

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE PINEDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER THE "PAULA S. GUZMAN PINEDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER"

WHEREAS, the Council has the ability to name public facilities pursuant to Fresno
Municipal Code section 5-101; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the facility located at 7170 N San Pablo Avenue currently
known as the Pinedale Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated community of Pinedale was founded in 1923 and
was annexed into the City of Fresno starting in 1978, but remains a distinct community
within the City that is proud of its heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS, the Pinedale Community Center is an important and loved center for
the Pinedale community, serving as a hub for numerous activities and meetings; and

WHEREAS, Paula Sarco Guzman with her husband, P. "Guz" Guzman Jr., moved
to Pinedale and purchased National Hardware & Lumber Co., later renaming it National
Hardware Supply; and

WHEREAS, Paula Guzman was a pioneer and lifelong advocate of education. After
graduating in 1951 from Fresno State College with an elementary teaching credential,
teaching first at Firebaugh School before becoming the first Hispanic teacher at Malaga
Junior High School where she developed the school's athletic program; and

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WHEREAS, Paula Guzman later became an Associate Professor at Fresno State College in the Department of Recreation Administration and Leisure Services and founded Camp Bulldog; and

WHEREAS, Paula Guzman retired from Fresno State College in 1975 but continued to be active in education becoming a substitute teacher, a coach for both softball and soccer, as well as a member of and President of the Bullard High School PTSA; and

WHEREAS, Paula Guzman served her community in many other ways, serving two years as a member and foreman of the Fresno County Grand Jury, a Proctor for Cooperative Personnel Services for the State of California, serving as Chairperson for all of the California Highway Patrol oral panels throughout the State, and co-founded and coordinated the Youth Government Forum; and

WHEREAS, Paula Guzman was an important leader in Pinedale. Paula assisted in establishing the Pinedale Boys Club in the 1960's, later renamed the Pinedale Boys and Girls Club, and served on the Corporate Board of the Fresno Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County. Paula also served as chairwoman of the Pinedale Community Association.

WHEREAS, Paula Guzman through her role as chairwoman of the Education Committee in the Fresno County and City Republican Women Federated, donated books and dictionaries to Pinedale and Nelson Elementary Schools, and raised money for scholarships for women in the STEM program at Fresno State; and

WHEREAS, although Paula Guzman passed away on July 20, 2016, the fruits of her career and advocacy live on; and

WHEREAS, the Pinedale community has expressed an interest in memorializing the legacy of Paula Guzman by renaming their community center in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The gym and community center located at 7170 N San Pablo Avenue shall hereafter be named the "Paula S. Guzman Pinedale Community Center."

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN,
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr, Chief Assistant

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