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Councilmen and Councilwomen:

I am writing to you regarding current discussions on what to do with the Riverfront Properties. I tried doing an on line survey but I do not believe it is working.

I have resided here in Redding for about seven years now. I own a modest home in a nice neighborhood and I love living here in Shasta County.

I would like to see the properties surrounding and including the Civic Auditorium and the Rodeo Grounds become a place where people could visit on a daily basis. I would like to see the theme along that area to be one that represents the **unique history and culture of this Community and its surrounding countryside**. That theme needs to include, first and foremost, some recognition of our local native tribe. It needs to include the gold mining history, and of course the ranching and farming that have been the mainstay of our community for many generations.

I think the Rodeo Grounds needs to remain and be redesigned so it could be used for other events when the Rodeo is not in season. I would like to see a Visitors Center that contains the history of our native people, what their villages and homes looked like, the kind of clothing they wore, the story of where they lived and what happened to them during the gold mining era and so on. This visitors center could be enhanced by creating walking trails along the river, a museum of our history, and shops restaurants that enhance the overall theme our history and culture. It could serve as a place where our local schools can bring children to learn about their community and about our local native tribe as well as encourage tourists to visit and learn. This museum could contain life size dioramas of native villages, clothing, customs, food, tools, weapons, etc.

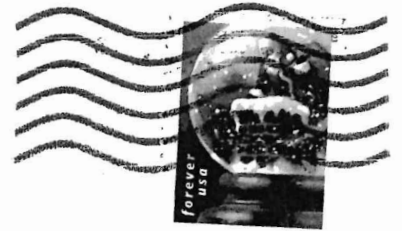
This is such a beautiful place to live. The history is what contributes to the charm. I do not want to see this community loose its uniqueness and become a copy cat of some Bay Area Pipe Dream. We are not the Bay Area, we **are** northern California. I am always reading about the "bloody battle" that took place at the Strawberry fields. What was that battle about? Who participated in the battle? Why did they participate? When did this happen and how did it affect the people involved? Tell the story and all the other stories of our past. Use the riverfront properties as the canvas and create a masterpiece for everyone to enjoy.

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