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Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 2:57 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment, June 16, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Dear Madame Clerk:

Please forward my comment to the agenda item for the proposed "Traditional Nuclear Family Month," sponsored by Garry Bredefeld.

1. Supporting LGBTQ Youth Is Not Anti-Family. To begin with, Mr. Bredefeld starts his proposed resolution by stating, "Anti-family groups...make every effort to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle...." This is absurd and without any factual basis. Mr. Bredefeld neglects to mention who he believes these "anti-family" groups are. In fact, Mr. Bredefeld fails to grasp that supporting LGBTQ youth is not synonymous with being affirmatively "anti-family." Not in the least. Those who support our LGBTQ youth, support EVERY family, not just ones who look like, act like, love and pray as we do.

LGBTQ youth are 40% more likely than their peers to attempt suicide. Over 1/2 of the community report being depressed or experiencing general anxiety. The causes of the elevated suicide, depression and anxiety rates are generally attributed to constant exposure to discrimination, family rejection and the negative social and political climate, as expressed relentlessly by Supervisor Bredefeld and others who proscribe to his desire to govern through his religious doctrine.

Intentional action by government and community movements, such as the resolution presented by Mr. Bredefeld, are part of the ever-present danger to our youth; the constant rhetoric to make them feel excluded, wrong, bad, unworthy, which reinforces their negative self view and encourages further depression and suicide. Mr. Bredefeld has been doing this for years on social media. I am so disappointed he now has yet another platform where he feels welcome to propose such hurtful "legislation."

2. Our Government Should Not Be Run Like A Sunday School Class. Paragraph 2 of Mr. Bredefeld's proposal references, "God's perfect design." Without debating what Garry's Christian God teaches or does not teach, I resent that some in my county continue to insist on governing based on their individual interpretation of one belief system.

This county consists of a very diverse population. Current estimates show Fresno county consists of 25-30% of religiously non-affiliated citizens along with a growing population of up to 10% non-Christian faiths. Consequently, 35-40% of the area's constituency is not practicing Garry's belief system. And still more citizens of this county, who are Christian believers, understand the dangers of, and oppose the

promotion of one belief system in our form of government. Yes, Garry's Christian cohorts still are the majority, but our Constitution still addresses such governance by religion.

Sometimes, Mr. Bredefeld's rhetoric can be written off as attention seeking babble. But not this, not now. Finding one more way to exclude non-christians from our community, with this Project 2025 rhetoric, will do nothing for this county. And, finding one more way to attack our already vulnerable youth, intentionally trying to make them feel "less-than," unwanted, wrong, bad, unworthy of love and respect, and as he does he implies in other arenas - that they are all going to hell, will actively endanger their well-being.

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ITEM #6
06/16/2024

From: Sarah Rodriguez <sarahrodriguez1977@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:29 AM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: June Proclamation

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As one of your constituents I am asking you to veto Bredefeld's June proclamation of Nuclear Family Month. This is a slap in the face to all single parent families, split household families, foster families and families where the bioparent may or may not be involved, such as children being raised by grandparents. I am also asking you veto the privatization of the Public Library system. Bredefeld can't even say the word correctly, should he be making policy on it? The library isn't just for kids, but a vital resource to all Fresno County community members. For some in the foothill and mountain communities you represent the library is still the only place for reliable internet service. It is also a lifeline for the disabled, the handicap, for veterans and of course for children and teens, especially during the school year.

Thank you,
Sarah Rodriguez

ITEM #6
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From: Sarah Gutierrez <gutierrezsarah96@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:04 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment, June 16th, Nuclear Family Month

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As a constituent in District 2, I strongly oppose Item 6 on the Board's agenda, entitled "Adopt Resolution Approving the Month of June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month in Fresno County". This is a waste of time and taxpayer dollars. Again, I oppose this measure.

ITEM #6
06/16/2026

From: Payton Dolenar <payton.dolenar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:16 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Opposition to Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I oppose the proposed resolution declaring June "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." I submit this comment as a citizen of Fresno County, a parent, and an attorney.

This resolution elevates one specific religious and cultural view of family as the preferred model for Fresno County. The resolution relies on the idea that the nuclear family is "God's design" and "God's perfect design." Many people in this county are people of faith, but we do not all share the same religious tradition, and our county government should not adopt one faith-based definition of family as official county policy or celebration.

The resolution is also limiting and exclusionary. Fresno County is made up of many kinds of families: single-parent families, blended families, adoptive families, foster families, grandparents raising grandchildren, LGBTQ families, and multigenerational households. These families are not lesser.

Supervisor Bredefeld has stated in the media that the Resolution is not an attempt to oppose any particular group, but the reasoning advanced in the text of the Resolution contradicts his comments. The Resolution defines one family structure as superior and portrays LGBTQ people, transgender people, and others as threats. That language is harmful, divisive, and not representative of the views of the people of Fresno County.

The stated rationale for this resolution is weak. Much of it is based on religious belief, opinion, or broad and unsubstantiated claims. Fresno County should support concerns for the wellbeing of children and parents through real policy solutions, not symbolic and divisive proclamations.

Lastly, the County of Fresno should avoid adopting theological premises as official County policy. The County should be careful to not endorse a particular religion in the text of its resolutions. This is not a private religious expression and it is not a historically accepted practice (like legislative prayer) under the test set out in *Kennedy v. Bremerton*. I would hate to see the County waste precious resources defending establishment clause lawsuits that result from this stupid resolution. Did you have a county attorney look at this?

Thank you,
Payton Dolenar

ITEM #6
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From: Sharron Carter <carterks01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:15 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: What is important to taxpayers

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Mr. Bredefeld,

Roads, housing, water, electricity, wages, rent, groceries, gasoline, mental health, healthcare, guns, criminals, animal control. This is what is important to taxpayers in the Central Valley. Get your head into reality mode. Your ideas about the LGBTQ community are offensive and have no place in your county supervisor position; church and state, sir.

I do not care what your personal beliefs are about "peoples' birth identities"; nothing about that subject is going to take care of the everyday unsolved problems facing citizens and their tax dollars. That is what you are being paid to do...find solutions to problems that really matter to us, taxpayers that pay your supervisor paycheck.

Seriously,

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Sent from my iPad

ITEM #6
06/16/2024

From: Alexandra Carrillo <wlyteth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:28 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you today to voice my opposition to Gary Bredefeld's proposal to recognize June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month in Fresno County. This is a direct attack on the LGBTQ+ community and is a waste of time.

I was born and raised in Fresno by a traditional, two parent family, and it is families like mine that do not need extra recognition. To be a two parent traditional family in this country does not incur the type of struggle that single parent or LGBTQ+ families face. All families matter, but some struggle more than others and we should be directing our attention and aid to lifting them up, not giving a participation trophy to families that are unremarkable. This is why I oppose such a designation for any month, but especially for June considering that it is already in recognition of the LGBTQ+ community. A community that is family to a lot of people, myself included. We as a county need to stop wasting our time on frivolous pet projects like this and devote more resources to solving our education and homelessness issues.

It is my hope that you will vote NO on Bredefeld's proposal and make it clear that it is not welcome to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your time,
Alexandra Carrillo

ITEM #6
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From: Stephanie Hamblen <snshamblen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:15 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Hello,

I'm a constituent of Fresno, I live at 3256 N Dewey Ave, Fresno CA 93722 and I strongly oppose the Traditional Nuclear Family Month resolution. This is a divisive, targeting, and malicious resolution.

Thank you for your time,
Stephanie Hamblen

ITEM #6
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From: Samir Kashyap <skashyap41@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:01 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Month Proposal

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Good evening,

I am writing to express my opposition for Garry Bredefeld's resolution for a "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." This proposal is borderline comical as this is the general expectation and norm in our society. It is a juvenile attempt to further marginalize the LGBT community in Fresno and the Central Valley. Bredefeld espouses the ideals of "Freedom" but his actions show we are actually only free to live in a way that is suitable to him. His obsession with vilifying and opposing anything related to the LGBTQ community further undermines his credibility as a county leader. His behavior mirrors everything that people hate about our current Congress and Administration. We deserve better.

Instead, I urge the board to focus instead on substantive issues that improve the lives of our citizens, such as balancing the budget and identifying new revenue streams for the county. Fresno County deserves leadership that prioritizes practical solutions over symbolic and exclusionary resolutions.

Sincerely,

Samir Kashyap

ITEM #6
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From: Brett Winchell <brettwinchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:14 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Opposition to Proposed "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Board to reject the proposed resolution declaring June "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." I am a lifelong Fresno County resident

While supporting families is an important and worthwhile goal, this resolution appears to elevate one type of family structure above all others and risks sending a divisive message to many Fresno County residents whose families do not fit a narrowly defined model. Public policy should recognize and respect the full diversity of families in our community, including single-parent households, blended families, grandparents raising children, adoptive families, foster families, and LGBTQ+ families.

According to public reporting, the proposed resolution includes language criticizing LGBTQ identities and other non-traditional households, which many residents and community organizations have described as exclusionary and harmful. Fresno County government should strive to unite residents rather than promote culture-war rhetoric that alienates members of the community.

Research and lived experience consistently show that children can thrive in many different family structures when they are raised in environments that provide love, stability, safety, and support. Government recognition should reflect that reality rather than imply that some families are more legitimate, moral, or valuable than others.

June is already recognized by many as Pride Month, a time focused on inclusion, dignity, and equal respect for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. Introducing a resolution that many perceive as targeting those same residents risks deepening division at a time when Fresno County should be focused on strengthening community cohesion and addressing pressing local concerns.

I encourage the Board instead to consider language that celebrates and supports all families in Fresno County without exclusion or stigma.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Winchell
Clovis, Ca. 93612

ITEM #6
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From: Stephanie H <hellostephanie70714@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:44 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment - 6/16/26, Agenda Item #6, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed resolution declaring June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." (Item #6 on the agenda)

This proposal appears to be politically motivated and promotes a narrow ideological view of family that does not reflect the true diversity of Fresno County. Our community is made up of various family structures, including single parents, blended families, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive families, foster families, and LGBTQ+ families. Each of these deserves equal recognition and respect from our local government.

While proponents may frame the resolution as a celebration of one family structure, many residents see it as an attempt to elevate one type of family above others. Such a message is harmful, exclusionary, and inconsistent with the values of a community that prides itself on diversity and inclusion.

I urge you to reject this resolution and instead support policies that strengthen and uplift all families in Fresno County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hernandez
Fresno, CA

From: James Ruelas <james.ruelas22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 2
Subject: Resolution #20-0636 – "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Ms. Madam clerk:

Please include this for the meeting on 6/16/2026

To the board of supervisors,

I am writing in strong opposition to item #6, Resolution #20-0636 also known as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month".

This is an affront to those in the community who may have differing values to the "Christian Nationalist" rhetoric that Mr. Bredefeld may adhere to. While some might agree with this interpretation of a "family", there are many others who don't. Utilizing public policy to codify a singular ideological definition of family is a dangerous overreach.

This seems nothing more than a way to push a "Christian Nationalist" agenda onto public policy, which would be unconstitutional. This is an infringement on our 1st amendment right in The Establishment Clause which states "government shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion".

As members of the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County, it is your duty to uphold the laws of this country as much as it is to govern the Fresno region, and I do believe we should be wary of any attempt to infringe on this clause.

Not only is Mr. Bredefeld invoking "God" in his resolution but attempting to infringe on the establishment clause by stating what an 'acceptable traditional nuclear family' looks like based on his interpretation of faith.

In both the second and sixth paragraphs, Mr. Bredefeld is invoking his faith as an attempt to impose his beliefs on the community in which is supposed to serve. Rather than attempting to understand and uplift his community he is using rhetoric that is divisive and inflammatory.

