

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A POTENTIAL NEW) RESOLUTION
COURTHOUSE IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno (County) supports the State of California Judicial Council's (JCC) potential siting of a new courthouse in the downtown area of Fresno, including, but not limited to, potential locations in Courthouse Park (bounded by Van Ness Avenue, Fresno Street, Tulare Street and M Street); and

WHEREAS, the JCC would have approval authority over such a potential courthouse pursuant to the Trial Court Facilities Act (Gov. Code §§70321 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the final form, location, and timing of siting any potential new courthouse is unknown and speculative at this time, and ultimately will be directed by the State of California through the JCC; and

WHEREAS, if a location of a new courthouse is selected by the JCC in downtown Fresno, the County expects that there will be subsequent proposed agreements and processes required, including, but not limited to, compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County to be supportive of the needs of the JCC in whatever location the State decides to prioritize the courthouse needs for Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, any further exploration of siting any new courthouse at a particular location will require adherence to CEQA processes; and

WHEREAS, the County values intergovernmental relationships that promote efficiency and best benefit the residents and citizens of Fresno County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and the Board of Supervisors, by its best efforts and good faith, supports the JCC's potential siting of a new courthouse in the downtown area of Fresno.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the potential new courthouse site involves County real
2 property, upon initiation and completion of the CEQA review process and appropriation of funds by
3 the State of California, and the County, if necessary, followed by the State of California's
4 determination to pursue a new courthouse in downtown Fresno, the County would consider
5 proposed terms of sale or exchange that would convey property necessary for a new courthouse
6 upon price and terms mutually beneficial to the State of California, including the court system, and
7 the County.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is solely for the purpose of the County
9 expressing support of the JCC's pursuit of a potential new courthouse in downtown Fresno, and in
10 any event, does not pre-commit the County to any particular course of action or appropriation or
11 expenditure of funds.

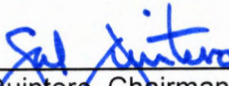
12 The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
13 of the County of Fresno this 5th day of September, 2023, to wit:

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15 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

16 NOES: None

17 ABSENT: None

18 ABSTAINED: None

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Sal Quintero, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Fresno

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21 **ATTEST:**
Bernice E. Seidel
22 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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24 By: 
Deputy