

LAKE NATOMA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

(Representing owners of 400 homes)

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Fair Oaks, CA 95628
November 18, 2009

Michael Chrisman
Secretary, Natural Resources Agency
1416 – 9th St., No. 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: FALSE CLAIMS BY CITY OF FOLSOM IN ITS APPLICATION FOR THE
STATE GRANT FOR FOLSOM PROMENADE; REQUEST FOR REVOCATION**

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

Our homeowners reside on the bluffs above Lake Natoma, directly across the lake from the City of Folsom.

Members of our board were not surprised to learn that the City of Folsom had made false claims in its grant application for the Folsom Promenade. For decades, we have battled with Folsom officials over irresponsible development and practices that have, or would have, created adverse impacts in our region. As one example, for a number of years we have endured light intrusion in our neighborhood from the Folsom Auto Mall – despite assurances by Folsom officials that no such problem would occur.

As you undoubtedly are aware, your agency awarded \$757,800 in Prop. 80 funds to the City of Folsom for the Folsom Promenade (Project R81765-0).

The City of Folsom was competing other government agencies for these funds. Folsom officials made false claims in their application – claims that gave them a competitive advantage in the grant process.

One claim was that the project had to support of the Department of Parks and Recreation. You have received documentation that State Parks never gave support to the project. In fact, State Parks officials expressed grave reservations about the project.

Folsom officials also claimed that the project had support of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, California Native Plant Society, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, and

Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse. Folsom officials even claimed that the Sacramento Tree Foundation was a partner in the project and would be planting trees on the site.

None of that was true. In short, Folsom officials lied.

In fairness to other applicants, and with respect to the integrity of the application process, we urge your agency to immediately revoke the City of Folsom's grant. California voters never intended Prop. 80 funds to be given to entities that submit false claims on their grant applications.

There are still other issues that provide ample reason to revoke the Folsom Promenade grant. The project does not comply with the ADA. The project would cause light intrusion in the state park. The project would destroy a natural environment that many organizations have fought to maintain in the state park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Stephen Green
Immediate Past President**

**Cc: Ruth Coleman, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation
The Hon. Dave Cox
The Hon. Roger Niello
City of Folsom**