

Voice your thoughts on Bristol's future

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To the editor:

As a former resident who recently returned to live in Bristol, I was fortunate to be re-introduced to the town through my association with Voices for Bristol's Future, which offers an opportunity to gain more insight into the community.

Who we are is a group comprised of native residents, former residents who have returned, new residents, representatives of local businesses and others who are curious, interested and concerned about the future growth of Bristol. What we plan to do is bring participants together to voice their concerns, listen to others' ideas about the community. Through a dialogue among the participants and the guidance of the consultants during the two-day event on March 2 and 3, a record of the key themes will be presented to the group. A priority of preferences expressed by a consensus of the participants will culminate in a report submitted to the town council. Why we need your support is that the comprehensive five-year plan for the town expires in October 2008. This provides us with a period to think and plan for a vision of how Bristol will grow in the future.

Voices for Bristol's Future hopes to create an atmosphere of understanding and an objective approach to resolving some of the issues. The more insight we share now will prepare us for recognizing problems later. The town is at a crossroad concerning traffic patterns, new residential and commercial building, protecting the waterfront and the East Bay, preserving the historic district and creating more available parking. Let us give Voices for Bristol's Future our support and encouragement for initiating this effort to benefit the town administrators and the residents.

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