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Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 9:54 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment 9/23 Item#27

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Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you *not* to formally honor Charlie Kirk with any county proclamation, ceremony, or dedication. While his tragic death is sorrowful, honoring him in an official capacity risks condoning or overlooking deeply problematic aspects of his public life and contributions.

Below are several reasons why such an honor would be inappropriate:

1. Polarizing and Divisive Rhetoric

Charlie Kirk was widely known for his confrontational style, promoting strongly partisan and ideologically divisive agendas. While political discourse benefits from robust debate, there is concern that much of his rhetoric went beyond healthy disagreement and tended toward demonizing opponents. Many feel this kind of public figure hinders unity rather than builds it.

2. Accusations of Bigotry and Harassing Discourse

Critics have pointed out that Kirk made statements perceived as hostile toward marginalized groups. For example, issues related to race, gender, LGBTQ+ rights, and immigration have been flashpoints in his public commentary. Some believe that honoring someone with these controversies sends a message that such rhetoric is acceptable or unimportant. [The Guardian+2FactCheck.org+2](#)

3. Selective Memory Versus Legacy Sanitization

There is concern that honoring Kirk could lead to celebrating certain aspects of his life (his activism, youth outreach, conservative organizing) while downplaying or ignoring the more controversial or harmful ones. Some op-eds warn against "posthumously sanitizing" Kirk's words and actions. Recognizing someone's death with respect is different from formally honoring their entire public legacy without acknowledging its complexity. [Advocate.com](#)

4. Potential for Community Division

Fresno is a diverse community, with many people who strongly oppose Kirk's views. A formal honor may feel exclusionary or disrespectful to those who were directly harmed, offended, or marginalized by his statements. It could exacerbate societal and political conflicts, rather than promote healing or cohesion.

5. Precedent and Standards for Honors

If the county begins honoring figures mainly for their national visibility or political alignment rather than broadly accepted contributions (e.g. civic service, charitable work, nonpartisan leadership), it may open the door to many contentious proposals. It's worth considering whether Kirk's body of work meets criteria that command respect across the community, rather than only within partisan circles.

6. The Difference Between Mourning and Commemoration

Expressing condolences, mourning his death, and decrying political violence are appropriate

responses. But choosing to *honor* someone is a higher bar: it implies celebrating their contributions as exemplary or instructive. Given the controversies, many believe the county should limit itself to mourning political violence rather than celebrating specific controversial figures.

Suggestion for a More Unifying Approach

If the concern is to promote peace, civility, and rejecting political violence — these are values that many in Fresno (and all over) can agree on. Instead of honoring a single individual with a divisive reputation, I urge the County Board to consider a resolution or proclamation **condemning political violence**, calling for respectful public discourse, and committing to unity across ideological divides. This kind of approach avoids putting the County in the middle of partisan debates while affirming shared values.

Thank you for considering these points. I believe great care should be taken when deciding who to formally honor in public spaces and ceremonies. Such decisions shape the community's values and what we teach future generations about respect, inclusion, and civic life.

Sincerely,

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From: Emilia Sullivan <emilia.carbajal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 8:14 AM
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Subject: Do not sign the Charlie Kirk declaration

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Good morning,

I'm a homeowner, a tax payer, a resident of Fresno that decided to move here and support a community that is not supported by its local government. On top of that, you want to do this nonsense?!

No. This does not reflect the residents of Fresno County only the people that are sitting as board members. I dissent .

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(Please excuse typos. Thank you.)

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Subject: Charlie Kirk

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It is the utmost nonsense that we even have to hear this noise. On George Floyd's birthday no less we are expected to acknowledge a national holiday to a fascist?! Now you all want an extra day off about it? Is there NOTHING else in Fresno that deserves your attention?!?!

From: Justin Goble <justin@northparkcc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 11:06 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment: Charlie Kirk Adjournment

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To adjourn in memory of Kirk is to adjourn in memory of someone who was a strong proponent of Great Replacement Theory. This ideology is not only extremely racist, it is inherently unchristian and unamerican. To adjourn in memory of someone like Kirk would be like adjourning in memory of a KKK grand wizard. This action would be unacceptable and extremely harmful to the community if done so. Rather, let's propose an adjournment in memory of Melissa Hartman since that was not done at the time her and her husband were assassinated in their home.

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To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Re The proposed memorial adjournment of Charlie Kirk

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Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Fresno County. I was made aware that a memorial adjournment for Charlie Kirk was proposed at a city council meeting. Upon hearing this news, I wanted to write and express my concern and overall feelings of disgust.

In reality, while using his freedom of speech, Charlie Kirk was a figurehead for a movement of violence and hatred against many marginalized people. People of color, disabled people, people facing housing insecurity, women, queer people, and others are all part of every community, not to mention being a part of the community that is Fresno County and City. These people are your neighbors, your friends, whether you are aware of it or not, they may be your children. They may very well be someone you have loved, do love, or will love.

In many ways, these people are you. Even the "picture perfect" person that figures like Charlie Kirk might praise and aspire to be -the fully able-bodied, white Christian man -will experience things in this lifetime where the hardships of his neighbor may become his own to bear. The misogyny that women face is also the misogyny at the forefront of the cause for men's mental health and self-isolation. The homophobia and transphobia that put queer people's lives at risk are, at their core, an amalgamation of the harsh standards of perfection even cisgender people experience every day.

For example, if you are a cisgender man, you may be concerned about how tall you are and might even consider an extreme surgery to change your height. You may be concerned about balding, the depth of your voice, or the broadness, or lack thereof, of your shoulders. The thoughts that plague you when you look in the mirror may be feelings of inadequacy, a projection of the concept of what a man "should" be.

Or if you are a woman, the same thing applies. You may feel your hair is not voluminous enough, your thighs are too big or too small, your proportions are not good enough, your chin is too hairy, or your lips are not full enough. You may feel like you are not enough. All this is to say that the problems of your neighbors are your problems whether you see it or not.

Moreover, as fellow humans and living beings, we should care for and protect each other regardless of whether we feel affected by what they are facing. We should do it because to care, to connect, and to be in a community is a core part of what we as humans are meant to do on this earth.

My point is that the rhetoric Charlie Kirk spread with his platform was not merely an "opinion" I don't agree with. It was commonly misinformation; it was hateful, and it was violent in nature. It incited

violence in a very real, direct, and tangible way. This is not the kind of person I want my city representatives honoring. While you may mourn and have your own personal condolences, I do not shame anyone for their feelings. However, on a professional level and considering your positions as representatives, I do not feel it would be accurate, responsible, or beneficial to anyone in this community—or any community—to hold his name in honor during any official government meeting, large or small.

Thank you for your sincere consideration and your time.

With hope,
Andy J Ellis