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Name: Thao Yang
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Subject: Policy 81

Message:

NO to Policy 81! We need representation everywhere in our diverse community of colors that allow children of many generation to understand they have a place here in American, "the land of the free!"

From: Karen Brown <jason@lgbtcn.org>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:12 PM
To: District 3; District 2; District 1; District 5; District 4; Clerk/BOS
Subject: Concerned Resident: Opposing July 8 Policy Limiting Community Outreach

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Dear Members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed policy that would require Board approval for county departments to participate in community events or observances, including Pride Month and related public health outreach.

This policy is a clear step backward for our county. It would give political gatekeepers the power to suppress visibility, outreach, and education efforts that are essential to the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ residents and other marginalized communities. As a Fresno County resident, I believe in a government that serves all its people, not one that picks and chooses whose identities are deemed acceptable for public support.

Supervisor Bredefeld's comments about safer sex materials being distributed at Pride are not only misinformed—they are dangerous. Condoms and lube are not political tools; they are proven public health resources that prevent the spread of HIV and other STDs. This outreach is particularly critical for the LGBTQ+ community, which continues to be disproportionately impacted by health disparities. Undermining that work jeopardizes lives and increases long-term costs for our healthcare system.

Equally concerning is the effort to censor LGBTQ+ displays in libraries and other public spaces. Pride is not political ideology—it is visibility, inclusion, and representation. To silence these expressions while continuing to celebrate other cultural events sends a chilling message that LGBTQ+ people are not welcome or valued.

The job of our public institutions is to serve, educate, and protect. This policy does none of those things. It opens the door to selective censorship, political micromanagement, and discrimination.

I urge you to reject this policy and stand up for the health, dignity, and inclusion of all Fresno County residents.

Sincerely,

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Name: Ezra Blair
Email Address: eblair16@yahoo.com

Subject: 9/9/25 Board Meeting - Oppose Administrative Policy 81: Keep Community Celebrations Free from Politics

Message:

Please vote no on Administrative Policy 81. It politicizes community celebrations, burdens county staff, and risks silencing observances like Pride Month. Our departments already act professionally and responsibly—this policy only undermines their work and divides our community.

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Name: Lorie Ham
Email Address: kingsriverlife@gmail.com

Subject: Administrative Policy 81

Message:

This is a horrible policy that goes against freedom of speech, discriminates against the LGBTQ+ community and people of color who live in this county. A library is supposed to be for everyone-our libraries should be free to put up displays for cultural and PRIDE months and events.

From: Brandi Nuse-Villegas <brandiangela78@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 1:35 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment, ite 7, 9/9/2025

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Oppose Administrative Policy 81. It does not benefit our community.

The policy shows bad faith towards our county departments and its leadership and staff that they aren't able to make reasonable decisions that best benefit the community regarding celebrations. These are the people who work hard for our community; who work closely with the community to meet their departmental goals and mission.

The alternative to this policy would be to continue to let the departmental leaders approve celebrations within their reasonable discretion.

The board mentions representing their community. While there are those in your community who might not celebrate or even approve of some celebrations and recognitions, note that there are others in your community who value them. It should not simply be a reflection of the county community members that share board members' beliefs.

The many celebrations are a display of the beautiful diversity of our community and recognize people's humanity in different ways and there is room for that variety. The county's participation in celebrations is a service to the community and also helps the county departments in meeting their goals by meeting people where they are at.

There is a lot of important county work in which the Board of Supervisors' decisions are needed. This is superfluous to the work of the county and slows it down. County staff would also be burdened with more work and thus take energy and motivation away from the important work of the county, including costing the county financially and in manpower.

Vote no.

From: Don Simmons <creativepotential@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: AP81

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DO NOT SUPPORT AP81!

This unwarranted and hyper-political decision to limit county dept. celebrations and recognitions of our county's various ethnic, religious and gender groups is a waste of time and energy when the county has so many other important issues with which to be concerned.

Some of the supervisor's "anti-woke" crusades and christian nationalism do a great disservice to the county. This small-minded and narrow worldview is the antithesis to good government and serving all of the people in Fresno County.

AP81 is a disgrace to all that Fresno County should stand for.

NO ON AP81.

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Don R. Simmons

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"It is not enough to DO GOOD, we must strive to DO GOOD WELL."

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From: victoria youngcondon <vyoung65536@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 7:15 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment 9/9/25 item 7

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Dear Supervisors,

Any celebration, holiday or historic remembrance important to a large number of constituents should be recognized by its representatives. I do not begrudge Christmas celebrations even though I am not Christian. It is simply a courtesy acknowledgement of our differences. If you start picking and choosing one over another, then you have to stop recognizing them ALL. Those who participate should be allowed to choose how it is expressed.

Victoria Young-Condon
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From: Elaine Goudelock <goudelockfamily1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:38 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Opinion

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I am against any restrictions for celebrating gay pride. They are a vibrant part of our community.

