

I support 'Voices for Bristol's Future'

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To the editor:

The article shown on the first page of the Bristol Phoenix, December 14, concerning "Voices for Bristol's Future" impressed me tremendously. I strongly believe that this group will be enormously important to attract 150 people to a forum which will take place on March 2 and 3 at the Mt. Hope High School cafeteria. I am also happy that the Bristol Town Council endorsed the forum. It is true that our town has grown so much and needs the input of its residents in order to plan its future, not only to improve its look but to continue to be the Bristol we enjoy so much. I think that although they are only going to be an advisory group, their recommendations will be a great tool for the town council and their committees.

Years ago I was appointed by the town council to head a steering committee to revitalize the former Kaiser plant. That committee, called "Mosaico CDC," comprised of many Bristolians interested in converting the "eyesore Kaiser complex," worked very hard and diligently in connection with East Bay CDC and the town of Bristol to accomplish, in my opinion, one of the best projects ever done in Bristol's history. As a result, we now have an incredibly beautiful elder care complex called Franklin Court, where all residents -- 105 living in apartments and 97 in assisted living accommodations -- are very happy. I believe that the revitalization should be a model for the entire country. This is just an example of how a group of people, non-political and non-partisan, can help the town with their recommendations for the future of our beautiful Bristol. I strongly support the "Voices for Bristol's Future" and I have already committed myself to be part of that group.

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