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Actions pertaining to the South Industrial Priority Area (SIPA):

1. Approve a First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc., regarding land use, planning, and environmental services for the South Industrial Priority Area (SIPA). (Council District 3)
2. ***RESOLUTION – In support of community engagement in the South Industrial Priority Area Specific Plan (Subject to Mayor's veto)

Contents: Letter of Support (Distributed during the meeting)

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Dear Mayor Brand and City Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, are participants of the “Developing the Region’s Inclusive and Vibrant Economy” (“DRIVE”) initiative, which is dedicated to developing a vision and detailed business plans to create long-term equitable development in Fresno. A core principle of DRIVE is advancing racial equity in all of the initiatives through specific tactics. In terms of economic development, this includes the meaningful engagement of residents to ensure their input into the futures of their communities and protecting and improving the environment, existing housing, and the quality of life of residents. We recognize that without centering these principles in our efforts, we cannot succeed in our goal to create an inclusive, vibrant regional economy for all.

It is with these values in mind that we write to you now to express our support for the initiation of a “South Central Neighborhoods Specific Plan.” This plan will bring together community residents, institutional leaders, property owners, and other community stakeholders to develop a vision, land use scheme, and policies for the future of the area encompassed by and adjacent to the General Plan South Industrial Priority Area. The South Central Neighborhoods Specific Plan will develop authentic solutions that balance residents’ right to live in a quality

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