

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING REMOVAL OF THE SOUTHEAST DEVELOPMENT AREA (SEDA) FROM THE CITY OF FRESNO'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

WHEREAS, the current Sphere of Influence for the City of Fresno includes an area at the Southeastern corner of the City generally located between east of Temperance Avenue, west of McCall Avenue, north of North Avenue, and south of Ashlan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this area was previously identified as the Southeast Growth Area (SEGA) in the 2025 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, SEGA was not assigned specific land use designations in the 2025 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2003, the City and County of Fresno entered into an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding orderly development within the SOI, including SEGA; and

WHEREAS, the MOU required adoption of a specific or community plan for SEGA prior to any affected parcels being annexed into Fresno city limits; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for adoption of a specific or community plan for SEGA was a result of the absence of adopted land use designations for parcels within SEGA in the 2025 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provided for the City and County of Fresno to agree to an exception to the specific plan requirements on a case by case basis; and

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City Attorney Approval:  _____

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WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) adopted Resolution No. USOI-144 on April 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. USOI-144 also requires the City of Fresno adopt a specific or community plan for SEGA prior to annexing any affected parcels into Fresno city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno General Plan, adopted by the City of Fresno on December 18, 2014, renamed SEGA as the Southeast Development Area (SEDA); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno General Plan included the adoption of land use designations for SEDA; and

WHEREAS, the land use designations in the Fresno General Plan eliminated the uncertainty of development patterns for SEDA that were present in the 2025 General Plan, and instead provided a pattern of orderly development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is committed to thoughtful and orderly development throughout its Sphere of Influence; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates consideration of a number of specific plans through 2020 including the Southwest Specific Plan, the Roosevelt Specific Plan, the Urban Water Management Plan update, the West Area Market Study, the West Area Specific Plan (north of Clinton Avenue), the SEDA Specific Plan, and the West Area Specific Plan (south of Clinton Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno anticipates consideration of the SEDA Specific plan between 2018 and 2019, which is within the planning horizon set by LAFCo for the City's Sphere of Influence; and

WHEREAS, neither the MOU nor Resolution No. USOI-144 require adoption of a specific or community plan for SEDA during a specific year; and

WHEREAS, due to its commitment to orderly growth, and position as the largest City within Fresno County, it is in the best interests of the City of Fresno, and the region as a whole, for the City to retain planning authority over areas, which will be annexed into City limits in the future; and

WHEREAS, surrendering SEDA and allowing its removal from the City of Fresno's Sphere of Influence will jeopardize the potential for orderly and thoughtful planning in the area and may lead to a patchwork of uncoordinated and inefficient development; and

WHEREAS, uncoordinated and inefficient development is not in the best interests of the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, despite its position as the most populated and geographically largest city in the region, the City of Fresno has not had a representative on LAFCo for approximately 20 years; and

WHEREAS, state legislators have the authority to adopt special legislation establishing a permanent seat on LAFCo for cities in California, and

WHEREAS, the absence of a City of Fresno representative on LAFCo impedes the City's ability to meaningfully participate in decisions related to regional development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City of Fresno formally opposes removal of SEDA (formerly SEGA) from the City of Fresno's Sphere of Influence and recommends retaining the entire Sphere of Influence without changes.
2. The City of Fresno formally requests state legislators representing districts that encompass the City of Fresno formally sponsor legislation that will establish

permanent positions on LAFCo for the City of Fresno and City of Clovis as the sixth and seventh seats, respectively.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2016
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2016
Mayor Veto: _____, 2016
Council Override Vote: _____, 2016

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
TALIA KOLLURI Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney