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HEARING to consider approvals related to the Proposed General Plan Update
(Citywide)

1. Consideration of General Plan Update and certification of the related Environmental Impact Report (EIR) SCH No. 2012111015 filed by Jennifer K. Clark, Development and Resource Management Director, on behalf of the City of Fresno, citywide application

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FRESNO

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December 17, 2014

City of Fresno Council
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Fresno City General Plan Update

Dear Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Fresno continues to ask for additional time to absorb, understand the implications of, and join public discussion on the recent proposed modification of the final draft of the General Plan Update. We are very disappointed in the way the public process has been short changed and the public trust has been betrayed.

We have serious concerns in the modifications that have been recently proposed by Granville homes to delete the Farm Land Mitigation Program with one to one mitigation for the reconversion of farmland in the city's sphere of influence. The City of Fresno must partner with its municipal neighbors and the County of Fresno to protect and preserve the basis of our Agricultural Economy and the economic well being of the City. A one to one mitigation program has been successful in Stanislaus and Yolo Counties in slowing the disappearance of important and prime agricultural land in Northern San Joaquin County and should be the model for the City of Fresno.

We have serious concerns for Granville's request to modify language in the plan that would eliminate fiscal analysis of safety services in new growth areas. The League believes that in order for the City of Fresno to make responsible financial decisions it must be fully informed about the impact of new growth for services as well as infrastructure. And we believe that city taxpayers should not subsidize services for new development.

The League is disappointed that the Final General Plan Update does not contain policy that would insure a certain, secure amount of funding for first class transit services in our City as we believe that a goal of first class transit services is essential to addressing our air quality problems, getting our work force to employment, and to insure access to education for a skilled workforce. We have also asked for policy in the General Plan that would impose impact fees on all new development to pay for the cost of transit services to the new development; insurance that traditional transit service will connect to BRT in ways that enhance traditional service; provide bus stop amenities on all routes and provide optimal services to the entire City of Fresno, but particularly disadvantaged and low-income neighborhoods.

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A short delay in approving the Plan and thoughtful consideration of our requests as well as the concerns of our partners in Building Healthy Communities could restore some public trust in a government process that has badly damaged its reputation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nyla Zender".

Nyla Zender
President