

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS TO DENY PAROLE FOR
RUDOLPH MARTIN ACOSTA (CDCR #H50445)

WHEREAS, Rudolph Martin Acosta (CDCR Number H50445), currently incarcerated at Avenal State Prison, was admitted on October 1, 1992, following conviction for a string of brutal and violent sexual assaults that occurred in the Tower District and greater Fresno area; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his crime spree, Acosta was connected to at least nine known victims, with investigators and prosecutors suspecting that the true number may be higher, based on patterns of behavior and unresolved cases that remain consistent with his modus operandi; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were not only physically and psychologically devastating to the individuals directly harmed, but also instilled deep and lasting fear throughout the Fresno community, particularly in the Tower District, a neighborhood known for its vibrancy, diversity, and close-knit sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Acosta's crimes were marked by calculated violence, repeated targeting of vulnerable women, and a disturbing lack of remorse — all of which make him a continued threat to public safety, should he be released; and

WHEREAS, survivors of these crimes, many of whom continue to live in the Fresno area, have expressed grave concerns over the possibility of Acosta's parole, citing retraumatization and the potential erosion of justice they have long fought to uphold; and

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WHEREAS, the Fresno City Council remains committed to advocating for victims of violent crime and ensuring that justice, safety, and community welfare remain paramount in decisions regarding parole eligibility for dangerous offenders; and

WHEREAS, allowing parole for an individual responsible for such a prolific and damaging series of crimes would send a dangerous message to both survivors and potential offenders alike — that the severity and lasting impact of such crimes can be diminished over time.

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

1. The Fresno City Council strongly urges the California Board of Parole Hearings to DENY parole to Rudolph Martin Acosta (CDCR #H50445), known as the Tower District Rapist, whose numerous violent offenses have left a lasting scar on the Fresno community.

2. The Council stands with the survivors, their families, and all residents of Fresno in asserting that the release of such an offender would be not only unjust but also pose a renewed risk to public safety.

3. Upon approval, the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the California Board of Parole Hearings, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, local victims' advocacy groups, and any other agencies or officials directly involved in the parole process.

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

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

TODD STERMER, MMC
City Clerk

By: _____ Date
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Amanda B. Freeman
Sr. Deputy City Attorney