

Item #8  
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Honorable Fresno County Board Members:

Fresno County is the best example of the American melting pot, where people from all different ethnic groups blend together as one. We are a people of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders and sexual orientations, but we all respect and love the American Flag, for it is the glue that keeps us together. And we pay allegiance to the flag and salute it as we place our right hand on our heart.

I landed in Fresno on April 21, 1967. I got married on July 1, 1967, and in August 1967, I got a letter from the selective service. I did not fly to Canada nor Mexico to avoid being drafted. Instead, I remained in Fresno waiting for my number to be called. This is my country. The American flag is my flag. Supervisors, I know and respect each one of you, and know that you seek consensus before every decision.

My office window is looking at the Plaza - the area between the old jail, the Hall of Records, and the Court House. Closer to M Street, are two flag poles. The poles are quite a distance from the one attached on the Hall of Records that flies the American flag 24/7. It is my humble suggestion that you designate the Plaza, with those two flag poles, as the place where organizations may get permission to display their flag on occasions that are of great importance to them such as: April 24<sup>th</sup>, Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cinco de Mayo celebrations, LGBTQ+ Pride Month, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Greek Independence Day, December 1<sup>st</sup>, Portuguese Independence Day, and many others as they come forth, ask permission to use the spot and agree NEVER to fly their flag higher than the Old Glory, which is the flag that unites us all.

We read in Psalms 133:1 "It is truly wonderful when the people of God dwell together in peace".

I thank you for the opportunity to present my point of view. I would be at this meeting, but I am out of town attending the GFOA conference. Attached in this email are two pictures of the flag poles I am referencing in this email.



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