He continues his "Christian Nationalist" propaganda campaign against part of his constituency in paragraph five where is states, "children are now under attack from anti-family groups that make every effort to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle, promote genital mutilation, abortion practices and Transgender ideology without parental knowledge or consent"

And continues in paragraph seven, “the nuclear family is under attack in our beloved State and nation, and it is our responsibility to uplift, protect, and support values that help Fresno County prosper”. This an attempt to frame local governance as an ideological battleground.

Again, I believe this is an attempt at the local level to infringe on the 1st amendment’s establishment clause by imposing Mr. Bredefeld’s personal beliefs onto his constituency. Local government should focus on building a prosperous, inclusive Fresno County for everyone, not validating one supervisor's personal dogmas at the expense of others.

I would urge members of the board to vote “no” on this resolution.

James Ruelas

Fresno, CA 93720

"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."

— Augustine of Hippo

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you,

James Ruelas

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ITEM #6
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From: Kimberly Collum <kimdejong09@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed resolution establishing June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

The language used in this resolution is alienating, divisive, and deeply harmful to thousands of loving families in Fresno County, including single parents, LGBTQ+ households, and extended families raising children. Our local government should be uplifting and supporting all residents, not promoting discriminatory rhetoric that attacks vulnerable youth and diverse family structures.

I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Collum 93711

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From: divahrose <divahrose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:36 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE -- Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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This is discriminatory and hateful. As a resident I strongly oppose this.

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ITEM #6
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From: Rebecca Lucas <leapbecca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 9:01 AM
To: Clerk-Services <clerk-services@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Public comment "traditional nuclear family month"

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I'm writing this email in opposition to the proposal to declare the month of June as "traditional nuclear family month", item number six at the June 16th meeting.

Can we please stop with this project 2025 MAGA, Christian white nationalist agenda?

It's disgusting, and more importantly, it's extremely damaging.

The nuclear family is not under attack, but the LGBTQIA+ community is. Queer youth have higher suicide rates. Do you know what helps to get those rates down? Representation, being celebrated instead of shunned, being accepted for who they are. Don't take away their pride.

Rebecca Lucas

ITEM #6
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From: Stetler Brown <stetlerbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 1:51 PM
To: District 5; Clerk/BOS
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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Greetings Supervisor Magsig,

I hope you are having a good week so far. I wanted to write to you and leave some public comment on Chairman Bredefeld's Resolution for consideration in the June 16th meeting.

I am of the firm belief that families of all kinds are the ones that make Fresno County what it is. As I shared in a news interview with KMPH ([News Article](#)), my father was raised by a single mom who worked multiple jobs to support 3 kids. That household suffered the effects of domestic violence and addiction. Upholding the "nuclear family" in this case, would continue to put my father and his siblings and mother in harm's way. I worry this sends the wrong message to those seeking services in our county shelters, families in single-parent households, and blended families.

In addition, I do not believe it is the County's role to say that God had the perfect design for families. The county is not a religious institution; it should not place religious beliefs as better than others in our county. The language in the resolution enacts language that religious figures commonly use as "spiritual warfare". The county, as a government organization, should not be using this language in a public document.

Finally, the language in the resolution falsely claims that the nuclear family is under attack, that children are under attack. It is patently untrue, and again, borrows language from the spiritual warfare domain of Christianity.

I am not against uplifting families. I am however, against using this resolution to tear other families down, and demonize individuals, including the LGBTQ+ community. When you use language invoking God as a member of a legislative body, saying that only one type of family is the perfect design, it tears other families down.

I strongly urge a vote against this resolution as written. If you are willing to discuss this further, I am more than willing to have a phone conversation.

Cordially,
Stetler

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From: Lyndsey Chavez <chavezlyndsey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:19 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed resolution establishing June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

The language used in this resolution is alienating, divisive, and deeply harmful to thousands of loving families in Fresno County, including single parents, LGBTQ+ households, and extended families raising children. Our local government should be uplifting and supporting all residents, not promoting discriminatory rhetoric that attacks vulnerable youth and diverse family structures.

As a marriage and family therapist who has served this community for 10 years, I have worked families of all shapes and sizes, from all backgrounds and differing religious/spiritual beliefs. The families in Fresno County deserve this council to tackle real issues that actually impact Valley families, not a useless, hateful, painfully inaccurate proposal that helps no one.

A very simple search of REAL research articles will show you that the statistics quoted in this proposal are embarrassingly wrong. A large part of my master's degree was learning how to understand, analyze, and read research studies. Correlation does not equal causation. Being selective with data to fit one's hypothesis is not accurate and would be denounced in the scientific community as fraudulent. I implore this council to do more research and to not waste constituents' time.

I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Respectfully,
Lyndsey Chavez, 93611

ITEM #6
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From: Cody Campbell <codycmpbl92@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:57 PM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 5
Subject: Public Comment: Nuclear Family Month

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Hello,

I am emailing to make a public comment on Chairman Bredefeld's Resolution for consideration in the June 16th meeting.

I firmly believe that families of every kind are what make Fresno County strong. They are the foundation of our communities, our neighborhoods, and our shared future. What I do not believe is that it is the County's role to declare that God ordained a single "perfect" family structure. Fresno County is a government institution, not a religious one. It should not elevate one set of religious beliefs above others, nor should it use public policy to endorse a particular theological viewpoint.

The language in this resolution goes far beyond supporting families. It adopts rhetoric commonly associated with so-called "spiritual warfare" narratives, framing social and cultural differences as existential threats. That is inappropriate language for a governmental body and has no place in an official county document.

The resolution also advances the false claim that the nuclear family and children are somehow "under attack." There is no evidence to support that assertion. Instead, it repeats culture-war talking points rooted in a specific religious and political ideology. Public policy should be grounded in facts, not fear-based narratives.

I am not opposed to celebrating and strengthening families. In fact, I strongly support policies that help families thrive. What I oppose is using a resolution about families as a vehicle to diminish other families, exclude members of our community, and stigmatize individuals, including those in the LGBTQ+ community.

When elected officials invoke God and declare that only one type of family represents a "perfect design," they are not uplifting families; they are sending a message that other families are somehow lesser. That is divisive, not unifying. Fresno County should recognize and support all families who love, care for, and provide for one another, not elevate one family structure while condemning the rest.

I strongly urge a vote against this resolution as written.

Thank you,
Cody J. Campbell, SHRM-CP
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ITEM #6
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From: Catherine Stockdale <katiepstockdale@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to designate June as “Traditional Nuclear Family Month.”

This proposal is not a neutral celebration of families. It is a political statement that elevates one family structure while implicitly excluding countless others. By singling out so-called “traditional” nuclear families for special recognition, the county would be sending a clear message that single parents, blended families, grandparents raising children, adoptive families, foster families, LGBTQ+ families, and many others are somehow less deserving of public acknowledgment and respect.

The timing of this proposal is particularly troubling. June is Pride Month, a time when LGBTQ+ people and their families are recognized after generations of discrimination and exclusion. Creating a competing observance centered on a narrowly defined vision of family cannot be separated from that context. Many residents will reasonably view this proposal as an attempt to undermine or diminish the visibility of LGBTQ+ people and families in our community.

Government should not be in the business of ranking families. The role of county leadership is to serve all residents equally, not to promote one cultural or ideological vision of family life over others. Strong communities are built by supporting all loving, committed families, not by declaring one type of family more worthy of celebration than the rest.

I urge you to reject this proposal unequivocally. Our county should stand for inclusion, fairness, and respect for all residents. Rather than advancing a divisive proclamation, I encourage you to recognize the diverse families that make our community strong and ensure that every resident knows they belong here.

I will be paying close attention to how commissioners vote on this matter, and I hope you will choose to represent all families in our county, not just those that fit a particular social or political ideal.

- Katie Stockdale

Fresno County Resident

ITEM #6
06/16/2026

From: Don Simmons <creativepotential@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: District3; District 1; District 4
Subject: "Nuclear Family Month" designation---

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I want to register my clear OPPOSITION to the ill-willed and unnecessary designation by Sup. Bredefeld for "Nuclear Family Month."

This political stunt, performative Xian nationalism is NOT what Fresno County needs, does not actually support ANY family, and only serves to please the radical right-wing base.

As a follower of Jesus, as a community volunteer, as a voting, engaged resident and tax-payer, I IN NO WAY support Bredefeld's divisive and unnecessary motion for this designation of "nuclear family month."

I am sick and tired of performative, pejorative, mean-spirited and divisive actions by the right-wing faction of the Board of Supervisors.

ITEM #6
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From: Emilia Sullivan <emilia.carbajal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:13 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment -6/16 Nuclear Family Month proposal

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Good afternoon.

I learned that the board wants to pass a resolution to adopt Family Nuclear Month. As an educated professional who moved to the wonderful city of Fresno from the Bay Area and as a property owner, I strongly oppose this resolution.

Here is my formal comment for the June 16th BOS agenda sine I work and the BOS strategically holds these meetings when people who work and can't get time off are unable to attend in person:

I'm wondering why this supervisor is so opposed to families being together period. How does this affect his and every other members personal lives? Exactly how for is a LGBTQI + blended family living their lives on the opposite side of Fresno from where clown lives exactly impact his life activities such as eating, pooping, and earning income? It doesn't.

Just do your job and figure out how to get us out of the deficit this county is in.

I'm tired of my property and income taxes going to the salaries of people who don't represent a growing community of people like me who are Pro Choice; pro separation of church and state, pro free speech, pro free exercise of religion, pro women's rights, pro immigration , pro LGBTQI+ rights including the right to be a family, pro earth, pro education, pro helping the homeless, pro investing in communities for a better future for today and tomorrow's children. Do you see the trend here? Let's all mind our own business and help people in need and make living in Fresno County better for everyone.

Take a note from Sonoma County BOS who actually put families and the future of children first. They even have a Citizen's review board too.

So, NO on "nuclear family month" because it's nonsensical BS.

And yes I'm writing this because it'll just be scrolled in some big television screen and no one will care. For those of you that read this, the next time these clowns are up for election ask 5 people not to vote for them and tell each those 5 people to then find 5 more people to not vote for these board members again. We can get a grass roots movement going. Lastly, any person representing local, state, or federal government should be paid a minimum wage. Then we will see who really is trying to make a positive difference through public service.

Lastly, NO on Nuclear Family Month. It's dumb.

Emilia Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

(Please excuse typos. Thank you.)

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From: Talisha Brantley <talishab@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:14 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

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I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Respectfully,
Talisha M Brantley - 93728

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From: andrea De Zubiria <afarberdezub@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:38 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: nuclear fam month

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To The Board

Traditional Nuclear Family Month? What a joke you are making of your job and our county.

Why don't you support families by making childcare and healthcare and reproductive rights and decent housing affordable and accessible in our County?

Why don't you mind your own business about who consenting adults want to live with and be intimate with?

Why don't you spend time rooting out pedophilia and racism and economic waste and fascism from your political party instead?

Andrea De Zubiria

From: Rachel Youdelman <rachel27@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 7:29 AM
To: Clerk/BOS; Magsig, Nathan
Subject: Comment re agenda item #6, June 16 2026 BOS meeting

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To the Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to reject Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution, item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

The resolution's language is astonishing in its hostility. It casts LGBTQ+ people and those who support them as predators, indoctrinators, and exploiters of children. It recycles some of the oldest and most discredited smears in American political life while offering zero evidence to support its inflammatory claims. In other words, the proposed resolution is a pretext for yet another Bredefeld attack on the LGBTQ+ community. Must it be pointed out that mobilizing resentment against a minority community is not responsible public governance?

