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Greetings!

In human timeframes, Santa Rosans lived together down here along the creeks. They hunted in the hills, but they lived along corridors flowing to the west. There was a strong belief and interest in the importance of preserving and sharing the commons.

I'm here today to urge you to be as bold as you can to strengthen our ability as a City to find common interests. Use districting to bring us all together. The forces of wealth and racism and intolerance have divided us for too long, and resulted in a segregated city. Old Redwood highway, Hwy 101, and railroad tracks have been our walls, our dividing lines. It's time we tore them down.

We all care about well-designed and supported neighborhoods. We all want to be safe and feel free. We all want to preserve our natural resources, and be provided with common areas, roads and public utilities. But our system doesn't provide equal opportunities for everyone to offer themselves for political office. And we won't get there unless you act boldly.

It may be the most important decision you make.

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