



May 26, 2015

**The Honorable Esmeralda Soria
Councilmember, District 1
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Room 2097
Fresno, CA 93721**

Dear Councilmember Soria:

We, the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI), write to express strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership. The Youth Leadership Institute believes in building communities that invest in youth and this will be an important step in ensuring that our young people are included and invested in their own community.

Our community has a duty to develop our next generation of leaders. Such a commission would provide an opportunity for youth to have direct input on major issues facing our city, such as: city budget, economic development, jobs training, legislative policies, parks and recreation, public safety, and public transportation. We encourage you and the mayor to ensure that once adopted, this commission is reflective of the diversity in our community and include appointed commissioners with a wide range of backgrounds, perspectives, and talents.

The Youth Leadership Institute would like to express strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (559) 255-3300.

Sincerely,



YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Yammilette Rodriguez
Senior Director of Programs
Youth Leadership Institute, Central Valley**

**cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence**

MISSION STATEMENT

Fresno Barrios Unidos transforms communities by empowering youth and families through education, wellness and advocacy. We are inclusive, respectful, and appreciative of the youth and families we serve.

CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Diversity and equality
- Confidentiality
- Healthy and safe environments
- Knowledge
- Personal development and responsibility
- Advocating for social change
- Community collaboration



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May 20, 2015

Fresno City Council
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Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Councilmembers:

Fresno Barrios Unidos is excited to provide this letter in support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership. For too long our youth have been viewed as the problem and not as part of the solution.

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We ask you to be brave and stand with the youth that will be tomorrow's leaders. You are an influential figure in this community, by supporting this city ordinance you will help shape a city that is inclusive and appreciative of its youth.

Again, Fresno Barrios Undo's expresses a strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559)453-9662

Sincerely,

Socorro Santillan
Executive Director

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence

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Sincerely,

Javier Guerrero
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empowering youth to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools

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Dear Councilmembers:

The Gay-Straight Alliance Network writes to express its strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership. As an organization that works supporting LGBT youth and their leadership, we understand the value of opening spaces where they can thrive and contribute to their communities.

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Again, we express strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (415) 552-4249.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Winder and Ginna Brelsford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first names being the most prominent.

Geoffrey Winder and Ginna Brelsford
Co-Executive Directors

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Dear Councilmembers:

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On behalf of The California Endowment I am happy to provide our strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed to give young people in Fresno a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership.

Communities throughout California should want to develop our next generation of leaders. Such a commission that is being proposed would provide an opportunity for youth to have direct input on major issues facing the city, such as: city budget, economic development, jobs training, legislative policies, parks and recreation, public safety, and public transportation. We encourage all of you and the mayor to ensure that once adopted, this commission is reflective of the diversity in the community and include appointed commissioners with a wide range of backgrounds, perspectives, and talents.

Again, The California Endowment expresses strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 443-5306.

Sincerely,

Sarah Reyes
Regional Program Manager, Central Valley

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence



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Dear Councilmembers:

Fresno Building Healthy Community is proud to support the proposed ordinance to establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno.

As you may know, Fresno Building Communities has been working with young people, ranging from 13-24 years old, via our Fresno Boys and Men of Color (BMOC) table – a youth leadership development component of our initiative. The Fresno BMOC table represents a wide-range of youth in Fresno who are working to create one healthy Fresno where all young people can thrive and succeed. Time and time again we have heard young people we work with call for more and better pathways and structures that support leadership development and include them in the decision-making process. We believe the proposed Fresno Youth Commission is a great first step to ensure that young people actively participate in the success of our city.

We know that young people are ready to provide direct input on major issues that they care about, including but not limited to; reinvestment in existing neighborhoods, economic development, job training, public safety, public transportation, and parks and recreation. The benefits of the commission will also extend beyond increasing youth civic participation by enhancing the local legislative process and providing decision makers with an opportunity to engage with young constituents directly.

We encourage you to support the adoption of the Fresno Youth Commission; and once passed, we hope the city along with Mayor Swearengin will ensure the body of young people is reflective of our community by appointing commissioners with a wide range of backgrounds, perspectives, and talents.

Again, we are pleased to express strong support for the proposed ordinance to establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please contact me at sceledon@fresnobhc.org or via telephone at (559) 256-8723.

Sincerely,

Sandra F. Celedon-Castro
Hub Manager
Fresno Building Healthy Communities

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence



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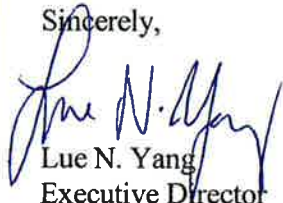
Dear Councilmembers:

The Fresno Center for New Americans (FCNA) writes to express strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership.

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Again, we express strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 255-8395.

Sincerely,



Lue N. Yang
Executive Director
Fresno Center for New Americans

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence



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Sincerely,

Zachary D. Darrah

Executive Director

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM, Inc.)

