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**Date You Wish to  
Speak Before the  
City Council** April 8, 2021

**Topic/Subject** Right To Counsel Community Proposal

I am a member of the Right to Counsel Coalition which is supporting the proposal. The Right to Counsel Coalition is a group of renters, Fresno State students, professors, clergy, community organizers, and legal and policy experts, who care deeply about our community. We believe that a Right to Counsel will prevent homelessness and benefit thousands of vulnerable renters, especially children, the elderly, and young adults/first time renters. Housing is a fundamental human need. We believe that everyone should have a right to legal assistance if they are at risk of losing their home.

We would like members of the City Council to place the Right To Counsel Community Proposal on the agenda, discuss the proposal, suggest changes if needed, arrange funding and bring the Right To Counsel Community Proposal for a vote.

There are other members of the Right to Counsel Coalition that would also like to speak on the topic. I will also be asking them to submit requests to arrange for scheduled communication on the topic.

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