

In May, 2012 the Planning and Sustainability Commission unanimously approved the Cully Main Street and Local Streets Plan, and in August 2012 the City Council adopted the Plan. The Plan includes a recommendation to implement pilot projects in a defined target area in Cully to test the performance of a range of street improvement options. All streets in the target area are either substandard or unimproved. None of them has sidewalks. This recommendation was unaccountably omitted from the TSP Major Project List. That omission needs to be corrected.

The Major Project List does include ten other projects that are important to the Cully Neighborhood, and all are given a high priority—"financially constrained" with a 1-10 year timeframe. This estimated \$35 million infrastructure investment is much-needed and appreciated. However, a public investment of that scale will raise the risk that Cully's most vulnerable residents will be displaced by new development and rising costs.

Another recommendation this body made and the Council adopted in 2012 "directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability . . . to use Cully as a case study for developing policies and strategies that anticipate and address the displacement impacts of gentrification." We have yet to see evidence of such an effort.

In Cully we are working diligently to prevent displacement. You will hear today from representatives of a number of groups that are part of that effort. Together they are recommending to you a package of anti-displacement policies and strategies, developed in the absence of City leadership, that can help us in our efforts. I encourage you to include these policies and strategies in the Comprehensive Plan.

