

- Good evening, my name is Antoine Hubbard, I lived in South Merced for over forty years and I've been involved in more efforts there than I can remember
 - But here are a few: (ceo) SOUL, (Straighten out Unjust Law), (president) Student Organization Unified Leadership at Merced College – I had the honor meet with the following (3) John Lewis, Charles Ogletree, and Diane Nash when they visited the area; and importantly the past 14yrs I've been advocating for a local south Merced man by the name of Rico Dion Green who was wrongfully convicted in Tulsa Oklahoma for a crime that never took place. The Oklahoma Innocence Project is currently reviewing the records in hopes to Exonerate Rico Dion Green.
 - It's hard for me to go anywhere in South Merced without being recognized and called upon.
 - And I'd like to take a moment to remember our friends Charlie Huddleston and Kurt Wright, who we just lost recently, who was the president of (SMCC) our organization in South Merced, an Advocating for over 40 years to improve our conditions

- I'd like to ask this commission to observe a moment of silence for Mr. Wright, because he is the one would be up here speaking today if he was still with us
- PAUSE
- Many of these issues we still face today
- I need to be clear about what I mean when I say South Merced
- Traditionally, people just kind of lump us all together, everyone south of the railroad tracks, or everyone south of Highway 99
- But I'm here to tell you that we are a community
- A Community of **interest**
- The Neighborhood of South Merced is unified – we are one historic area bounded on the west at the City Limit, on the South by Childs Avenue, on the North and East by the Freeway
- There are other neighborhoods that are the south and east of us, but those are newer neighborhoods with different concerns
- Developers gave them new sidewalks, streetlights, and parks
- We still have older streets with no sidewalks – we still need street lights

Merced, even moving the boundary from MLK to G street would be an improvement

- I look forward to working with all of you and with the Community doing what we do to make Merced a better place for all of us. No matter what district we end up in, we're all in this together!!
- Listen to the citizens of Merced not the rich none profits and their Malibu Lawyers.
- Thank you