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Contents of Supplement: Two Letters from Constituents Item(s)

HEARING to consider initiation of the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan, pertaining to approximately 3,255 acres in the South Development Area of the Fresno General Plan, filed by Development and Resource Management Department Director

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FRESNO
1345 E. Bulldog Lane, Fresno 93710 * 559 226-8683 (VOTE)

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November 15, 2016 CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA

Councilman Paul Caprioglio
Fresno City Council
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Council Agenda Item 1D-1271
Southwest Fresno Specific Plan

Dear Councilman Caprioglio:

The League of Women Voters has become aware of a request from Council Member Baines that the hearing on the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan be divided into a public hearing on November 17, at which time public testimony will be taken, and a second hearing on December 1, at which time the final City Council vote will be taken without public comment.

The League has observed occasions in the past when the Council has received modifications from interested parties prior to second hearings. The modifications were not made available to the public in time for meaningful participation. Furthermore, the Council went on to discuss and adopt those modifications with no opportunity for public comment. Such procedures should be cause for concern by every Council member as they are violations of the Brown Act.

A violation of the Brown Act occurs when the public is denied the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the business of the public; therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies are not open to public scrutiny and public participation.

As Council President, please see that the public has access to all information to be considered by the Council. In addition, please protect the public's right to comment on all elements of the plan at the final hearing by moving the public testimony to the Council meeting of December 1, 2016. Further, please ensure all proposed modification(s) to the Draft Preferred Alternative as submitted to planning staff and Council are made available to the public in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours,



Nyla Zender, President
Cc: Members of the City Council

Golden Westside Planning Committee



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Oliver L. Baines III
Councilmember
2600 Fresno St. Rm #2097
Fresno, CA 93721
November 15, 2016

Good evening, my name is Debbie Darden and I am a member of the West Fresno Specific Plan Steering Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank my fellow committee members on their comments to this process. I thank the city staff for their effort in particular Sophia Pagoulatos and lastly, but most important our city councilman Oliver Baines for bringing this process forward on behalf of our community.

There are many proposals to the alternative plan being presented to you which I am in complete support of, as well many of the residents of our community. I will be directing my comments to two areas of the plan which members of our community are not in support of.

The first being the opposition in the plan to any form of industrial development in the specific plan area. I don't agree with this neither does the members of the Golden Westside Planning committee as well as other residents of our community. In our future development of our community we recognize the need for positive environmentally safe light industrial development. To fail to allow for such in the economically depress area of the city, would further adversely impact our community.

There are many forms of light industrial businesses which could be located in the specific area. As an individual who has spent their entire life in west Fresno, I am very aware of what the dismal zoning has caused, the many, many heavy industrial environmental polluting businesses located next to our homes and schools. This horrible injustice however, should not be the reason that we turn our backs on good clean industries which could come into our community and benefit all of its residents.

The second area of concern is the location of remix use development proposed in the plan along Elm Avenue south of Jensen. This area is one which presently has heavy industrial businesses in operation at this time, among them most noticeably is Sunset Waste Recycling center. Elm is a

roadway which is main arterial for big diesel trucks which make several trips to and from the warehouse located along the road way. We are all aware of the serious danger breathing of diesel pollutants pose to the health of everyone and in particular to the young and elderly. Clearly not a location to place new homes in.

Debbie Darden – Chairperson

Golden Westside Planning Committee