

TO: City of Fresno City Council

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RE: **RESOLUTION AND ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT ACT**

1. The proposal to keep capital projects from going astray is laudable.
2. I propose a few revisions that would, I think, make the document even more useful for achieving its purpose.
 - A. Article IV: Application of Unused Funds
Now: "The City shall be deposited into a Dedicated Reserve . . ."
Change to: "The City shall deposit unused funds into a Dedicated Reserve . . ."

You may wish to tie the section even more specifically to the Reserve Management Act.
 - B. Article VIII: Oversight Board
As it stands, the text does not specify what the oversight board will do. I believe you should empower the board so it hits the ground running. I suggest adding something like the following:

At the least, the oversight board shall
 - (1) review all change orders and report on their legitimacy to the City Council before X approves them;
 - (2) critique all individual requests for funding authorization (Article VI of this resolution) and provide commentary to the City Council;
 - (3) critique all semi-annual progress reports (Article X of this resolution) and provide commentary to the City Council;
 - and [if this is what you mean by Article IX] (4) critique RFPs for future enterprise projects and provide commentary to the City Council before the RFPs are released.
 - C. Article VIII: Oversight Board (continued)
Please specifically add financial expertise to the list of board-member candidates. This is too important to leave to "and related fields". In fact, it should be a required part of the board.
 - D. Article IX: Peer Review
The text in this section implies that the oversight board will have a role in critiquing proposed RFPs. Is that the case? Or do you mean to say: "The city will assemble a group of experts – not the oversight board -- to critique RFPs before releasing the RFPs." This article requires clarification.
3. Thank you for taking steps to ensure project-management integrity.