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Subject: Redistricting Hearing: I Support Map 106!
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Dear Merced City Council,

I support Map 106, the Merced Forward Together map. It is important that my community remains together and be able to elect a candidate that represents us.

In Merced and across California we deserve maps that are people-centered and not profit-driven by wealthy developers that will gentrify our neighborhoods and displace students or working families. We need to create districts that follow the FAIR Maps act to create equitable districts and keep communities of interest whole.

Map 106 creates 3 districts with a Latino CVAP over 50%, prioritizes keeping communities of interest whole, and would ensure a smaller percentage of population deviation. This map also takes into account current and future growth of the city in District 6. This is an opportunity to create districts that center the needs of residents such as housing needs, completing neighborhoods and improving infrastructure, and building deep roots in the city of Merced.

Merced City Council must listen to the needs of young people, students, and working families who want to grow deep roots in Merced and deserve fair representation.

The Forward Together map was created with input and support from Merced community members representing all six districts. Please support map 106. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Khalil Edwards

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