The timing is no coincidence. June is Pride Month. For decades, Pride has served as a recognition of the humanity, dignity, and equal citizenship of LGBTQ+ Americans. Bredefeld's resolution is designed to humiliate the LGBTQ+ community by obliterating Pride Month and replacing it with this "nuclear" bomb. His recent public grilling of county employees regarding their participation in the Pride Festival served the same purpose: to demean, shame, and humiliate gay people.

Bredefeld has repeatedly made LGBTQ+ issues the focus of his political activity, raising questions about the disproportionate role they occupy in his political agenda, not to speak of his psyche. His rhetoric reveals a persistent and troubling preoccupation with homosexuality, and his frequent and unwarranted public statements framing LGBTQ+ people as threats to children promote fear, division, and stigmatization.

Bredefeld's emotionally intense, obsessive fixation on anti-LGBTQ+ campaigns suggest both an ideological and a psychopathological fixation. His repeated references to children's "indoctrination" and their being "under attack" reflect his own inner moral panic, something he is compulsively trying to foist on the entire county.

Equally disturbing is the resolution's assertion that the nuclear family represents "God's perfect design for humanity." Fresno County government is not a church, a revival tent, or a theological tribunal. It represents residents of every faith and no faith. County proclamations should not be used in this way to advance sectarian doctrine or to elevate religious worldviews above others.

Fresno County faces serious challenges, such as a \$300 million budget shortfall, which demand the full attention of our elected leaders. The Board should be focused on improving the lives of residents, not manufacturing fatuous and damaging conflicts designed to score ideological points.

This resolution is beneath the dignity of the county government. It is offensive, discriminatory, and deeply unworthy of adoption by a public body which is obligated to serve all its residents equally.

I respectfully urge you to soundly reject it.

Sincerely,
Rachel Youdelman
636 Oxford Ave.
Clovis CA 93612

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Rachel Youdelman
rachel27@berkeley.edu

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From: Jacqui Shehorn <jacquishehorn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:25 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Our local government should be uplifting and supporting all residents, not promoting discriminatory rhetoric that attacks vulnerable youth and diverse family structures.

I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and to focus on policies that help our community to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

Jacqui Shehorn, 93728

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From: Sandra Iyall <sliyall@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:26 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: District 2
Subject: Public comment, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month". oppose

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As a mother, grandmother, and voting citizen from District 2 I write to **oppose** the resolution calling for June to be designated as **Traditional Nuclear Family Month**. Our nation is comprised of all kinds of families and we need to honor the love expressed in families of all types. Many choose to live in multi-generational families, many are forced to share households to make ends meet, many are unmarried partners living together, many single parents are raising children.

Supervisor Bredefeld, every type of family matters, and our government should reflect the people and value our diversity. The families of Fresno County deserve to live in a community which celebrates diversity and inclusion, where every family member is welcomed, most especially our children.

Please listen to your voting constituents and withdraw the resolution!

Sandra Iyall
4533 N. Del Mar Ave
Fresno, CA 93704
559-222-6429

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From: Mail-Service. <pamelasummer63@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:20 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment for item number 6

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I am writing to oppose the Nuclear Family Month proposal. The proposal appears to be based on unidentified and invalid assumptions and information; and elevates divisive, targeting, ignorant and prejudicial views and behavior. Thank you.
Pamela Thomas

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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From: Joanne Zelnick <zelnick.joanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:11 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Opposition to Traditional Family Resolution

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I am expressing my extremely strong opposition to the proposed resolution establishing June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." No, no, no!!!

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I insist the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

This is not the Fresno we have grown up in and love. This does NOT represent us. Do not pass this resolution!

Respectfully,
Joanne Zelnick

93711

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robyn Mote <robyn_09@live.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:58 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I, and many others in Fresno County, strongly oppose making June Traditional Nuclear Family Month in Fresno County.

Traditional Nuclear Families do not face opposition or marginalization. There is no legislature which threatens the recognition of Traditional Nuclear Families.

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is widely recognized in the month of June annually. The proclamation of Traditional Nuclear Family Month is June would take focus from the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month focus. Queer pride is important to Fresno County. It stands as a reminder of the struggles the Queer community has faced throughout history, a symbol of their presence and joy in the present, and the importance of showing support for the Queer community in the future.

It seems that the desire to proclaim June Traditional Nuclear Family Month is in direct opposition to LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. It seems to be an attempt to divide Fresno County, rather than unite it.

Thank you for your consideration,
Robyn M.

From: Frances Echeverria <francessecheverrialmft@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:29 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: District 5; District 4; District 2; District 3; District 1
Subject: Re: "Traditional Nuclear Family Traditional Nuclear Family Month" Agenda Item

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Good Afternoon-

I wanted to reach out regarding Mr. Bredefeld's resolution that will be on the agenda on Tuesday, which is clearly timed to counter Pride Month and full of predictable culture war nonsense in the hopes of getting coverage. He's been all over the media so kudos for knowing the formula to capture the spotlight but it certainly isn't a good look for Fresno County.

I am in his district and I can confidently say that he does not represent the interests, values or beliefs of my community. I will save any miracles for more important causes so I am not writing to change his mind.

What I am writing is to ask the rest of this board to focus on what this county needs and it's not more of targeting our friends and neighbors with grandstanding. "Nuclear family"? The definition alone ignores the reality of this when you consider what families actually are (single parents, blended families, grandparents raising children, unmarried but cohabiting, childless for any number of reasons, etc).

Semantics aside and speaking on business, no one is safer because of this proclamation. No problems are getting solved. Crime is not lower. Budgets are not balanced. Families are not fed. Addicts are not treated. Unhoused are not cared for. Farmers aren't getting water. Kids are not educated. Healthcare is not more easily accessible. Gas and groceries are not cheaper. It. Does. Nothing.

So I'm speaking to the rest of the board that may have some desire to get to the business of caring for ALL of our county and not targeting this group.

Mr. Mendes, you are retiring after a long career of public service. I know families in your area who have loved ones in the LGBTQ+ community and are a part of it themselves. Businesses that depend on their labor. Is this your legacy? Signing off on a slam dunk of hatred of minorities to join Bredefeld in a yes vote?

Mr. Magsig, you are running for state senate and are on my ballot. Is this what you'll champion when you get into Sacramento? A place that needs more efficiency and problem solving. I remember the tireless work you did during the Creek Fire. Doesn't that kind of work feel more fulfilling than this? Gay people live in your mountains too. They likely lost homes. You cared about them then or at least presented yourself as such.

Mr. Chavez and Mr. Pacheco, I appreciate that you have voted more recently on issues of common sense, like leaving the library alone and trusting patrons and parents to handle our own business when it comes to books. We need all the readers we can get and our libraries are amazing.

Mr. Chavez, I appreciate that you supported the Pride Parade in Tower, along with 11 churches, countless corporations, multiple care providers, all of the local institutions of higher learning and so many more. You didn't have to but you did.

So, I'm asking that this resolution not be permanently added to the record of a county that I know and love. So that no one has to look back and feel embarrassed that they wasted time, energy and resources on cementing hatred of folks that live, work and love here.

Thank you for your time. May you all enjoy your weekends with YOUR families, whatever they look like.

I would try and make it Tuesday but I have to work.

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Frances Echeverria Logan, MS, LMFT

From: Clariss Morris <clarissmorris@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:19 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bredefeld's Traditional Nuclear Family Month declaration. This is just another one of Garry's proposals to be divisive. I wonder if people who have been divorced and are now in second marriages count? I wonder if men and women who are married but do not have children for various reasons count? I wonder if blended families count? I wonder if my family counts? I wonder if Garry's family counts? When we as a county start putting labels and restrictions as to what counts as a legitimate family we have lost our way. What should matter is love, not the specific makeup of families. Please do not approve this proposal. We should be striving to unite residents, no matter how their family looks.

Sincerely,
Clariss Morris
Resident of District 2

From: Lori Garcia <loril4garcia@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:30 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Item 6: Nuclear Family Resolution 06/16/2026

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Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am a lifelong resident of Fresno County, District 2; I vehemently oppose Item 6, the Nuclear Family Resolution. I urge the Board to reject this resolution, as it is exclusionary, rather than inclusionary. It sends a message to our community that diverse families are less than. On the contrary, each and every family structure has value, and the County has no business attempting to devalue any of the various family dynamics within our community.

As a retired educator who worked forty years with children, I am compelled to stand for the family unit, regardless of how different it is from mine. Adults have the ability to make public comments, but what about the children who are unable to defend themselves from this toxic resolution? They have a right to live in a community that supports their diverse families. The Fresno County government has a duty to lead and build our collective strength so everyone prospers. We should not waste time with this unnecessary resolution which only divides our community, rather than unifies. As students learn in preschool, there is no one correct way to be a family. One is not better than the others. We are different, and that is what makes us beautiful.

I'd like to refer to a recent quote from representatives of GLAAD: "Resolutions like this do more to reveal the cluelessness of elected officials whose own families and those of their constituents have various family dynamics and structures. The strongest families are grounded by love. Lawmakers trying to exclude and intentionally harm some families should be recognized as actively harming all by not focusing their time working for an inclusive (Fresno) where all are welcome and can succeed."

Furthermore, "In a time where people are struggling to make ends meet, our (elected officials) decided his time was best spent running a resolution to rename Pride Month, Nuclear Family Month instead of wasting time trying to score cheap political points with your party, I encourage you to focus on things that actually impact residents — infrastructure, affordability and our environment." Nashville Metro Council Member Jacob Kupin

On behalf of the children from non-traditional family structures in Fresno County, I implore you to reject the Nuclear Family Month Resolution. We are proud. We are Fresno. We are diverse, and most importantly, we are Love in all its forms.

Respectfully,

Ms. Lori Garcia

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From: Maritere Lopez <lopez_linza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:27 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Respectfully,
Maritere López — zip code 93704

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From: Patti Williams <bearheart63@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:35 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Respectfully,
Patti A Williams

Blessings 💜

From: Karin Paulus <kmdpaulus@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 2:01 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Respectfully,
Karin Paulus 93611

From: PIET OGATA <pietogata@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 4:28 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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I am deeply concerned that this issue is up for a vote. I am not LGBTQ or any other labeling letters. However, I am aghast that the City of Fresno has any discriminatory language for anyone. We are all simply people that live here. What's next? "White People Only Month"?

Shame on you.

Piet Ogata

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Schneider <chrischneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 6:13 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Re: Resolution Establishing June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month-STRONGLY OPPOSE

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To: Members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors
From: Chris A. Schneider
Re: Resolution Establishing June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month-**STRONGLY OPPOSE**
Date: June 13, 2026

As a resident of District 1 for more than thirty years, I write to urge the Members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed resolution to declare June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month.

The name of the resolution aims to disguise its true purpose: to attack, vilify and denigrate any family that Supervisor Bredefeld personally considers to be "non-traditional."

In claiming that "the traditional nuclear family was the basic building block of Fresno County throughout her formative years" the resolution ignores the original inhabitants of Fresno County, the Yokuts, who have traditionally recognized and respected two spirit persons. The resolution seeks to create the illusion that only traditional nuclear families have played any significant role in the building of Fresno county, and indeed, the nation. It seeks to erase the existence of the Yokuts and deny the many contributions of all non-straight, non-Christian nationalists throughout history.

Two of the "Whereas" paragraphs are no more than Supervisor Bredefeld's personal interpretations of Christianity. Those views are not shared by many Christians in Fresno, nor by members of other religious denominations. A governmental body making such theological declaration may indeed run afoul of the U.S. Constitution first amendment. As a taxpayer, I do not want my tax dollars being wasted by the Board of Supervisors defending lawsuits which the county would most likely lose.

Children and the traditional nuclear family are not under attack, as Supervisor Bredefeld claims in two of the "Whereas" paragraphs. Such inflammatory, vicious and baseless rhetoric should not serve as the basis for a county resolution.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to defeat this resolution, which if passed, will rather than honor traditional nuclear families, will instead foment discrimination against so many individuals and families in Fresno who are vital to our community.

