

Regular Council Meeting

August 28, 2025

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Contents of Supplement: Public Comment Received

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment for August 28, 2025 – Unscheduled Communication
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:51:19 PM
Attachments: [community member. Hernandez \(1\).pdf](#)

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Dear City Clerk,

My name is Jacqlyn Hernandez. I am writing to request that the following item be added to the agenda for the Thursday, August 28, 2025, Unscheduled Communication for the Fresno City Council meeting:

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Please confirm receipt and advise of any required forms, deadlines, or sponsoring-office procedures to complete agenda itemization. I also request that the attached letter be accepted and included in the official Council record and agenda packet if the item is agenda itemized.

Thank you for your time
Jacqlyn Hernandez

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment for August 28, 2025 – Unscheduled Communication
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 2:04:36 PM
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment for August 28, 2025 – Unscheduled Communication
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:54:12 PM
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My name is Essie Patrick. I am writing to request that the following item be added to the agenda for the Thursday, August 28, 2025-Unschedule Communication for the Fresno City Council meeting:

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Attachment: Letter re FUSD actions affecting I AM Valuable Mentoring Program (PDF)

Public Comment: Community Call-to-Action Letter

Essie Patrick

August 26, 2025

Fresno City Council
City Clerk

[REDACTED]
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Protect Students' Access to the I AM Valuable Mentoring Program

Dear Fresno City Council,

I am writing as a concerned community member to ask for your support in protecting the *I AM Valuable Mentoring Program* in Fresno Unified School District.

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But on August 21, 2025, Fresno Unified employees told program interns they could no longer return to campuses—without any notice to the organization or explanation to families. This decision unfairly punishes students and appears to be driven by personal grievances, not the best interests of children.

Our students deserve every opportunity to succeed, and denying them access to free, high-quality mentoring is unjust. I urge you to:

1. Ensure Fresno Unified reinstates the *I AM Valuable Mentoring Program*.
2. Hold the district accountable for transparent and fair treatment of community partners.
3. Stand up for equity so that students and families are not harmed by discriminatory actions.

Thank you for standing with Fresno's most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

Essie Patrick

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: fresno city council parent member: Public Comment for August 28, 2025 – Unscheduled Communication
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:14:02 AM
Attachments: [fresno city council parent member.docx](#)

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Public Comment: Community Call-to-Action Letter

Rachel Washington

August 26, 2025

Fresno City Council
City Clerk

[REDACTED]
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Protect Students' Access to the I AM Valuable Mentoring Program

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Rachel Washington

From: 
To:
Subject: Public Comment for August 28, 2025 – Unscheduled Communication
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 11:50:28 AM
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Dear City Clerk,

My name is NyJae Kelso. I am writing to **request that the following item be added to the agenda for the Thursday, August 28, 2025-Unschedule Communication for the Fresno City Council meeting:**

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Respectfully,

NyJae Kelso
Claims Adjuster II

Public Comment: Community Call-to-Action Letter

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August 26, 2025

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Nyjae Kelso

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Public Comment: Community Call-to-Action Letter

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August 27, 2025

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