

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION**

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Fresno for the purpose of continuing a half-cent county sales tax—without raising taxes—to keep local dollars here at home to fix our local roads, improve public transit, and create good-paying local jobs, with independent citizen oversight. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Fresno County is a great place to live, work, and raise a family—but our transportation system is falling behind. Crumbling streets, unsafe roads, limited transit options, and aging infrastructure threaten our quality of life, economy, and safety. Residents experience these impacts every day through longer commutes, damaged vehicles, unsafe walking conditions, and fewer transportation choices.

The good news is we can address these challenges by fixing local roads, keeping our dollars here at home, creating good-paying local jobs, and keeping Fresno County residents connected—without raising taxes. Maintaining a half-cent transportation sales tax is essential to fixing what matters most and building a safer, healthier, and more connected county for generations to come.

For nearly four decades, local transportation sales tax funds have largely focused on building and expanding major state freeways, while neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and rural roads connecting our communities have been left behind. As a result, many local roads are now in poor condition. Pothole-riddled streets can cost each driver up to \$2,000 in vehicle repairs, while deferred road maintenance across Fresno County has grown to an estimated \$5.4 billion. Without a reliable local funding source, these costs will continue to rise, placing a greater burden on families, seniors, and small businesses.

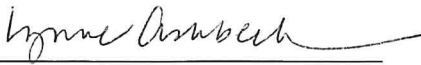
Maintaining a sales tax allows Fresno County to fix what matters most by prioritizing the repair and maintenance of neighborhood streets and roads. These investments will improve traffic safety, reduce travel times, and ensure emergency responders can reach residents quickly when it matters most. The plan also invests in basic infrastructure that many neighborhoods still lack—sidewalks, crosswalks, curb and gutter, streetlights, bike lanes, and safer routes to schools—so children, seniors, and people with disabilities can move safely through their communities.

Reliable public transportation is another critical need. Nearly 80 percent of transit riders in Fresno County depend entirely on public transit and have no access to a private vehicle. Yet current services often do not run frequently enough or to the places people need to go. This initiative allows us to improve the efficiency of our transit services, better connecting residents to jobs, schools, doctor appointments, grocery stores, and other essential services.

Funds are legally protected, independently audited each year, and overseen by a citizens' oversight committee to ensure every dollar is spent as voters intend. These investments will create thousands of good-paying local jobs, strengthen the local economy, and improve air quality by supporting more and better transportation options.

The choice is clear. Without this measure, roads will continue to deteriorate, critical safety improvements will be delayed, and transit services will be reduced. By maintaining a sales tax, Fresno County can fix local roads, protect taxpayers, and build a transportation system that works for everyone—now and in the future.

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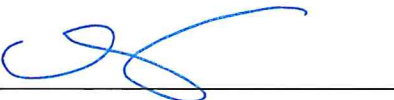
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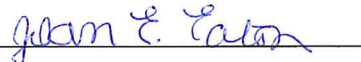
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