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Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1) South Fresno
Community Alliance v. City of Fresno; Fresno Superior Court Case No.:
21CECG03237

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Re: South Fresno Community Alliance v. City of Fresno
Fresno Superior Court Case No.: 21CECG03237

We note that at Thursday's City Council meeting, the above-referenced case will be discussed in closed session. That is understandable. At the same time, we hope that this does not preclude public discussion of pertinent policies and procedures of this complex, important, and pivotal matter.

Perhaps the City will decide to continue with further litigation. Regardless, we hope that all parties will take a deep breath and recognize the opportunities that this juncture provides. We trust that clear heads will utilize this opportunity to listen, learn, and update information needed for important decision making—big framework decisions, as well as small specific ones.

Stepping back and looking at where we are as a city and a region, we recognize that the City and the County are having difficulty with planning issues, including transportation planning and Measure C. All are cinched in a Gordian knot. You will need to consider how to proceed with plans currently in the mill, as well as with the development of new land use policies.

As such, we look for wise and calm leaders to help work us through this unfortunate situation. We look to you to contribute leadership to steer a path forward that reflects the best that we can be.

Policies and processes are topics on which the League of Women Voters is familiar and committed. At the earliest possible time, we ask that you invite the community to participate in public discussions of these difficult but vital matters.

Thank you,

Robin Chiero and Kay Bertken, Co-presidents League of Women Voters of Fresno

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