Respectfully,

Chris A. Schneider

From: Vanessa Schneider <schneider.vanessa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 8:59 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Re: Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Hello elected representatives,

I don't even want to waste time and energy responding to this blatant attack on any family you perceive to be different.

So I will keep this short, no. Vote no. This is insulting.

I love my mother, and this response is not an attack on mother's. I don't know if you all know this, but I celebrate mother's day in May, twice actually, as I also celebrate the Mexican holiday of May 10th.

Instead, this response is to show understanding that we all experience different family situations and there is not a one size fits all approach.

Also, mental health issues can occur in any family. Why not spend time creating access to mental health solutions for everyone. Especially families navigating those difficult waters. There is nothing worse than trying to help someone through crisis, to call the Fresno county mental health line, only to speak to a machine, with no hope of actual help in sight. These lines should be open, with live support at all times.

Stop wasting time, and start offering solutions.

Respectfully,
Vanessa Schneider

From: Erinn Chan-Golston <reinbolt.mph@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:54 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment - June 16th, Item 6

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Good morning,

I would like to submit the following public comment in response to the resolution to declare June as Nuclear Family Month.

Supervisors,

I am sure that you have received and will hear many public comments that describe why this resolution is abhorrent and dehumanizing for residents of Fresno County. I agree with all of them. Simply put, my "traditional nuclear family" is not under threat. Nothing about our lives - our home, our jobs, our values - is threatened by the LGBTQIA+ community. Our lives are made more beautiful and more vibrant BECAUSE of the wonderful, diverse community we live in. My daughter is lucky to be loved and guided by members of the very groups this resolution seeks to dehumanize. We don't need or want "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

I urge the Supervisors to vote against this resolution - do not make Fresno County a place where certain citizens are devalued simply because they do not live by your particular set of beliefs.

Erinn Chan-Golston, MPH
resident of district 1

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From: Laura Perales-Rubin <lperalesrubin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:29 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment, June 16, Item 6

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We don't need a month to celebrate "Nuclear Families." This agenda item is an embarrassment, and a waste of TAXPAYER time!!! Please address issues actually affecting the day to day lives of Fresno County residents: crumbling infrastructure (seriously, the roads are terrible), polluted air, cost of living and housing shortages, and an animal overpopulation crisis!! We didn't elect you to push your personal agenda on everyone.

From: Gray Borders <jessicaborders4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 11:13 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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The language in this resolution is divisive and harmful to the thousands of loving families in Fresno County, including single parents, LGBTQ+ households, and extended families raising children. It diminishes the validity of single-parent households, children of divorce, and those raised by other parental figures.

Our local government should support all residents rather than promoting rhetoric that marginalizes vulnerable youth and diverse family structures. I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that foster community unity.

Sincerely,

Gray Borders 93711

ITEM #6
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From: Dan <bdsmdanfresno@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 11:14 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Opposition to "Nuclear Family" Proclamation

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Dear Board of Supervisors members, I strongly oppose this unnecessary and ludicrous proclamation.

Dan Waterhouse, Fresno

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From: Debbie Davis <debbiejeannf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 12:09 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Strongly oppose nuclear family month

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed resolution establishing June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." Please stop perpetuating the hate that is destroying communities.

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I cannot believe that you could not support libraries helping to celebrate Pride month yet the board is considering this resolution. If I was not out of town I would be at the meeting. By the way, my traditional family includes straight, gay and trans people. We all are self supporting, free if criminal activity and respectful of our neighbors . I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Sincerely,

Amanda Rayburn

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From: Mackenzie Rayburn <mackenzierayburn155@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 12:18 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Respectfully,

Mackenzie Rayburn

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From: Hope Nisly <nislykliewer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:07 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Board mtg June 16, 2026 - Agenda item #6

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I want to register my strong opposition to making June "Traditional Family Month" for Fresno County. This is an attack on the many beautiful families that reside here. The resolution's definition of "traditional" defies the reality of the varied lives and many shapes of family. Our county needs to validate and support all families. This is a hateful, heinous resolution.

Sincerely,
Hope Nisly
295 W. Stanley Ave
Reedley, CA 93654
(District 4)

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From: Azza Kadazza <azzanyasha@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:26 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE — Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Respectfully,

Azza Gerringer

Zip 93637

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From: cldoerksen@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 2:42 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting June 16, 2026, Agenda Item #6

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I am writing to express my opposition to Supervisor Bredefeld's resolution to approve the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." My son passed away 2 years ago, and my 2 grandchildren are now alone with their mother. She is a wonderful parent! My grandchildren are growing up to be good, responsible citizens. They are 11 and 5 years old. They are doing very well in school and are involved in many activities. How dare Bredefeld condemn my grandchildren to the horrors he described in his resolution because they do not have a father. Fresno County needs to support all families and children, regardless of the types of families they live in.

This resolution is heartless!!!!

Carol Lopez Doerksen
Reedley, CA

From: abewy@cvip.net
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 3:02 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Traditional Family month

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I am writing because I oppose making June "Traditional Family Month."

I am the children's pastor at my local church. I know that families come in all forms: father, mother and children, or no children; single parent with children or shared custody with another parent in a different home; two mothers; two fathers; biological children and/or adopted or foster children; blended families, stepfamilies, households of unrelated people who live together and function as a family. In my church we talk about our "church family." It includes everyone: fathers, mothers, grandparents, singles, children, aunts, uncles, all ages. We celebrate birthdays, weddings, memorial services and other events together, as a church family.

I believe we need to honor and support ALL families, no matter how they are put together. Families deserve and need the support of the community. What we do NOT need is a month that singles out particular families and attacks all other families as somehow less worthy, less valuable, less welcome.

"Traditional family month" is a direct attack on single parents, LGBTQ+ families, and other families that do not meet the definition of "traditional".

Please vote NO on the resolution.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ewy

From: rctphd86 <rctphd86@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 3:44 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Agenda item #6 for Tuesday, June 16, 2026 Board meeting

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Regarding agenda item #6 on the agenda for this Tuesday's board meeting, I am urging the Board to vote NO on Chairman Bredefeld's discriminatory resolution to rename Pride Month to Traditional Nuclear Family Month.

Chairman Bredefeld's argument is based on religious ideology, not solid psychological, medical and sociological evidence. His statement of

WHEREAS, children are now under attack from anti-family groups that make every effort to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle, promote genital mutilation, abortion practices and Transgender ideology without parental knowledge or consent;

has no basis in the reality of solid, well-accepted social science. Instead he attempts to masquerade religious ideology with distorted conclusions from social science research. We live in a country that constitutionally mandates a separation of church and state.

Chairman Bredefeld is welcome to have his own personal views of the LGBTQ+ community but no right to impose those on the residents of Fresno County who have a long history of support for the LGBTQ+ community.

I urge this Board to continue to honor and respect all members of this county—who have a right to be who they are—by voting NO on this resolution.

Respectfully,

Robert C Taylor, PhD, ABPP
5151 N. Palm Avenue Suite 890
Fresno, California 93704

Rob

From: Linda Whitaker <lindawhitaker712@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 5:17 PM
To: District 1 <District1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Resolution

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As a concerned and conservative registered citizen of Fresno County, I am including some points for consideration of the passage of the Nuclear Family Resolution. List below are my reasons for a vote of yes on your part.

Cultural Significance

- Celebrating the traditional nuclear family reinforces cultural values and societal norms that have historically provided stability and support for individuals and communities.
- It emphasizes the importance of family structures that consist of a married couple and their children, which many view as foundational to societal health.
- **Support for Family Values**
 - Designating a month to honor the nuclear family can promote policies that support family stability, such as parental leave, childcare support, and educational initiatives.
 - It encourages discussions around the benefits of traditional family dynamics, including emotional support, economic stability, and child development.
 - For religious reasons.
- **Counteracting Modern Trends**
 - In a time of increasing family diversity, a Nuclear Family Month can serve as a reminder of the traditional family model's role in society, providing a counterbalance to trends that some may view as undermining family structures.
 - It can foster dialogue about the challenges faced by traditional families and the importance of preserving these values in contemporary society.
- **Community Engagement**
 - A dedicated month can encourage community events, workshops, and discussions that focus on strengthening family bonds and promoting family-oriented activities.
 - It can also provide a platform for sharing resources and support networks for families, enhancing community cohesion and support systems.

Linda Whitaker
Psalm 27

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From: Jeni-Ann Kren <jeni.kren@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 5:28 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Item #6 June 16 Meeting Agenda

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I am writing in opposition to Item #6 on the agenda for the June 16, 2026 Meeting. June is Pride Month and has been since 1999 when President Clinton's declaration of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. Trying to rename it as Nuclear Family Month is a hurtful action since almost everyone has a relative or close friend who is LGBTQ+. They will not disappear or become someone else just by trying to ignore the reality of who they are. Further, the Nuclear Family is a concept that is not the norm for many of us. Families come in many forms. There are single parent homes, families formed through adoption or fostering, grandparents stepping in, and step parenting. To discount these families as less than desirable is to do great harm to many children who are loved and protected by people who are not their biological parents. I ask you to oppose this resolution. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jeni-Ann Kren

3282 Bullard Ave.

Clovis CA 93619

From: Michelle Olson <itsadwm@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:01 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed resolution establishing June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

The language used in this resolution is alienating, divisive, and deeply harmful to thousands of loving families in Fresno County, including single parents, LGBTQ+ households, and extended families raising children. Our local government should be uplifting and supporting all residents, not promoting discriminatory rhetoric that attacks vulnerable youth and diverse family structures.

I urge the Board to vote NO on this resolution and instead focus on policies that bring our community together rather than tearing it apart.

Respectfully,

Michelle Olson, 93730 - Bredefeld's District!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cordell Jelf <cordellcalif@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:45 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting

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To the Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to reject Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution, item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

The resolution's language is astonishing in its hostility. It casts LGBTQ+ people and those who support them as predators, indoctrinators, and exploiters of children. It recycles some of the oldest and most discredited smears in American political life while offering zero evidence to support its inflammatory claims. In other words, the proposed resolution is a pretext for yet another Bredefeld attack on the LGBTQ+ community. Must it be pointed out that mobilizing resentment against a minority community is not responsible public governance?

The timing is no coincidence. June is Pride Month. For decades, Pride has served as a recognition of the humanity, dignity, and equal citizenship of LGBTQ+ Americans. Bredefeld's resolution is designed to humiliate the LGBTQ+ community by obliterating Pride Month and replacing it with this "nuclear" bomb. His recent public grilling of county employees regarding their participation in the Pride Festival served the same purpose: to demean, shame, and humiliate gay people.

Bredefeld has repeatedly made LGBTQ+ issues the focus of his political activity, raising questions about the disproportionate role they occupy in his political agenda, not to speak of his psyche. His rhetoric reveals a persistent and troubling preoccupation with homosexuality, and his frequent and unwarranted public statements framing LGBTQ+ people as threats to children promote fear, division, and stigmatization.

Bredefeld's emotionally intense, obsessive fixation on anti-LGBTQ+ campaigns suggest both an ideological and a psychopathological fixation. His repeated references to children's "indoctrination" and their being "under attack" reflect his own inner moral panic, something he is compulsively trying to foist on the entire county.

Equally disturbing is the resolution's assertion that the nuclear family represents "God's perfect design for humanity." Fresno County government is not a church, a revival tent, or a theological tribunal. It represents residents of every faith and no faith. County proclamations should not be used in this way to advance sectarian doctrine or to elevate religious worldviews above others.

Fresno County faces serious challenges, such as a \$300 million budget shortfall, which demand the full attention of our elected leaders. The Board should be focused on improving the lives of residents, not manufacturing fatuous and damaging conflicts designed to score ideological points.

