

Regular Council Meeting

July 30, 2026

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

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2-HH (ID 26-1027)

***RESOLUTION - Submitting to City Electors a Charter Amendment Prohibiting Debt and General Fund Financing of the Southeast Development Area. (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

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Sponsored by: Council President Esparza

Upon reading the details of this resolution, I see the City of Fresno is attempting to exempt "South SEDA" from being included in this financing restriction, this directly contradicts the City of Fresno's SEDA plan where it states under Fiscal Responsibility:

- "Provide self-financing for the development and ongoing maintenance of the SEDA that does not reduce City of Fresno resources dedicated to other areas of the City or burden Fresno residents outside of the SEDA." (South SEDA is not exempted in this passage)

This exemption also directly contradicts literature presented to citizens who attended the required informational workshop the City of Fresno hosted to inform residents of details of the plan. The plan cover page presented stated:

"Can Fresno grow in ways that equitably expand our economy and housing stock while protecting public health? Can "greenfield" growth occur that PAYS IT'S OWN WAY and does not negatively affect existing neighborhoods? Can we build communities where schools, shopping, and parks are within walking distance of every student, worker, and resident? Can we attract and keep highly educated workers and raise the collective potential of our diverse population?

The answer to all these questions is YES."

Moving forward with this resolution, excluding "South SEDA" as written does not constitute ethical, transparent, or honest planning by the City of Fresno.

How is it ethical to exclude Fresno County property owners within the proposed SEDA boundaries from voting on funding options for development within our community?

Including South SEDA in this proposal and including voters whose properties would be affected is the only ethical option to move forward with this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration,
Brett Thompson

Southeast Property Owners



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SEDA Specific Plan Goals

Land use plans begin with goals: vision statements that direct the development of the Plan. Below are the goals that guided preparation of the SEDA Specific Plan (these are described as the Plan objectives in the Environmental Impact Report):



Quantified Objectives

- Accommodate between 40,000 and 45,000 dwelling units of varying types, sizes, densities, and affordability levels.
- Accommodate between 30,000 and 37,000 jobs.



Fiscal Responsibility

- Provide self-financing for the development and ongoing maintenance of the SEDA that does not reduce City of Fresno resources dedicated to other

areas of the City or burden Fresno residents outside of the SEDA.

- Holistically coordinate infrastructure to integrate efficiencies that piecemeal planning cannot.
- Invest in resource conserving techniques for stormwater systems, water supply, and trail and open space networks to save on infrastructure and mitigation costs.



Social Equity

- Promote health by reducing harmful emissions from cars and industry.



– Southeast Development Area Specific Plan



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The answer to all these questions is YES.

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Dan Waterhouse submitted a new eComment.

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