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To whom it may concern:

I am a midtown resident living a few blocks from Sutter's Fort, and am writing to express my strong support for the General Plan Amendment.

I am in favor of the new themes being proposed for the Sutter's Fort exhibits. I appreciate the commitment in this Plan to an accurate picture of how Sutter's Fort impacted indigenous communities. Personally, from visiting Sutter's Fort a few years ago, I was struck by how one-sided a picture it painted of a complex history. We as current residents of California have an obligation to tell the true stories of colonization and genocide of California's indigenous peoples. I believe museums like Sutter's Fort have a strong role to play in teaching accurate history and helping our next generation have the ethical compass to build a better world.

I also think these changes will ensure Sutter's Fort remains engaging to visitors in the modern era by using new approaches and speaking to modern concerns. I love the idea of Sutter's Fort as a "laboratory of learning", where visitors of many different backgrounds are empowered to build understanding and personal meaning of the past. These changes will make Sutter's Fort a more exciting and interesting place for visitors. I think they will connect better with younger visitors. I personally am excited to visit again and see new life breathed into Sutter's Fort.

Thank you,

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