This resolution is beneath the dignity of the county government. It is offensive, discriminatory, and deeply unworthy of adoption by a public body which is obligated to serve all its residents equally.

I respectfully urge you to soundly reject it.

Cordell B Jelf Jr

From: Ametakinetos <ametakinetos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 7:44 PM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 1; District 2; District 3; District 4; District 5
Subject: 6/16/26 Meeting, Item 6 - AGAINST "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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You are not theologians. You are not an ecclesiastical body. You have neither the competence nor the authority to proclaim what might be the Divine plan or design for humanity, as the proposed resolution on "nuclear families" purports to do.

Worse, the proposed resolution would have no effect whatsoever on the real business of the County, which remains subject to all state and federal anti-discrimination laws, as well as state and federal constitutional prohibitions on the establishment of religion. One might call the proposed resolution "virtue signaling," but it signals no virtues. Rather, it attacks, devalues, belittles, and undermines persons and families that do not match your own heteronormative proclivities. That is, it does literally nothing but attempt to indoctrinate—something that categorically is not your job.

And it does this after the Chairman has asserted that people of the County not suffer "indoctrination" at the hands of the County! But in this country we do not practice or recognize "*Cuius regio, eius religio*"—the 16th century principle that the religion of the ruler dictates the religion of the ruled. Rather, theology is left to the individual conscience, and to religious authorities that individuals voluntarily and privately affiliate or identify with. So your personal religious views may not be imposed upon the populace, by the proposed resolution or otherwise.

Worse, the proposed resolution is poor indoctrination. The Chairman, who identifies as Christian, demonstrates with his proposed resolution a staggering ignorance of his own tradition. I speak now as a Christian, as someone who is also deeply rooted in that tradition, who studies the Bible daily, both alone and in the company of others. I speak also as a citizen and a resident of Fresno County, with the right, under the California Constitution, Article I, section 3, subdivision (a), to instruct my representatives. (Note that you, as elected representatives, have no reciprocal right to instruct us. If you believe it is otherwise, then you have fundamentally misunderstood the nature of public office and have no business holding one. Your persistent failure to listen to us, your constituents, whether we speak to you in writing, like this, or in person at your meetings, is bad enough; that you then turn around and purport to instruct us, with this ridiculous resolution and otherwise, fully betrays your true motives and utter unfitness to hold public office.)

Christianity is deeply rooted in its holy scriptures. And Saint Augustine rightly said that holy scripture teaches only two things: love for God, and love for neighbor. (*De Doctrina Christiana*, Bk. II, Ch. 7.) If you are learning anything else from holy scripture—especially to exclude, look down upon, belittle, attack, devalue, or otherwise marginalize people—then you are doing it wrong. As Saint Paul taught, the entirety of all worthy teaching is summed up with a single teaching, which is to love your neighbor as yourself. (Gal. 5:14.) And when Jesus was asked who that neighbor might be, he responded with a parable about how a despised outsider for his listeners, a Samaritan, was more a neighbor than their privileged insiders. (Lk. 10:29–37.) That is, the entirety of Christian teaching is summed up in the directive to love people, even if they are different. *Especially* if they are different.

Families, including "nuclear families," are not well-acquitted in holy scripture. The first family is stained by fratricide that produces ethnic divisions. (Gen. 4.) Abraham, progenitor of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, begins his journey by receiving call to, in effect, estrangement from his family and their traditions. (Gen. 12:1.) His own "nuclear" family after that split is hardly a model for anyone: when his wife cannot bear children, he uses her slave to beget a child—what today we would call rape (Gen. 16); when he is finally able to beget a child through his wife, he subjects that child, Isaac, to extraordinary trauma of nearly sacrificing him on an altar (Gen. 22). Isaac's family fares no better: he and his wife take sides with their two sons and produce even more ethnic division. (Gen. 25–28, 36.) The function of families does not improve. There is much more rape and estrangement. All of this leads, eventually, to enslavement. (Gen. 47:21; Ex. 1:8–14.) All rooted in generational family trauma. This is hardly "God's perfect design." The role of the government is not to prop up "nuclear families" where such traumas and abuses continue even today. To the contrary, the County's

Department of Social Services works hard every day to protect children *from* the traumas and abuses of their nuclear families.

No, far from being "God's perfect design," what we see in families, including the diverse and fractured families in holy scripture and the heteronormative families that the proposed resolution would exalt, is widespread human messiness, which damages and distorts persons from infancy, and many people spend their entire lives recovering, or struggling to recover from that. Those fortunate, lucky, or blessed enough to grow up in a family without the scars to show for it are few, and too often declarations of "support" for families have the effect—as this one surely would—of justifying abuse by romanticizing and sloppily theologizing families, instead of recognizing what they really are, which is just where people happen to start their lives.

Families have been especially harmful to many LGBTQ people, where the kind of belittling and marginalizing ideology that is also behind the proposed resolution prompts many young people to suicide. Those who survive such family experiences find a need to create new families, chosen families, with structures that actually serve them as persons, rather than oppress them as their heteronormative families of origin did. To hold up those heteronormative families as some kind of ideal, or as "God's perfect design," is an intentional insult to those people. The Chairman knows that. He knows what he is doing. He wants to call upon the authority of the government to prop up these structures of oppression. His intentions are harmful. I would go so far as to say his intentions are evil.

But this is not a new problem. And Jesus, in his great wisdom, recognized the problem. He called disciples *out* of family to follow him (Matt. 4:22, 8:22), and when his own mother and brothers came looking for him, he disclaimed them and declared instead that his *followers* were his true mother and brothers (Mk. 3:31–35). Rather than asserting, as members of this Board recently have, that families should be the ones to teach children, Jesus said "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them" because "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it" (Lk. 18:15–17), effectively asserting a direct relationship with those children, leapfrogging over their parents, whose adulthood apparently impedes their ability to recognize the radical change that Jesus proclaimed. Jesus even taught that following him would result in the disintegration of families. (Mat. 10:21.) Because Jesus understood that when you love broadly, fixation on kinship fades, and the harms of families become evident.

And while the proposed resolution reserves special scorn for "fatherless families," it is notable that, in the gospel narratives, Joseph is effectively absent after the infancy of Jesus. It is his mother Mary who comes to him at the crucifixion, not his father. (Jn. 19:25.) Instead, Jesus taught his followers to look to God as Father, as he did.

Families are important, because they are the place where most people are introduced into the world, and taught how to interact with others. But there is nothing "perfect" about "nuclear" and heteronormative families—either practically or theologically—that justifies elevating them over other families. To the contrary, if the Chairman and the Board were really serious about helping every person to thrive, you would devote resources to propping up all kinds of families, whether nuclear, traditional, heteronormative, chosen, nontraditional, LGBTQ, or otherwise. And despite the rhetoric about maximal inclusion from Supervisor Magsig recently when discussing County participation in LGBTQ events, it is plain and clear what he really means: that "inclusion" is code for ensuring that people who have never been marginalized never have to confront the possibility that others who *have* been marginalized might need extra help.

You are not theologians, you are not faith leaders when you are in your capacity as Supervisors, and you are not an ecclesiastical body. The proposed resolution does nothing but attempt to indoctrinate, contrary to the distinction between religion and government that is deeply rooted in the laws of this country. By proposing the resolution, the Chairman demonstrates that, far from being guided by love and charity, he is allowing his own fears, insecurities, and anxieties to distort everything: the proposed resolution is bad theology, bad governance, and bad humanity. As a Christian, I call that the working of sin. As a citizen, I call it an abuse of authority. And as a human, I call it a disgrace. None of you should vote for it.

I live in District 2, but I am not represented in any way by the Chairman. I am also an employee of the County, so I write anonymously because I reasonably fear retaliation for expressing my views, especially given that the only possible purpose of the proposed resolution is to use the office of Supervisor as a bully-pulpit.

From: Lynda Leonard <lyndaeleonard@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:08 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I have read this resolution carefully. Who wrote it? From beginning to end this piece of writing is full of lofty pronouncements, unfounded claims, and opinions passed as truths. It is offensive, arrogant, and hopelessly naive.

This piece of writing is beneath the dignity of a body as important as the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The topic of "nuclear family" is more the realm of a religious organization than the purview of the county. Supervisors have far more weighty concerns, such as balancing the budget and making Fresno a safer place to live.

I strongly oppose the resolution before you declaring the month of June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month in the County of Fresno. Vote no.

Sincerely,
Lynda Erickson Leonard
1501 North Wilson Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

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From: Christine Moyer <rcmoyer75@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:25 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Commenting on Board Meeting Date (June 16, 2026), Agenda Item #6

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I oppose Gary Bredefeld's proposed resolution to make the month of June "Traditional Family Month". This is an obvious attack on single parent, on LGBTQ+, and on other "nontraditional" families. I believe in the spirit of love that all families should be honored and that our county needs to support all families and their children, regardless of family structure.

Sincerely,

Christine Moyer
1045 S. Riverview Ave.
Reedley, CA 93654

From: Catherine Harris <catherine.harris@abomentalhealth.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:44 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: robin.mcgehee@fresno.gov
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

As a psychologist practicing in Fresno County with a specialization in suicide prevention, I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed resolution declaring June as “Traditional Nuclear Family Month.”

First, I want to acknowledge the intent behind this proposed resolution: the desire to support children, strengthen families, and improve long-term outcomes in our community. That goal is not in dispute. My concern is whether the proposed resolution reflects current scientific evidence and the diversity of Fresno County families.

This proposed resolution attributes a wide range of negative outcomes—poverty, incarceration, mental health and behavioral issues, academic failure, school shootings and suicide—primarily to the absence of a so-called traditional nuclear family. However, decades of social science research indicate these outcomes are more strongly associated with poverty, trauma exposure, and limited access to care than with family structure alone.

Protective factors for children—stable caregiving, emotional safety, and economic security—exist across many family forms, including single-parent households, blended families, grandparent-led households, foster care placements, and two-parent homes. The evidence does not support the conclusion that any one structure is inherently predictive of positive outcomes.

The proposed resolution also references LGBTQ individuals in a way that may be interpreted as contributing to risk or harm. Exposure to diverse family structures is not indoctrination but a reflection of community reality. It also serves as a protective function by reducing stigma and supporting belonging for children who live in those families. Belonging and identity affirmation are well-established protective factors in suicide prevention literature.

With respect to medical topics raised in broader public discourse, it is important to maintain clinical accuracy. Gender-affirming surgical interventions in minors are rare and occur under strict medical guidelines, with the vast majority of care focused on psychological and supportive interventions. Male circumcision is a common pediatric procedure in the United States affecting hundreds of thousands of infants annually. In both cases, these are medical decisions governed by clinical standards (not “genital mutilation”)—and need to remain medical decisions.

As policymakers, the core question is how best to strengthen families in Fresno County. The strongest evidence supports investment in structural conditions that benefit all children: housing stability, access to mental health care, educational opportunity, and economic security—regardless of family composition.

While considering your vote, I would encourage members of the Board to consider two guiding questions:

Does this resolution risk stigmatizing a substantial portion of Fresno County families who are already supporting healthy child development?

Would resources be more effectively directed toward evidence-based investments that reduce poverty, trauma exposure, and barriers to care?

Finally, I offer a broader reflection: Strong communities are built by strengthening conditions that allow all families to thrive, not by narrowing the definition of family itself. Fresno County Board of Supervisors, you have an opportunity here to lead with both clarity and compassion—to support families in all their forms while staying grounded in scientific evidence.

Please vote NO on this resolution.

Thank you for your time and for your service to this community.

Sincerely,

Catherine Harris, PsyD
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From: Beckie Scroggins <beckiescroggins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 9:52 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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Our Supervisors must vote against this Resolution!! This is a slap in the face to so, so many good tax paying families in Fresno County!