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Name: Cynthia Espinoza
Email Address: Cynthiaespinoza93@gmail.com

Subject: Approve and Adopt Administrative Policy 81 – Department Celebrations and Recognitions

Message:

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Administrative Policy 81 (Item 7 on the September 9 agenda). This policy would create unnecessary restrictions on county departments' ability to engage with the community by requiring Board approval for celeb

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From: Valerie Dalley <vdalley@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:40 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: AP 81 is pointless

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Hello,

I am a former county employee, and I can tell you that you do not want the results of administrative policy 81. The board or CAO will have to approve every single potluck for every department based on the wording. Do you know how many themed potlucks and lunches happen throughout the county? Ongoing library events may require an agenda board item to continue. This looks bad for the county. This and other continued publicly unpopular decisions made by certain board members will lower the board and county's already poor reputation.
P.S. a county lab is more valuable than a meditation room.

Thank you,
Valerie Binion Dalley

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Name: Michelle Olson
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Subject: Library and County Office Autonomy

Message:

I support the autonomy of our County libraries to determine the displays and monthly celebrations they deem appropriate for ALL patrons. Pride history is California history! For example, why can't historical, agricultural, and human rights causes all have representation? There's room for everyone!

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From: Laura Ramos <lmramos1016@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 9:07 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Keep County Celebrations Inclusive and Accessible

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Administrative Policy 81, listed as Item 7 on your upcoming agenda. If adopted, this policy would prevent county departments from acknowledging or celebrating meaningful events—such as Pride Month—unless the Board grants approval through a formal resolution or proclamation.

County agencies regularly host observances and programs—whether through library exhibits, cultural events, health outreach, or educational activities—that strengthen community trust and create a sense of belonging. These are not trivial matters; they directly benefit residents by highlighting our county's diversity and ensuring that all people feel represented. Policy 81 inserts unnecessary political barriers into decisions that should remain in the hands of staff who work closely with the public.

I am particularly troubled that this policy could be used to block recognition of observances like Pride Month, Black History Month, or Indigenous Peoples' Day simply because some may disagree with them politically. While a few state and federal holidays would remain protected, the underlying message is clear: some communities are valued while others are left uncertain. That approach is harmful, divisive, and inconsistent with the principles of fairness and equality.

Our county employees are professionals who already demonstrate sound judgment in choosing observances that align with their mission. Suggesting otherwise undermines their expertise and wastes staff time that should be devoted to serving the public.

Rather than promoting unity, Administrative Policy 81 risks silencing marginalized voices and weakening community engagement. I urge you to reject this measure and preserve the ability of county departments to recognize and celebrate the rich diversity of our residents without political interference.

Thank you for considering this perspective and for your responsibility to represent all who call Fresno County home.

Best regards,
Laura Ramos

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From: Amanda Gann <agann88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 7:37 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Oppose Administrative Policy 81 – Protect Community Celebrations and Department Autonomy

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Administrative Policy 81, listed as Item 7 on the upcoming agenda. This policy would restrict county departments from recognizing or celebrating important observances such as Pride Month, unless specifically approved by the Board through a resolution or proclamation.

County departments currently engage in celebrations and observances that directly serve and uplift our community—whether through library displays, health outreach, cultural events, or educational programming. These activities are not frivolous; they are essential to building trust, fostering inclusion, and ensuring that all residents feel seen and valued. Administrative Policy 81 undermines this work by inserting unnecessary bureaucracy and partisan politics into what should be professional, community-driven decisions.

I am deeply concerned that this policy could be weaponized to deny recognition of events such as Pride Month, Black History Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, or other observances that certain board members may oppose politically. While national holidays like Juneteenth and Cesar Chavez Day would be exempt, the message this policy sends is that some communities and their histories are valid, while others are up for debate. This is harmful, divisive, and contrary to the values of fairness and equity that public institutions should uphold.

Our county departments are staffed by professionals who work directly with the public to fulfill their missions. To suggest that they cannot responsibly determine which celebrations are appropriate devalues their expertise, places unnecessary burdens on staff time and resources, and diverts energy away from critical services.

Instead of building unity, Administrative Policy 81 risks silencing marginalized voices, reducing community engagement, and making county government less responsive to the needs of all residents. I urge you to reject this policy and to affirm the autonomy of county departments to continue celebrating the rich diversity and resilience of our communities without political interference.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to representing all members of our county.

Sincerely,

Amanda Gann

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Name: Andrea Farber De Zubiria
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Subject: today's vote on special observances

Message:

As a parent of a transgender young adult and a health care clinician I urge you to focus on public health and not restrict access to information and resources to this community. Listen to the medical professionals and counselors when making decisions that affect public health!

Item 7
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From: LeeAnn DiCicco <leeannndicco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 8:52 AM
To: District 5; Clerk/BOS
Subject: Opposition to AP 81

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Good morning,

I am a parent and a very active and involved member of the community. I am writing today to urge the Board of Supervisors to reject AP 81. The requirements of AP 81 would hamper County departments in their ability to perform effective outreach and to engage with the community. The leadership of County departments are better positioned than the BOS to make decisions regarding engagement and outreach. The passage of AP 81 would be unnecessary and inappropriate overreach by the BOS beyond their appropriate expertise and authority. The passage of AP 81 would make County departments less effective and add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy that would get in the way of departments providing needed services to community members. AP 81 will undermine the public's trust in County government, and hamper County government's effectiveness. As a resident of Fresno County, the City of Clovis, and a constituent of District 5, I urge you to vote no on AP 81, which only makes Fresno County government less efficient and less effective.

Sincerely,
LeeAnn J. DiCicco
Resident of District 5