

Regular Council Meeting

September 28, 2023

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

1-II ID 23-1395: ***Bill B-27 (Intro'd August 10, 2023) (For adoption) - Amending Sections 3-616, 7-1510, 9-234 and 9-915 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to human rights, including protections against discrimination based on an individual's caste and indigeneity (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Contents of Supplement: Public Comment Emails / Oppose

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Mary Quinn

From: Geeta Sikand [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:43 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: Oppose Bill B-27/Agenda date 9/28/23

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Agenda Date: 09/28/23

Subject Agenda Item Number: 1.-II. ID 23-1395 ***Bill B-27 (Intro'd August 10, 2023) (For adoption) <https://fresno.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6358836&GUID=4C08C79A-B872-48B9-A6BA-DEC1455B919E>

Honorable Members of Fresno City Council

I strongly urge you to oppose B-27. It is a discriminatory bill that racially profiles Indian Americans especially Hindus. It will subject Hindus to racial profiling and Hindu children to bullying.

Thank you for considering my request.

Geeta Sikand

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Quinn

From: pdpatel16 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:26 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Vito the bill SB-403 please

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Done see my email below. Agenda Date: 09/28/23 Subject Agenda Item Number: 1.-II. ID 23-1395 ***Bill B-27 (Intro'd August 10, 2023) (For adoption)
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Mary Quinn

From: vinukonda madhurima [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 5:19 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Request to Veto Bill - 27

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to: The Honorable Fresno City Council Members

Greetings. I am writing this letter to register my strong opposition to Bill-27. I would like to request you to Veto Bill-27 for the following reasons:

1. Federal laws already cover discrimination based on a number of criteria such as ethnicity, nationality, race, gender, religion, and so on. Bill-27 adds no value. Who has the authority or expertise to define Caste? Caste does not have a scientifically proven or universally agreed upon definition. Everyone has a race, a gender, a nationality and ethnicity. Not everyone has a caste or even knows what caste is. Caste is not facially neutral. To try and define caste is unconstitutional.
2. Bringing in "caste" as a new category causes unnecessary burden - financial and logistical, on businesses, schools, and pretty much all establishments that cater to the public. Who will bear the expense of training employers and employees about caste and who will monitor, arbitrate and ensure the implementation of Bill-27? City of Seattle's caste bill cost \$280K this year and will cost an estimated \$185K per year.
3. The word "Caste" is being introduced to America by a hate group called Equality Labs. Hundreds of Hindus have exposed its founder Tenmozhy Soundararajan as a hate monger, a bigot, a blatant liar and peddler of distorted information about Hindus and Hinduism. Here's a video that shows her Hindu hatred.
<https://twitter.com/i/status/1643135761351421952>
4. With the current economic situation and budget deficit, how can any city justify spending our tax dollars on a non-issue like Caste when there are glaring issues such as rampant homelessness, unemployment, lack of healthcare and poverty? Shouldn't these issues take priority over Bill-27? How many LEGITIMATE police reports or HR complaints have you heard of claiming caste discrimination?
5. CA civil rights department (CRD) sued Cisco and harassed two Cisco employees in a falsified caste discrimination case. The case was tossed out by the Santa Clara supreme court and CRD ultimately withdrew its case. Here is information debunking the Cisco case. <https://youtu.be/fRZq-uL1GCw>
6. It is evident that misunderstanding combined with abundant misinformation available on search engines, AND lack of a clear definition of caste, will be major contributors to a court's inability to arrive at a meaningful definition. What will be the cost of litigating caste related cases? Who will pay for them? Santa Clara County DA Jeff Rosen has clearly stated

that there is absolutely no need to add Caste into the civil rights bill. Please listen to his statements.

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7. Hindu hate group Equality Labs has been called out for its questionable survey methodology and the data it touts. It got the survey filled out by people living outside the USA and told them to use a US Zipcode, using that the data as applicable to America, Equality Labs has also published totally twisted arguments about caste discrimination specifically targeting Hindu Americans as "upper caste" based on their last names, the festivals they celebrate and their dietary habits. Hindus are a micro-minority in America. The weaponization of caste by equality labs is a SCAM to fleece affluent businesses and individuals.

8. Hindus have contributed to California's economy in numerous fields from technology to education to medicine and finance. Bill-27 must look at the damage it will do to stigmatize and traumatize Hindus. Hindu children will be subjected to bullying, harassment and violence.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to state my reasons for OPPOSING BILL-27. I am submitting this letter on behalf of myself, my husband, my adult and teenage daughters.

Mary Quinn

From: Sun Lodha [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Sun Lodha; Clerk
Subject: Plz No SB 403 / Veto B-27 - why Hate for Hindus

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Hindus like Jews have been Most Non- Violent group in Usa . But WHY are now suffering growing Hate in Schools to Univ , Work and Public .

Who are instigating and passing these Hate Bills for Hindus now ?

Plz stop Sen Aisha Wahab and her Hate Team !

9/26/23, 11:35 PM Gmail -

Veto Bill B-27

Intro'd August 10, 2023) Veto Bill B-27 (Intro'd August 10, 2023) 1 message Maggie Kumar Maggie Kumar Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 11:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Bcc: Mangala Kumar , [REDACTED]

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