Beckie Scroggins
Fresno County Resident

From: Beckie Scroggins <beckiescroggins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:11 PM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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I urge a NO vote on this resolution!! The allegations made about single parent families and their children are just appalling!! Who does this man think he is?!!

Beckie Scroggins
Fresno County Resident

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From: Beckie Scroggins <beckiescroggins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:15 PM
To: District 1 <District1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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I urge a NO vote on the disgusting Resolution!

Beckie Scroggins
Frersno County Resident

From: Carolee Perez <caroleeperez@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:22 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Oppose "Traditional Nuclear Families Month"

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To the Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I write this to oppose the resolution to adopt the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Families Month". This is not meant to oppose or diminish the importance of marriage, family, and parenting in our communities. The opposition is to the proposal itself, and language within it.

Pride month is celebrated as generations of LGBTQ people and their allies have participated in hard-fought, and hard-won battles for freedom of expression, marriage equality, and protections against discrimination and hate crimes. These movements have challenged our government to live up to its own values of freedom and justice for all. June also holds space for those who passed away before they could see the product of their efforts come to fruition, and those whose lives were lost as victims of hate crimes. It also highlights ongoing issues that stem from stigmas and discrimination, such as the high rate of unhoused LGBTQ youth as a result of rejection from their families and other factors.

Adopting the resolution to celebrate "Traditional Nuclear Families Month" in June comes across as an attempt to overshadow, diminish, and potentially erase the movements of the LGBTQ community from American history. Other issues with the resolution are found in the language which contains factually refutable information about the nuclear family versus other family structures, indoctrination, and references to God, which is entirely inappropriate coming from government leaders. It reads more as an imposition of personal opinions and beliefs rather than a resolution that would benefit the diverse demographics, faiths, and family structures represented in Fresno.

As a mother of a "traditional nuclear family" myself, I live in peace knowing that my marriage and family have never been legally challenged, protested, or otherwise discriminated against. Respecting and uplifting those of the LGBTQ community and other family structures does not take anything away from me. As a Fresno resident, I would be happier to see our leaders spending time on resolutions that help and represent **all families**.

Sincerely and strongly opposed,

Carolee Perez
Fresno, CA

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From: The Boldts <boldts@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:27 PM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 4
Subject: Agenda item 6, June 16, 2026

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I am a resident of Fresno County District 4. I urge a "No" vote on the resolution regarding Nuclear Family Month.

Thank you,
Edward Boldt

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From: The Boldts <boldts@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:47 PM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 4
Subject: Agenda Item 6 , June 16 2026

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I am a resident of Fresno County District 4. I urge a "No " vote on Agenda Item #6, the resolution to adopt June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month". All families deserve appropriate support and respect.

Thank you,
Barbara Boldt

From: Douglass Kliewer <douglasskliewer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:20 AM
To: District 4
Subject: Board meeting 6-16-2026, Agenda item #6

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Douglas Kliewer
295 W. Stanley Ave
Reedley, CA 93654
559-6964528

Dear Buddy Mendes,

My name is Douglas Kliewer, I am a constituent in Reedley,

I want to register my strong opposition to making June "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" for Fresno County.

After the resolution prohibiting county libraries from participating in Pride Month celebrations, the county governance has shown itself to be discriminatory against LGBTQ+ individuals and authors. Great American authors like Walt Whitman, James Baldwin, and Kathy Lee Bates who wrote the inspiring words to 'America the Beautiful' are not being recognized for their genius and who they are. It is not fair to prohibit the celebration of Pride Month while promoting 'Traditional Nuclear Family Month'. At least both should be celebrated, since they both have brought forth brilliant writers.

Furthermore, it is almost unbelievable that the Board would take up such issues when the county is facing multiple crises that require immediate attention such as healthcare, poverty, hunger, and education to name a few. Health care access is now more precarious because of reduced funding for the Affordable Care Act; almost 20% of Fresno County residents live below the poverty line, 1 in 3 children experience food insecurity, and 57% of children cannot read at grade level. So, what does the Board spend their time on: Imposing their Sharia like world view on a population that for many reasons do not or cannot live according to these norms.

Over 30% of families are headed by single parents, either by divorce, abandonment of a spouse, or a host of other reasons. In some cases, the families are headed by married LGBTQ+ persons. By making June 'Traditional Nuclear Family Month' these struggling, honorable and frequently heroic constituents are being stigmatized and unrepresented by the county.

In addition, there is talk about privatizing the county library system. Most librarians in the county say that this would lead several libraries across the county to having to close their doors. This is outrageous. Is this truly the county's response to the rampant illiteracy within its borders?

Please, Mr. Mendes, vote against this resolution. You should care about all your constituents and their families.

Sincerely,

Douglas Kliewer

295 W. Stanley Ave

Reedley, CA 93654

(District 4)

From: Cindy Piombino <piombino.cindy2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 6:36 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Oppose Nuclear Family

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I strongly oppose this resolution.

Our world has changed, the structure of families has changed, thus redefining the definition of family.

In many documents for decades you need to put "head of household", parent or guardian.

Not ALL families are believers in Christ. Does this disqualify them from being excellent leaders of their families? NO! Those families that have 2 parents are not always a man and woman, this has changed. Let's keep it real.

I raised my 2 children as a single mother in the 1980's-90's.

I raised my 3 grandchildren as their guardian for 7 years.

We were a family in both scenarios.

It took a lot of work to step in and raise my grandchildren when I was a senior citizen and disabled.

I am appalled to think the family unit should only be classified as a woman and man as parents.

I also have many gay friends and family. Since I was a child I witnessed the love a gay couple showered on their children.

Please leave this resolution out of our county.

I strongly oppose it.

Won by One,
Cindy Piombino

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From: Rusty and Christine Moyer <moyer75@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 6:50 AM
To: District 4
Subject: Board Meeting of June 16, Agenda Item Number 6

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Dear Supervisor Mendes,

I oppose Gary Bredefeld's proposed resolution to make the month of June "Traditional Family Month". This is an obvious attack on single parent, on LGBTQ+, and on other "nontraditional" families. I believe in the spirit of love that all families should be honored and that our county needs to support all families and their children, regardless of family structure. I know you voted with Supervisors Bredefeld and Magsig to ban participation in pride month. I implore you to resist the hateful and intolerant MAGA fever that has gripped some in our county and in our country and vote NO on this resolution.

Sincerely,

Rustin Moyer
1045 S. Riverview Ave.
Reedley, CA 93654

ITEM #6
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From: Joleen Siebert <jolsiebert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:37 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: June 16, 2026-Agenda Item #6 (Opposition to Resolution making June "Traditional Nuclear Family Month")

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Supervisors:

I am writing in opposition to approving the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno. There is no need for a traditional family month because every month belongs to traditional nuclear families, which are a majority of families in this county. That is what traditional means; it is customary. The Board of Supervisors represents all of us, your constituents. Special months recognize smaller, more vulnerable, or special groups that you have recognized, such as Mexican-American and LGBTQ+ constituents. Keep June Pride Month! Support all families.

Your constituent,
Joleen Siebert
Reedley, CA 93654

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From: Donna Jost <donnajost@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:54 AM
To: District 3 <District3@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Tuesday agenda

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I am writing to you in support of all families. The proposal to be brought to the county supervisor meeting on Tuesday does not support them.

Today, families come in all variations: grandparents raising raising grandchildren, adoptive parents, blended families nurtured by half and step parents, older siblings raising younger siblings, aunts and uncles raising nephews and nieces, foster parents, single parents, queer couples and biological couples parenting their biological offspring. All these family groups need support from the Fresno County community.

Perhaps the supervisor making the proposal feels threatened this month with Pride and Juneteenth celebrations. But the nuclear family has been idolized and idealized throughout United States' history. If nuclear families are given a month for attention and awareness-promotion, will other families see a loss of support from the community? When will further support for all families lose support.

Supporting all families deserves our county's unreserved support. I am certain. Mr. Chavez, you will support all families as you supported all libraries earlier this season.

Thank you,
Donna Jost
2890 Huntington Blvd, Fresno, CA 93721
#173
Fresno

From: Shannon Clem <shannondavisclem@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: District 1; District 2; District 3; District 4; District 5
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: STRONG OPPOSITION to File #: 26-0636 — Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

As a Fresno County resident, I strongly oppose the "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" resolution.

Introducing this measure during Pride Month deliberately shames and silences the LGBTQ+ community. This timing is especially painful as we mark the 10th anniversary of the Pulse nightclub shooting, reminding us where anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric leads. In the past 24 hours alone, I have witnessed our community being called slurs and targeted with death threats, including execution by firing squad, burning, and stoning—in part due to division this resolution helped sow.

Historically, packaging discrimination as "traditional values" has led to atrocities, from the Holocaust to forced sterilization, medical experimentation, and institutional abuse of LGBTQ+ people. This proposal is negligent, increases high cultural tensions, and puts actual lives at risk.

Using religious phrases like "God's perfect design" in official county documents violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Our community includes many faiths and none. Forcing one religious view into a secular document unfairly excludes thousands of our citizens.

As Supervisor Luis Chavez noted, no one opposes celebrating family values. But no government measure should favor one group by alienating others. Supervisor Bredefeld stated this resolution "is not intended to exclude anyone." Yet, his proposal claims children are "under attack"—explicitly demonizing LGBTQ+ households as "anti-family" threats. He falsely attributes "genital mutilation" to our cause, blames us for abortion, which affects all families, and reduces our existence to a mere "lifestyle"—weaponizing our identities as dangerous "ideology".

This false, hostile rhetoric fuels systemic discrimination, housing insecurity, and mental health risks. Transgender children are at particularly high risk of suicide. Actively perpetuating exclusionary rhetoric increases that risk. It tells them—and thousands of children raised by single parents, grandparents, and others—that they are second-class citizens.

Furthermore, it ignores the reality of your constituents. Most Fresno families do not fit this rigid structure. Yet, nuclear families remain amongst the most privileged—enjoying legal, financial, and social benefits other families do not. They do not live in daily fear of having rights taken away, losing jobs, experiencing harassment, assault, or murder—simply for openly existing. Yet, this remains an ongoing reality for the

LGBTQ+ community. The majority of Fresnoans support LGBTQ+ rights and do not share these extremist ideals of a vocal religious minority.

You took an oath to uphold the Constitution and represent the entire county. Your responsibility is to "uplift, protect, and support" all Fresnoans. This resolution mocks that duty. It further divides us and allows the possibility for other reactionary measures to pass unchecked—increasing tensions that may become ungovernable. These actions recreate the very same conditions which led to the Stonewall riots—the historic uprising that launched the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement and the reason we celebrate Pride Month today. I urge you to respect the history and will of your constituents by voting NO.

Sincerely,

Shannon Clem
Registered Voter, District 2
Fresno, CA 93705

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From: Cathy Ratmeyer <cathyratmeyer38@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:06 AM
To: District 4
Subject: Board Meeting, June 16, 2026, Agenda Item #6

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Dear Supervisor Mendes,

I oppose making June "Traditional Family Month". I believe in honoring all families.
This is an attack on single parents, on LGBTQ+ families and other "nontraditional" families.

Please turn down this resolution.

Thank you,

Catherine Ratmeyer
Reedley, CA
Sent from my iPad

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From: Courtney Becker Foster <gigglebox@jiddware.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:33 AM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Vote no

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Supervisor Magsig,

As a mother of 2 trans children (one bio, one adopted), I ask that you please vote no on Gary Bredefeld's resolution to approve the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno. It does not speak to the many loving non-traditional families in our county.

Courtney Becker Foster

From: Silas Langley <silaslangley98@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:49 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: RE: June 16, 2026 Board Meeting, Agenda Item #6

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Greetings!

