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Hi Supervisors,

As I said on 5/2, District 4 needs representation now. You heard one of the speakers tell you - no new committee members, so they can't do their jobs. It's hard to get road work done. Or Community Development grants.

If the District 4 Supervisor seat vacancy goes on until November, it raises the specter of taxation without representation, since County taxes are typically levied in October. Fees, such as the Fire Marshal Fee, to whatever extent it applies to District 4, might also be considered taxation without representation, but at any time.

Going through another Supervisor's office is a nice offer, but another office may be unfamiliar with the priorities and day-to-day issues of District 4, and surely will have less time to help - not a good situation.

I think Fletcher's successor should be someone in the community who is truly involved with the day-to-day struggles of the people of this County. I do not think it should be someone in government, which has distinguished itself by inaction in the face of the homeless crisis, and corruption in SANDAG business, and none of you spoke up when Fletcher was actually pulling his illegal stuff. It should not be a figure who polarizes the community via equity talk. I would also avoid people who have an agenda rather than an open mind (we call most of them shills) and as the people 'wake' up, there seem to be more and more of them.

I am looking for a moderate who can work with all parties.

But most of all, I suspect that the continued lack of representation in District 4 will simply add to distrust of government.

Regards,

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