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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A
SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE
CONSOLIDATED WITH THE
STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO
BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO
THE ELECTORS OF FRESNO COUNTY
A MEASURE TO AMEND FRESNO
COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 12

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 23720(a) and 23722 permit a county board of supervisors to propose amendment to the county charter and to submit the amendment to the eligible registered voters of the county at a special election held on the next established election date not less than eight-eight (88) days after submission of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, The California Constitution, Article XI, Section 4, grants to charter counties such as the County of Fresno the authority to provide in their charters for “The powers and duties of governing bodies and all other county officers...” (Cal. Const. Art. XI, § 4(e)); and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature passed AB 2022, effective January 1, 2023, adding Chapter 17 to Division 1 of Title 2 of the California Government Code establishing a process for renaming certain geographic features and place names within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of AB 2022 and the procedures established thereunder, disregard historical factors and local control involved in the naming of geographic features and place names and further establishes arbitrary processes

1 whereby local historically named geographic features and places may be summarily
2 renamed; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Fresno County Board of Supervisors proposes to amend
4 Charter Section 12 by adding a new subsection (f) to the section providing that it is the
5 duty and power of the Board of Supervisors to name or rename geographic features or
6 places within the unincorporated territory of the County of Fresno, and

7 **WHEREAS**, a Statewide Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2024; and

8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10400 *et seq.*, the
9 Fresno County Board of Supervisors seeks consolidation of the countywide special
10 election on the charter amendment measure with the March 5, 2024 Statewide
11 Primary Election; and

12 **WHEREAS**, under California Elections Code Sections 10400 *et seq.*, the
13 Fresno County Board of Supervisors has the power and authority to order the
14 consolidation of local elections with the Statewide Primary Election.

15 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED:**

- 16 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby calls, orders, and proclaims a special
17 election to be held in the County of Fresno on March 5, 2024 for the purpose
18 of submitting to the voters of the County the charter amendment measure
19 pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10403 and 12001.
- 20 2. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10400 *et seq.*, the Board of
21 Supervisors hereby directs and approves the special election for the charter
22 amendment measure to be placed on the ballot for the March 5, 2024
23 Statewide Primary Election and be consolidated with that election.
- 24 3. The Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the consolidated election will
25 be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in California Elections
26 Code Section 10418.
- 27 4. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is designated as the elections
28 official for the election, and the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is

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hereby authorized and directed to provide all notices and take any and all other actions necessary to holding the election, including but not limited to providing notices of times within which arguments for and against are submitted.

5. The ballot question hereby approved for said election shall be as follows:

Shall the measure to add new subdivision (f) to section 12 of the Fresno County Charter to provide the Fresno County Board of Supervisors the duty and power to name or change the name of geographic features or place names within the unincorporated portions of the County of Fresno be adopted?

YES ____ **NO** ____

6. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized and directed to cause the complete text of the proposed charter amendment to be printed as indicated in the attached Exhibit A in the County of Fresno Voter Information Guide, and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be made available to a voter upon request.

7. The charter amendment measure shall be designated on the ballot by a letter, as provided in California Elections Code Section 13116.

8. Arguments in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment measure and rebuttal arguments shall be permitted and shall be filed with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters in accordance with applicable provisions of the California Elections Code, including Sections 9161 through 9167 thereof. As provided in California Elections Code Section 9162, the Board of Supervisors or any member or members of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the charter amendment measure election.

9. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters shall fix the dates for submittal of arguments and rebuttals as provided for in the California Elections Code. The Board of Supervisors requests that the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar

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of Voters fix the dates for submittal of arguments and rebuttals after October 10, 2023.

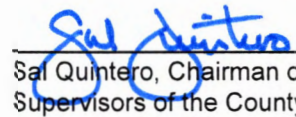
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 19th day of September, 2023, to wit:

Ayes: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes

Noes: Supervisors Pacheco, Quintero

Abstain: None

Absent: None



Sal Quintero, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California

By: 

Deputy