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Agenda Related Items – Meeting of August 28, 2014
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Item(s)

**6:00 P.M. Hearing ID# 14-297 – HEARING to consider Site Plan Review
Application No. S-13-047 and related environmental assessment for the
property located on the West side of North Hughes Avenue between West
Nielson and West Belmont Avenues (District 3)**

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August 25, 2014

Council President Steve Brandau
Members of Fresno City Council
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Al Smith
President and CEO

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