeping the boundaries where they currently are in our neighborhood would be consistent with Redistricting criteria #7, #8, and #9.
2. Make us whole – if we must be re-aligned, make us whole by keeping us in one district. Over the years, we have developed good working relationships with both Council District 7 and 8. Putting us in either District 7 or 8 would maintain the good working relationship and is very much consistent with Redistricting criteria. #5, #7, #8, and #9.

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