
Subject:

General Plan Amendment No. 552, Amendment Application No. 3852, Initial Study Application No. 7359

Since the Board of Supervisors Hearing on 9-11-18, there have been several individual meetings with area residents, a "Neighborhood Meeting" held at the Dante Club on 10-10-18, and a "Group Meeting" at the Sikh Community Center on 10-22-18. As a result of the those meetings and discussions, several of the project conditions have been altered or deleted. Several more conditions have been voluntarily added by the applicant. If the project is approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the following is a list of those conditions would also apply to the project:

- Agreement to memorialize all restrictions on the Zoning be recorded with a "Covenant" that meets the requirements of the Legal Counsels' office for Fresno County
- Concurrence with Block Wall Installation Condition (south property line)
- Agreement to replace existing "on site" FID pipeline (north and easterly property lines)
- Creation of "Pet Abandonment Protocol" requested by Central Unified School District
- Formal Elimination of any reference to "Hospital" (Code Section 843.1.A2 = 127 ½ uses eliminated)
- Formal elimination of Horses from the application request
- Agreement to "Indemnify" the County of Fresno against legal actions
- Development in "Substantial Conformance" with the Site Plan on file with Fresno County

Good Morning. My name is John Lourenco. I am coming before you as a resident of Forgotten Fresno and registered voter of District 1 in Fresno county to express my opposition to the rezoning of land between Grantland Avenue and Highway 99. If the vote to rezone comes to pass, a precedent will be set, and a slippery slope will allow more of these types of rezonings to occur. In addition to the problems that will be created by the mere allowance of the rezone due to the lack of infrastructure, the projected plan for that land will cause a multitude of issues for those of us living in the surrounding neighborhoods.

My foremost concern is what the shelter will do for the safety and wellbeing of students of Herndon Barstow Elementary. This project will increase the traffic in front of the school. The current conditions are already extremely dangerous. Especially for families like mine who live south of Bullard and west of Grantland. While there are crosswalks for children in my neighborhood to walk between home and school, it requires them to cross very busy streets three times. Two of those without crossing guards at the intersection of Grantland and Bullard. At that point along Grantland the speed limit is 40mph and routinely I have witnessed cars traveling much faster in both directions. With the increasing number of homes this will only get worse and a rezone and subsequent build will compound the issue. These dangers cannot be avoided or reduced due to the lack of sidewalks along the west side of Grantland due to the privately-owned county properties.

Secondly the rezoning to allow the construction of the shelter will bring about stray animals that might also be sick or lame that will be dumped off at the site when it is not open. Those animals will find their way on to school grounds and into the neighborhoods where the children play, live and travel to school. The children of the neighborhood and school should not be subjected to animals in these conditions. Students will suffer negative impacts upon their physical and emotional well-being.

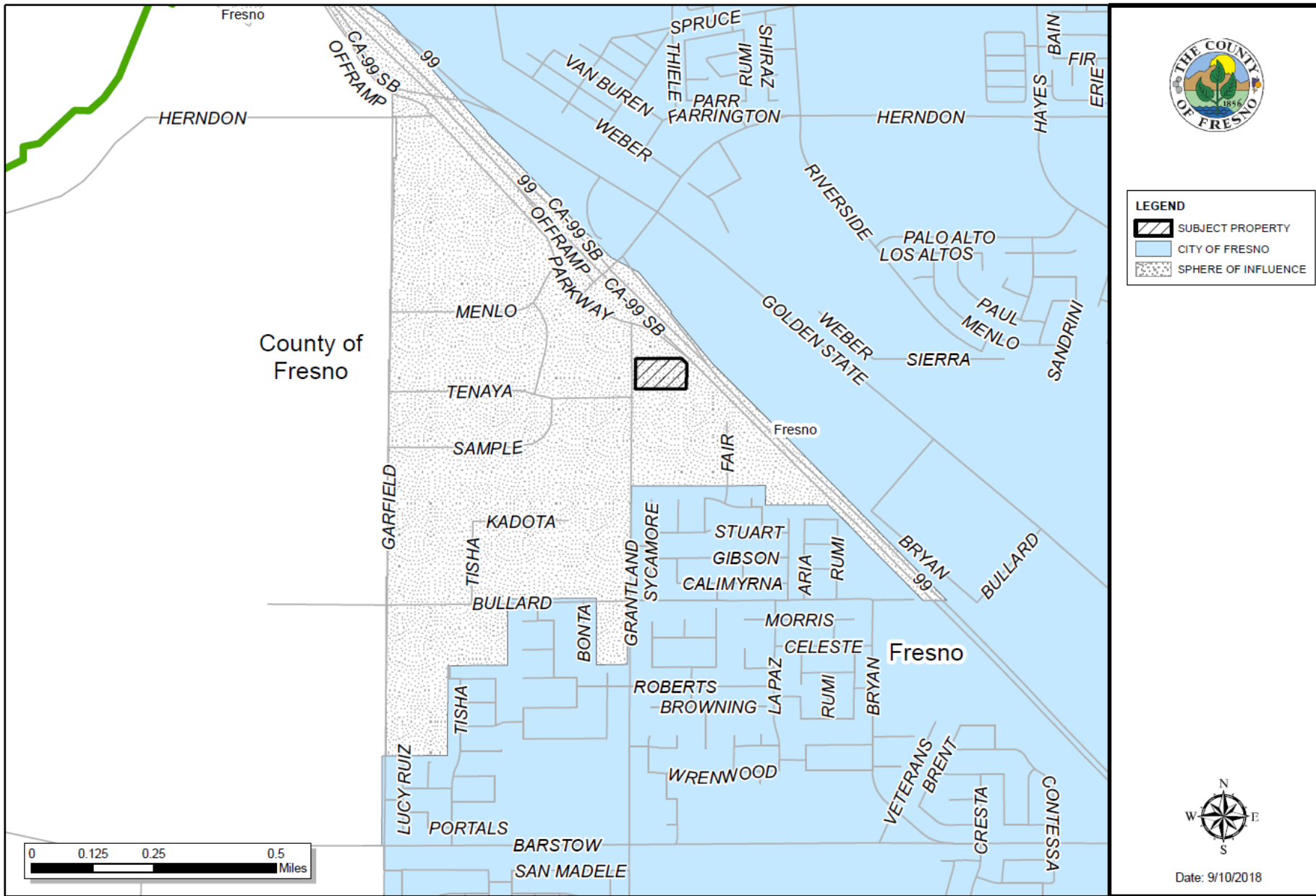
I also want to make it clear that I am not opposed to the idea and need of a new state of the art animal shelter for Fresno County. This is the right project, but in the wrong location. I am certain that the county has many other possible sites to place the shelter that would not impact a neighborhood negatively as this will to ours

