

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMING THE PROPERTY AT VENTURA AND 10TH STREET IN HONOR OF FRANCINE AND MURRAY FARBER

WHEREAS, Fresno Unified School District (District) has acquired the property on Ventura and 10th Street that historically housed the county's Juvenile Hall and plans to develop it as an educational institution; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the District naming the property after Francine and Murray Farber, given their many contributions to the youth of the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Francine and Murray Farber have been married for 66 years and in that time, together have sponsored and promoted arts, culture, and education for Fresno County students; and

WHEREAS, the Farbers established the "Steve's Scholars" program in honor of their late son Steve Farber, providing scholarships to Tehipite Middle School students who maintain a B average through high school, keep good attendance, take college prep classes, and participate in community service. Every scholarship student can get another \$1,000 scholarship if they enroll for a second year of college. "Steve's Scholars" also sponsors field trips to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, to Wonder Valley, and instructional programs at school on financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, in the first two years, Steve's Scholars provided 61 students with a combined \$119,000 in scholarship funds, and student participants completed nearly 3,000 community service hours; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to the scholarship program, the Farbers funded “Mike’s Books” a free, on-site library at two Fresno Housing communities, in honor of their late son Michael, who was an avid reader and advocate for low-income and homeless causes; and

WHEREAS, the Farbers also funded “Fifth Grade on Broadway” to provide 6,000 Fresno Unified fifth graders with an opportunity to see a professional theater production and expose elementary school students to playwriting, drama, stagecraft, and costuming; and

WHEREAS, the Farbers sponsored more than 25,000 fifth grade students to see an original play about the Revolutionary War that was written and performed by Roger Rocka’s staff; and

WHEREAS, Francine Farber led a campaign to get better access to quality preschool education for Fresno County children during her reign as board president of the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, Murray Farber served as president of the Jewish Federation of Central California and continues to serve on the board where he promotes college scholarships, aid to programs for youngsters with handicaps, and educational museum trips; and

WHEREAS, in honor of their continued dedication to expose Fresno students to arts, culture, and education, the Council resolves as follows.

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

1. The City Council hereby supports the District naming the educational institution at Ventura and 10th after Francine and Murray Farber.

2. 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: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant