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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby calls, orders, and proclaims a special
election to be held in the County of Fresno on March 5, 2024 for the purpose
of submitting to the voters of the County the charter amendment measure
pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10403 and 12001.

2. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10400 et seq., the Board of
Supervisors hereby directs and approves the special election for the charter
amendment measure to be placed on the ballot for the March 5, 2024
Statewide Primary Election and be consolidated with that election.

3. The Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the consolidated election will
be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in California Elections
Code Section 10418.

4. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is designated as the elections
official for the election, and the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is
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
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

ATTEST:

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

By: Deputy

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