I'm writing regarding the proposed resolution to approve the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno. I urge a NO vote on this resolution.

There is no need to approve a month for Traditional Nuclear Families, since such families are the privileged group in our society. The point of adopting months for certain groups is to help counter the historic and contemporary marginalization of certain groups. For example, it would make more sense to approve a month for single parent families.

I'm also concerned about the use of the word "Traditional", because it is unclear who this includes and excludes. E.g, does this exclude mixed racial families, families with adopted children, families where the grandparents take care of the kids, families of non-white races and identities, families with step-fathers or step-mothers, families with gay or lesbian or trans parents, etc. My daughter is a trans person. "Traditional" implies to me that my family would be excluded. When I hear the word "traditional" in this context, it sounds to me like it's referring to all-white families with a biological father, a biological mother, and straight kids. That meaning may not be intended in this resolution, but the word "traditional" implies it.

Also, I'm disturbed that this proposal adopts the month of June, since June has already been adopted as Pride Month. This proposal is almost surely a deliberate attempt to counteract Pride Month. As a father of a trans person, whose life is very difficult because of our cruel non-supportive society, I find this deeply offensive.

As a matter of fairness, as a matter of love, as a matter of following Jesus's command to "love your neighbor as yourself", I urge the board to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Silas Langley
District 2

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From: James Mendez <jim_mendez@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:23 AM
To: BOSComments; Clerk/BOS
Subject: Board Meeting Date: 06/16/2026. I OPPOSE Item Number 6.

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Dear Madame Clerk:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the resolution (**Item 6 on the June 16, 2026, agenda**) designating June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in Fresno County. It's disrespectful to an already marginalized community in Fresno County. It is also divisive as Mr. Bredefeld's resolution further divides us through another culture war. Due to word limitations, I'll only discuss three reasons for the Board of Supervisors to vote against it.

1. The traditional nuclear family, where a man works outside the home and a woman stays home raising children, is no longer possible due to economic realities. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that in 2025, the labor force participation rate for mothers with children under 18 was 73.9%. For many mothers work is a necessity, while for other women they work to seek financial independence, family provision, intellectual stimulation, and purpose. The survival of families and the US economy depends on women's participation in the workforce.
2. There is no indoctrination of children into the LGBTQ lifestyle. Science and medicine confirm that being LGBTQ is not a voluntary choice. Gender is an innate, fundamental aspect of a person's identity, defined at birth and cannot be altered by "indoctrination."
3. I believe in separation of church and state and oppose theocracy. The phrase "God's perfect design" should not be included in governmental resolutions.

Respectfully,

James Mendez, MD
2135 W San Bruno Ave, Fresno, CA 93711
559-288-6420

ITEM #6
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From: Brian DiPalma <brian@willowmennonite.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:27 AM
To: Clerk/BOS; District 2; District 5
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 6 June 16, 2026 Meeting

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Dear Clerk, Chairman Bredefeld, and Supervisor Magsig,

My name is Brian DiPalma. I live in district 2 and serve as the Associate Pastor at Willow Avenue Mennonite Church, which is located in district 5. So, I have also included Supervisor Magsig.

The congregation I serve is one that adopted a resolution "to welcome, accept, and affirm LGBTQIA+ people without reservation to all aspects of the life of the congregation including but not limited to membership, baptism, marriage, volunteer leadership, employment, and pastoral ministry (<https://willowmennonite.org/>). I am writing to express my strong opposition to your proposed resolution to designate June as "the Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno. I am concerned about the impact such a resolution would have on all families that fall outside of the boundaries of the narrow definition of family adopted in the proposed resolution, especially those with LGBTQIA+ people and single parents. Rather than seek to narrow definitions of family and promote one particular version of it, I would hope the county of Fresno would be a place in which all families would find support and affirmation.

Sincerely,
Brian DiPalma, M.Div., Ph.D.
Associate Pastor
Willow Avenue Mennonite Church

From: Benjamin Faudoa <bfaudoa936@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:28 AM
To: District 5 <district5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Comments for June 26 2026 Board Meeting Agenda Item #6

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Hello Supervisor Nathan Magsig,

My name is Benjamin Faudoa, a 25 year old queer young adult born and raised in Clovis, currently living in your 5th district. To be blunt, a lot of the language and and accusations in Bredefeld's proposal are blatantly false and morally repugnant.

Bredefeld's claim that queer people are indoctrinating children into genital mutilation, but seem to have no problem that vast majority of American boys are mutilated at birth when they are circumcised without their consent. What children ARE indoctrinated at birth into is organized religion, which has no place in our government. I know multiple trans people in my life, all of whom are living richer, fuller, and happier life because of their transition.

Traditional nuclear families are obviously not under attack, they've the accepted and expected default for all of American history. We need LGBT Pride month instead of traditional nuclear family months for the same reason we have Black History month instead of White History month and focus more on women when trying to stop domestic violence and sexual assault. You help and prioritize people who are hurting the most. I strongly oppose this proposed measure and urge you to vote no.

From: Mars Santos <riahrsantos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:32 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment, June 16th, Nuclear Family Month

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From: Mars Santos <riahrsantos@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Public Comment, June 16th, Nuclear Family Month
To: <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Cc: <district1@fresnocountyca.gov>, district2@fresnocountyca.gov <district2@fresnocountyca.gov>, <district3@fresnocountyca.gov>, <district4@fresnocountyca.gov>

Hello,

I am a constituent of District 5. I strongly oppose agenda item 6, Bredefeld's proposal for June to be declared "Traditional Nuclear Family Month." I believe this is a reactionary response to the established tradition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month, a month designated to celebrate a protected group in America.

The proposal alienates and sends a message to constituents that do not fall under this category including single parent families and families who must adopt children for various reasons (male/female infertility being a common one).

There is also already an established national family month during the 5 week period between Mother's and Father's Day. A possible solution could be that we follow suit with this recognized month and include all families by simply proclaiming it "Family Month". This would eliminate the potential isolation that families that do not fit into the "traditional" family will experience as a result of the inherently exclusionary agenda item proposal.

I hope that you can see the message approving this proposal is being sent to people who do not fit the "traditional nuclear family" that Bredefeld outlines in his resolution. Please vote in a way that reflects the real, lived experiences of the people of your constituents and Fresno County. I believe that would be a no in this case.

God Bless,
Mariah Santos

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Mariah Santos
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e: riahrsantos@gmail.com



ITEM #6
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From: Rob Taylor <jutaylor57@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 10:50 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Replacement of Pride Month

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is clear that some members, particularly Garry Bredefeld, are concerned about the what they perceive as the rotting state of our society. The facts and figures included in the proposal for "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" contain complete or partial disinformation. ("The nuclear family is under attack in our beloved State and nation." REALLY?)

Putting the statement " the nuclear family is God's perfect design for humanity" is a slap in the face to single mothers and fathers, grandparents raising their grandchildren, and many others who have a different family structure. I have actually never read those words pertaining to the nuclear family in the Bible, and can only imagine Chairman Bredefeld heard them in the context of a conscious or unconscious bias against the aforementioned groups of people doing all they can AND BEING SUCCESSFUL AT raising healthy, happy children.

There are plenty of "nuclear" families who have children who suffer from mental illnesses, drug addiction, out-of -marriage pregnancies, etc. There is no perfection in family life, whether or not it is a nuclear family.

Pride month was not established to disenfranchise or slander those who are heterosexual or to try to tear apart the traditional nuclear family, but to support LGBTQ identity and to honor the struggles for civil rights. Whether or not persons on the County Board of Supervisors feel they can support those rights is their own private issue. Their opinions are not the opinions of all the county's residents. Supplanting Pride month with an idea that comes from fear of "the other" is not what our County needs or deserves.

Giving "facts and figures" to try to support the substitution is disingenuous at best, and at the opposite end of the spectrum, malicious.

Therefore, I, as a County resident, encourage a NO vote on this resolution.

Julie Taylor
1453 W Browning Ave
Fresno 93711

Sent from my iPad

From: Jeff Nichols <jeffmnichols1833@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:49 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Month

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To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that a celebration of "family" that specifies "traditional" families, with a heterosexual husband and wife, is both neglecting other types of families, while perpetuating a bigoted bias against families that don't meet your narrow criteria. Families exist in all sorts of configurations. Some are the result of choices, while others may be shaped by circumstances beyond their control. A successful family is one that provides love, security, and the type of guidance that nurtures and develops children who grow up to be honest, moral, and ethical members of society, and who contribute in meaningful ways to their community. I have personally witnessed "traditional nuclear families" who have achieved this above and beyond, while also observing others that have failed miserably. The same, of course, can be said about non-traditional families.

Let us not be exclusive, but rather inclusive. Celebrating "Family Month" seems so much more appropriate than celebrating "Traditional Nuclear Family Month".

Sincerely,
Jeff Nichols

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From: Valeria Rodriguez <rodr.vale.2025@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:57 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: District 1; District 2; District 3; District 4; District5@fresnocountyca.go
Subject: Public Comment: "Traditional Nuclear Family Month", June 16, 2026 Meeting

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Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I am writing as a constituent, mother, and community member to express my deepest and most genuine HELL NO to this ridiculous proposed ordinance. Not only is it offensive, divisive, hateful, contrary to the separation of church and state, it is also, and not surprisingly, another attempt at validating the hateful christian nationalist agenda. In addition, this proposed ordinance is also a complete waste of time and resources; it helps no one, it fixes nothing. Instead, we, the constituents, demand that you do your jobs and focus on the things that matter, the things that impact our community- jobs, housing, healthcare, education, you know, the things you ran on during your campaigns.

Vote NO on this insanity and get back to business.

-Vale Rodriguez

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From: Pat Johnson <p.johnson86@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 11:58 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Bredefeld 's resolution

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I come from a very religious family where we have uncles and a brother who are priests. I attended parochial schools for twelve years. All of us were taught over and over again that we are all God's children. No one is better than another no matter what one believes. Everyone is loved by their creator.

Acceptance of others for what they believe and who they love is vital.

Now is the time to embrace our differences , not tear it apart.

Patricia Hudson Johnson , Fresno 93711

Sent from my iPad

From: Lica McGinnis <licamcginnis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:16 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Oppose Item 6

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Dear Madame Clerk:

I too **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the resolution (**Item 6 on the June 16, 2026, agenda**) designating June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in Fresno County. It's disrespectful and divisive of Mr. Bradfield to propose for our diverse community in Fresno County. This proposition continues exactly the opposite goal of supporting and embracing family for it blatantly ignores the truth of what's taken place in our county and in our country in regards to family.

Mr. Bradfield needs to focus instead on solutions to remedy the horrible conditions that thinking such his, has caused. We need him to do his job by working on the true issues and crisis facing families and community in Fresno County: homelessness, hunger, joblessness, lack of health care, lack of support to keep families together and lack of building our diverse community where all members are treated respectfully regardless of gender, race or religion. These are the elements needed to be addressed to help our community and not the delusional proposition Mr. Bradfield proposes for the month of June.

In addition, here are more factual reasons for the Board of Supervisors to vote against it.

1. The traditional nuclear family, where a man works outside the home and a woman stays home raising children, is no longer exists. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that in 2025, the labor force participation rate for mothers with children under 18 was 73.9%. The survival of families and the US economy depends on women's participation in the workforce.
2. There is no indoctrination of children into the LGBTQ lifestyle. Science and medicine confirm that being LGBTQ is not a voluntary choice. Gender is an innate, fundamental aspect of a person's identity, defined at birth and cannot be altered by "indoctrination."
3. Separation of church and state. The phrase "God's perfect design" should not be included in governmental resolutions.

