

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Mike Karbassi

WHEREAS, Wilma Tom Hashimoto has dedicated over three decades of her professional life to improving the lives of children through her service as an educator, administrator, and community leader, and has spent the past 15 years advancing the mission of CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties—eight years as a board member and the last seven as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Wilma’s distinguished career in education includes leadership roles such as Assistant Superintendent for Fresno Unified School District, Director of Early Learning for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Director of Child Development for Clovis Unified School District, and Research Coordinator at the AIMS Center at Fresno Pacific University; and

WHEREAS, her diverse background also includes time in the private sector as a corporate auditor for Gottschalk’s, bringing a unique blend of business insight and educational vision to every role she has held; and

WHEREAS, Wilma holds a Master’s degree in Educational Supervision and Administration from Fresno State and a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California, demonstrating her commitment to lifelong learning and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Wilma has made significant contributions to the broader Fresno community through her service on numerous boards and committees, including the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Board, the San Joaquin River Parkway, and as Director of Youth Services for Fresno Rotary. She also served as Chairperson for the Fresno County Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee, advocating for the well-being of vulnerable youth; and

WHEREAS, Wilma’s outstanding service has been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2024 Central California Association of Fundraising Professionals award, the 2022 Fresno County Mother of the Year, the Girl Scouts Women Who Inspire Girls Award, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Administrator Pillar Award, and as one of the Marjaree Mason Center’s Top 10 Professional Women honorees; and

WHEREAS, Wilma believes in the power of individual and collective action to positively impact the community and continues to serve through her most recent election to the Clovis Unified School Board in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional and civic accomplishments, Wilma cherishes her family and especially her new role as grandmother to her beloved granddaughter, Rory, born on Valentine’s Day 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby honor and recognize **Wilma Tom Hashimoto** for her decades of service, exceptional leadership, and unwavering dedication to children, education, and the betterment of the Fresno community.

“Wilma Tom Hashimoto”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 17th day of July 2025.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember District 4

BRANDON VANG, Councilmember District 5

NICK RICHARDSON, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7