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Agenda Related Item(s) – ID16-1489 (2-J)

Contents of Supplement: Letter of Support Item(s)

Attached please find a Supplement to File ID16-1489. The title of the item is as follows:

Actions pertaining to development at Blackstone and Shaw:

1. ***RESOLUTION – In support of a proposed development by Erganian Family Partnership at Blackstone and Shaw, and Blackstone and Freeway 41.
- 2.***RESOLUTION – Authorizing the submission of the Blackstone and Shaw streetscape project application for grant funds from the Regional Surface Transportation Program to the Fresno Council of Governments and authorizing the execution of application related documents by the Public Works Director or designee.

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December 12, 2016

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RE: Support for Resolutions in Support of Erganian Family Partnership Development at Blackstone, Shaw, and Freeway 41, and Applications for Grant Funds for the Blackstone and Shaw Streetscape Project

Dear Fresno City Council President and City Councilmembers:

Thank you for your service to the residents and businesses of Fresno.

I am writing you to express strong support for the resolutions you are considering December 15, 2016, titled as follows:

- A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY ERGANIAN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AT BLACKSTONE AND SHAW, AND BLACKSTONE AND FREEWAY 41.
- A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE BLACKSTONE AND SHAW STREETScape PROJECT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF APPLICATION RELATED DOCUMENTS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE

The Erganian Family and their professional planning, design, and development team have been working closely with Better Blackstone and Fresno Metro Ministry over the past year to design a truly significant master plan concept for the area in and around Blackstone, Shaw, and Freeway 41 that will be of benefit aesthetically, economically, and environmentally to not only their properties and those nearby on Blackstone and Shaw, but to all the people and businesses of Fresno and our region. The mixed use development being proposed will be exemplary and clearly support an expanding walkable district at this mid-town location served by the Bus Rapid Transit system being constructed by the City. The Erganian Family's commitment to quality, excellent design, district level integration, and an attitude of doing more than full implementation of the City of Fresno's General Plan goals and policies is remarkable and will encourage other similar investments in Fresno.

Please approve the subject resolutions and move this worthwhile series of projects forward so we all can admire them, enjoy them, and point out to others around the state and nation how Fresno is proceeding as a very attractive and innovative place to live, work, play and invest.

Sincerely,



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