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Dear Mayor Patino and Members of the City Council;

I'm writing to express my support for the CAUSE - 4 District Map and I do so for the following reasons:

Simplicity and Effectiveness

Historically, making voting simpler results in more participation. Separating the districts at the intersection of Main and Broadway is easy for people to understand; it's a dividing point that is commonly recognized as the center of town. If the goal is to give a voice to more citizens, the initial split into quadrants will make it simpler and easier for voters to understand which district they belong to. (*Compare to County Supervisor districts which are ridiculously difficult*).

Fairness

Diluting Latino neighborhoods is unfair. Mixing affluent neighborhoods with low-income, immigrant neighborhoods will only result in an increased feeling of being marginalized and resulting in voter apathy for those who feel their voices are not being heard.

Common Sense

The CAUSE map keeps neighborhoods intact. It makes no sense to split communities apart when we should be encouraging bonds within community members and alternatively, the people that are chosen as representatives should have ties to his/her community.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

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