I understand that there are references to many comparison sites as examples as to why this will work. I refute those examples on the grounds that none of his comparable sites are as large as this and also none of them are as close to a school as this project. The common example is that of Misses Winkles in Clovis. This comparison is poor due to the distance from the nearest school, over 1/2 mile for Miss Winkles compared to less than 1300 feet this project. Those distances also differ in that there is direct line of sight and traveling path for the Grantland project and that is not the case with Miss Winkles. Lastly Miss Winkles is strictly an adoption center which means they do not accept animals from the public, this project will raise the likelihood and volume of dumped animals.

In conclusion, I am asking for the following considerations. First, I need my Supervisor to represent myself and my neighbors in working to prevent this rezoning and subsequent project. I have yet to hear a neighbor speak out in favor of this location. I have also heard the voices of many supporters, but to my knowledge none live in the area. Second, for those of you who do not serve my area and I am not a constituent of I ask you to consider a thought. If this same situation were occurring in your neighborhood, near your children's school, how would you feel and how would your constituents feel?

Thank you

LOCATION MAP



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. R-483-3825

DATE OF ADOPTION:

October 23, 2018

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)

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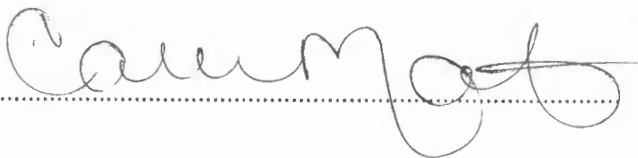
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No. 14315; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

OCTOBER 26, 2018

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

OCTOBER 26, 2018

ON



PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. R-483-3825

SUMMARY

NOTICE is hereby given that at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2018, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. R-483-3825, an Ordinance of the County of Fresno, State of California

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

On July 26, 2018, the Fresno County Planning Commission recommended approval (5 to 4) to amend the Fresno County General Plan and change the boundaries of certain zones and the zoning district of property thereby affected in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Division of the Ordinance Code of Fresno County, and to amend the zone map established by said division accordingly and further described as all that portion of the unincorporated area of Fresno County consisting of the two parcels described as Parcels 1 and 2 of Parcel Map No. 5610, according to the map thereof recorded in Book 35 Page 25 of Parcel Maps, Fresno County Records, which heretofore have been designated as Rural Density Residential in the Fresno County General Plan and classified in the RDR(nb) (Rural Residential, two-acre minimum parcel size, Neighborhood Beautification Overlay) Zone District pursuant to the Zoning Division of the Ordinance Code of Fresno County, located on the east side of North Grantland Avenue, between North Parkway Drive and West Tenaya Avenue, and approximately 180 feet southwest of the City of Fresno, is hereby amended to Limited Industrial in the Fresno County General Plan and changed to the M1(c) (Light Manufacturing, Conditional) Zone District as shown in Exhibit "A", limited to an Animal Shelter, and related uses, as stated in the adopted Ordinance.

In accordance with Government Code Sections 25123, 25131, and 65854-65857, this Ordinance, designated as Ordinance No. R-483-3825 shall take effect thirty days after its passage.

The full text of this Ordinance is available online at <https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> under the October 23, 2018 meeting date, or at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, California.

This Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

Bernice E. Seidel

Clerk, Board of Supervisors
10/26/2018