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
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"I'm laying a FIRM foundation...no one who trusts in it will ever be disappointed." Isaiah 28:16

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RE: Letter of Support for Fresno Youth Commission

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

As the Director of the Sustainable Rural Communities Project at California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF), it is a pleasure to write this letter of support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. CRLAF is a statewide non-profit organization providing legal services and policy advocacy for California's rural poor. We focus on some of the most marginalized communities: the unrepresented, the unorganized and the undocumented. We engage in impact litigation, community education and outreach, legislative and administrative advocacy, and provide public policy leadership on the state and local levels in the areas of labor, housing, education, health, worker safety, pesticides, citizenship, immigration, and environmental justice. We seek to bring social justice to rural poor communities in all of California.

As someone who lives in the City of Fresno, it is my pleasure to support a permanent Fresno Youth Commission. A commission of this nature is important as it will provide youth in our community a wonderful opportunity to develop key leadership skills, to understand the decision-making process, and to have a seat at the decision-making table. The ability for youth to build relationships and for them to have stronger ties to their community is of the utmost importance. For that reason, we strongly encourage that this commission is reflective of the diversity in our community and include appointed commissioners that build unique perspectives such as youth farm workers, beneficiaries of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, indigenous youth, and others.

An investment of this type by the City of Fresno is truly an investment in the future of our City. The Central Valley needs more generous, thoughtful, intelligent, and capable individuals like the youth that we are seeing whom want to form part of the Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. As such, it is my pleasure to support the proposed

ordinance that would establish such a program. If you should have any questions, please contact me at amparocid@crlaf.org or 559-486-6278.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amparo Cid".

Amparo Cid, Attorney and Project Director
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
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May 28, 2015

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Fresno, CA 93721**

Dear Councilmembers:

Reading and Beyond writes to express strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership.

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Again, Reading and Beyond expresses strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Luis Santana at (559)600-6185 or by email at lsantana@readingandbeyond.org.

Sincerely,

**Luis Santana
Executive Director
Reading and Beyond**

cc: **Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence**



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May 27, 2015

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Dear Council Members:

I write this letter on behalf of Centro La Familia Advocacy Service's strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. Our youth need to be at the table and be heard in the decision-making process on issues that directly affect them and the community in which they live. A commission of this nature is needed to give our young people an opportunity to be heard by city leadership.

Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, (CLFA) is a community based non-profit organization established in 1972. All services uphold our mission, "to empower low-income people to access life sustaining resources and become self-sufficient through education, training and social services." CLFA has worked closely with young people as part of our Family Strengthening and Leadership Development programs and recognize that our youth understand the needs of the community and are effective agents of change.

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Again, I express strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 237-2961.

Sincerely,

Margarita Rocha, Executive Director
Centro La Familia Advocacy Services

cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence

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Letter of Support

It is with great pleasure that Helping Others Pursue Excellence-HOPE expresses our strong support for a city ordinance that will establish a Fresno Youth Commission. Having such a commission would give our young people an opportunity to engage and take ownership of the challenges that face our city every day. Our youth are an asset to our community. As leaders it is our duty to give them a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard.

To continue building upon youth leadership across the city we encourage you to ensure the commission is reflective of the diversity in our community and include appointed commissioners with a wide range of backgrounds, perspectives, and talents. I thank you in advance for lifting up our future generations.

For any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

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Laneesha Senegal, Executive Director

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The Honorable Ashley Swearengin
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Dear Mayor Swearengin:

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) is expressing strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership.

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Again, Fresno EOC expresses strong support for the city ordinance to establish the Fresno Youth Commission and look forward to serving as a partner in the future. Please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,

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Brian Angus
Chief Executive Officer





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2600 Fresno Street, Room 2097
Fresno, California 93721

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May 26, 2015

The Honorable Paul Caprioglio
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The Honorable Sal Quintero
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The Honorable Lee Brand
Councilmember, District 6
City of Fresno
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The Honorable Clint Olivier
Councilmember, District 7
City of Fresno
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May 20, 2015

**Fresno City Council
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Sincerely,

**Min. Bryson White
Associate Director, Faith In Community
BHC**

**cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin
Fresno City Clerk Yvonne Spence**

May 28, 2015

**Fresno City Council
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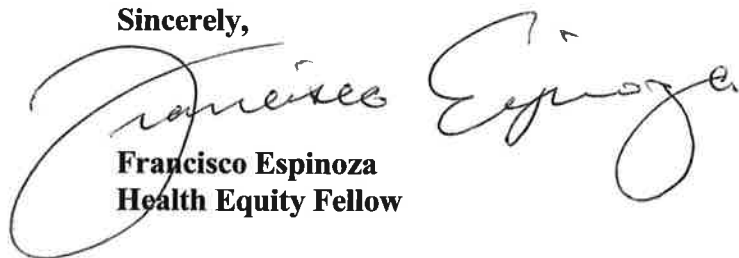
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I, Francisco Espinoza, write to express strong support for the proposed city ordinance that would establish a permanent Fresno Youth Commission in the City of Fresno. A commission of this nature is needed in our community to give our young people a seat at the decision-making table and to make their voices heard by city leadership.

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Sincerely,



**Francisco Espinoza
Health Equity Fellow**

**cc: Fresno Mayor Ashley Swarengin
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Resident District 7**

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