## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 559, EXPANDING THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin River Conservancy was established in 1992 to acquire lands from willing sellers between the Friant Dam to Highway 99 along the San Joaquin River; and

WHEREAS, the goal of these acquisitions is to simultaneously conserve valuable habitat and provide the climate and mental health benefits of public green space to all residents of the City of Fresno and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The San Joaquin River Conservancy Board makes critical decisions on how acquired lands will be conserved, enhanced, and made available for public access.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is a diverse, multicultural city with many communities living in park-poor areas with limited access to public green space.

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

1. Recognizes the importance of providing a voice and a vote to underrepresented and underserved communities on state Boards and Conservancies.

2. Supports Assembly Bill 559, which expands public membership on the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board to include individuals working in the space of outdoor recreation, conservation, environmental justice, or social justice, and, further, adds a seat dedicated to local Indian Nations.

3. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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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 resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

AYES NOES ABSENT : **ABSTAIN** :

> YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DOUGLAS T. SLOAN City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Laurie Avedisian-Favini Assistant City Attorney

Date