Respectfully,
Marie McGinnis
5226 N Sequoia
559-485-2345

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From: Mary Hung <maryh620@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 12:23 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Board Meeting Dates: 06/16/2026. Opposition to Item #6 - Garry Bredefeld's Resolution to designate June the "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors,
Designating June "Fresno Family Month" sounds quite wonderful to me. However calling it, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" eliminates a significant number of Fresno families. Most likely if Mr. Bredefeld looked at his own extended family he would realize his resolution would be hurtful to many of his own loved ones.
Please alter your resolution to include all Fresno Families or take it off the table.
Thank you for your attention.
Regards,
Mary L Hung
Fresno Resident

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From: Jameelah Brooks <brooksjameelah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 1:57 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Letter of Opposition re: Item 6 "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"
Attachments: Letter of opposition, item 6.pdf

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Please see my attached letter of opposition regarding item 6. I furthermore would like to add the following two points:

- 1) Don't you all have better things to do than waste our time and taxpayer dollars like this? Please do way better.
- 2) "God's perfect plan" is the most delusional, Christian nationalist phrase I've ever read on an official document. What happened to the separation of church and state? Or am I the only one who learned anything from a U.S. history class? Oh yeah, I forgot that the members of a certain political party love to disregard the rules to push their discriminatory agendas! Let's maybe consider doing better.

Please grow up. It's 2026. Let people live their lives.

Respectfully and exasperatedly,

Jameelah "Jay" Brooks :)
Fresno County zipcode 93703

To: Fresno County Board of Supervisors

From: Jameelah "Jay" Brooks

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Subject: Public comment, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" (Item Number 6)

Greetings to whom it may concern,

My name is Jay Brooks. I am writing to strongly oppose Item Number 6 at the upcoming Fresno County Board meeting on 06/16/2026, which seeks to approve the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in Fresno County.

This resolution, which has been conveniently proposed during Pride month, is a thinly-veiled attempt to push outdated conservative agendas and overwrite the existence of LGBT folks who call Fresno County home. If passed, this resolution will actively undermine any amount of progress the LGBT community has made in Fresno County.

It will also promote further prejudice, intolerance, and hatred of anyone who deviates from the status quo that this resolution seeks to set, whether that be single parents, guardians, people without children, or the myriad of other living situations and lifestyles people have in this county.

The "nuclear family" is not representative of Fresno County nor any community in California, and it should certainly not be the standard to meet. Very few families live in this traditional fantasy world that so many conservatives seem to cling to so desperately.

Most people in *my* community have at least one person in their household who is not a member of the "nuclear family" this resolution promotes. I'm not sure what community the people who proposed this bill claim to serve, but it certainly isn't Fresno County.

The only thing this resolution will accomplish is forcing the people of Fresno County into a box of outdated "traditional values" that literally no one asked for. (But that's the goal of this proposal, though, isn't it?)

The kinds of people who support this resolution share the same ignorant, bigoted, and antiquated beliefs as the author(s) of this resolution. These people are so deathly afraid of anything that isn't consistent with their closed-minded beliefs, that they end up drafting unnecessary and ridiculous proposals such as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" to comfort themselves and their insular communities.

Therefore, for all of the reasons above and more, I respectfully and vehemently oppose Item Number 6: "Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution."

Thank you,

Jameelah "Jay" Brooks

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From: carmen1251@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Item 6, June 16, 2026 Oppose Designating the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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June 15, 2026

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Madam Clerk:

As a long time taxpaying, voting resident of Fresno County,

I strongly oppose the Item 6, June 16, 2026

Resolution declaring the month of June Traditional Nuclear Family Month!

1) I find it totally disrespectful to our community, and

2) I oppose theocracy and support the separation of Church and State!!

Respectfully,

Carmen Navarro

1241 North Vagedes Avenue

Fresno CA 93728-2205

(323) 719-9439

Please confirm receipt.

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From: Mi'Chellee Lichti <mlichti65@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:36 PM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Month resolution. VOTE NO ! ✓

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Supervisor Magsig,

I Request that YOU **VOTE NO** ☑.... on the Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution.

This resolution is Adversarial, Derogatory & Inflammatory, only furthering the ever increasing Division & Intolerance within our County and Communities, between Christians and LGBTQIA+ 🏳️ Citizens.

Is that Your Goal & Intent Nathan, cause You're doing it ? 🤔💔

PRIDE Month is a Celebration of ALL Families and ALL People, including traditional (male / female) families in our County and in our Country.

This Traditional Nuclear Family Month resolution Only serves to Segregate, Discriminate, Condemn, Judge, and Perpetuate Intolerance of LGBTQIA+ 🏳️ Citizens, through the myopic lens of a Conservative Christian Religion's interpretation.

FACTS:

- Fresno County is NOT a Christian Church.
- Religious doctrine & beliefs & interpretations MUST be kept separate from Public Policy.
- I am NOT a Christian and therefore, I do NOT subscribe to, nor am I a member of ANY Religion.
- Your view or opinion that My Life as Transgender is a Sin, and that I am a UnRepentant Sinner should be inconsequential to Me, as I'm NOT a Member of Your Church.

I should be FREE & I should be PROTECTED from My Government imposing Religion and Religious doctrine on My Life...by YOU !

YOU Supervisor Magsig, are tasked with the responsibility of Protecting My Inalienable Rights !

I should NEVER feel Attacked, Disparaged, or Alienated from Public Spaces or Activities, by My Elected Officials / Supervisors.

• I am Protected by Our Constitution from My Government imposing a Religion on Me, yet here we are... having Christian Values & Interpretations, used as a Divisive Weapon to disparage Me and others within the LGBTQIA+ 🏳️🌈 Community, because of My Legal Gender & Identity, as being a member of the LGBTQIA+ 🏳️🌈 Community.

NOTE :

Many LGBTQIA+ 🏳️🌈 People are Christian's, and so this resolution is disrespecting and disparaging them from multiple angles. How wild is that in 2026 ?

Can YOU imagine as a Christian, having other Christians define and describe YOU in the Very Negative manner that this Traditional Nuclear Family Month resolution is defining us, when that's NOT YOU AT ALL, then having Your Supervisor Support it, and VOTE for it, without EVER considering WHO YOU ARE in this Life, and in this World, nor having your Supervisor Want or Try to UNDERSTAND YOU, arbitrarily and categorically dismissing YOU, then VOTE on a resolution like this one ?!?!

LGBTQIA+ 🏳️🌈 are Citizens and Christian's too.

Because a denomination has a different interpretation of the Bible's teachings, doesn't mean that they are NOT Recognized and Respected as Christian Religions.

LGBTQIA+ 🏳️🌈 are NOT a different Class of Citizens, and We Deserve EQUAL Protection and Representation by YOU Too !

In Your Role as Our County's Supervisor, You are NOT Mandated or Required, nor do YOU have the Ethical Authority to perpetuate ANY One Christian Religion's doctrine or it's interpretation of its doctrine, as being this County's Religion, on other Christian's or on Non-Christians alike, nor should these Christian Religious beliefs be applied to Condemn & Judge & Disparage ANY Marginalized group of Citizens, within this County.

Moreover, it's NOT within Your Political or Ethical Purview to Discriminate against Any Citizens, or to Show Preference for, or Intolerance of, Any group of Legal & Lawful Citizens, Regardless of Your personal & religious beliefs or affiliations. RIGHT ?

AYES VOTE.....is a VOTE that is, and will be viewed as having been on the **WRONG SIDE of History in 2026.**

Please **VOTE..... NO !** 👍

Thank YOU,
Mi'Chellee Lichti 💜 🏳️🌈

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From: Stuart McFeeters <stuartmcfeeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:38 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment for Traditional Nuclear Family Month - Item 6 on Agenda for June, 16, 2026
Attachments: Subject_ Public_Comment_Traditional_Nuclear_Family_Month_Stuart_McFeeters.pdf

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Dear Clerk Seidel,

Please find my public comments regarding Supervisor Bredefield's proposed resolution to approve the month of June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno attached to this email.

Sincerely yours,
Stuart K. McFeeters, Ph.D.

Subject: Public comment, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Item Number 6

To Fresno County Board of Supervisors

My name is Stuart K. McFeeters, Ph.D. and I wish to express my opposition to the resolution that is scheduled to be proposed by the Supervisor for District 2, Garry Bredefeld, and which seeks the Board of Supervisors approval to designate the month of June as Traditional Family Month in the County of Fresno.

Objection Number 1:

Referring to lines 11-13: Supervisor Bredefeld may indeed believe that God designed for familial structure may be described as a "nuclear" family consisting of one husband, one wife, and any children. However, this is a religious belief, and should not be part of a resolution that would impact those who do not believe in the same way as he does. Additionally, the proposed language excludes families who do not have children either by circumstance, or by conscious decision, or even those families that are composed of a single parent and one, or more, children.

Objection Number 2:

Referring to lines 22-25: Supervisor Bredefeld states "...children are now under attack from anti-family groups that make every effort to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle, promote genital mutilation, abortion practices and Transgender ideology without parental knowledge or consent...". Supervisor Bredefeld offers no evidence that any such actions take place. Although lines 16-21 contain statistics and a cited information source, none are present in lines 22-25. Supervisor Bredefeld does not state that any of the previously stated actions actually take place within the jurisdictions of Fresno County, or anywhere, for that matter. It is my understanding that medical treatment of minors must include the consent of the responsible adult, and this would include gender-affirming procedures. It is my opinion that Supervisor Bredefeld's statements contain words and phrases that are inflammatory and misleading in nature, and ill-fitting to a person in his position.

Objection Number 3:

Supervisor Bredefeld's proposed resolution seeks to impose a religious belief upon the general population of the County of Fresno, and I submit that this would violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution which prevents the government from establishing a state religion, because his statements directly impose his particular religious beliefs upon those of many different religious faiths, and also upon those who do not have any particular religious beliefs.

Objection Number 4:

Supervisor Bredefeld's proposed resolution does not seek to unite the members of a community, but rather it seeks to disenfranchise the LGBTQ community from celebrating their families through the use of

inflammatory rhetoric that is not appropriate for a member of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to make, and especially from someone who also has an earned doctorate in clinical psychology.

Objection Number 5:

Referring to lines 16-21, Supervisor Bredefield's statements include many statistics about "fatherless families", and suggested that having both parents in the home could enable a more stable home life to prevail. I've not read the study that was cited by Supervisor Bredefield, however, I would ask if he had investigated the statistics regarding families with two Gay parents, and the activities of their children? It may be that simply having two loving parents in a family, regardless of their sexual orientation, would provide the stability that Supervisor Bredefield appears to desire for all families.

In Conclusion:

I was born in Fresno in 1960, and I have lived here for most of my life. I taught at California State University, Fresno for over 20 years, and had I made statements similar to Supervisor Bredefield's during my employment there, I could have been sued by the offended student, and it is very likely that I could have been fired.

It is my belief that resolutions from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors should seek to celebrate the diversity of our shared community, and not to disparage it, and, most certainly, a resolution that celebrates families should not celebrate only those families that are composed of one man, one woman, and one, or more, children, but all families, whatever their structure. Furthermore, it should be noted that there are eleven other months from which to choose to issue such a supportive resolution without having to displace the existing observation of Pride Month during June.

Sincerely,

Stuart K. McFeeters, Ph.D.

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From: Del C. <dcenteno84@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:05 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" June 16, 2026 Item Number 6

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to Supervisor Bredefeld's ridiculous "Nuclear Family Resolution." Bredefeld is abusing his position on the Board of Supervisors to push his own personal (and astonishingly bigoted) agenda on an entire County of people who come from diverse backgrounds AND diverse family structures.

I urge all supervisors to avoid getting caught up in Garry's loser behavior and vote NO on this resolution.

Thank you,

Delia Centeno
District 2

From: Nancy Griesser <nancyg@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:14 PM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Cc: Nancy Griesser <nancyg@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Subject: Please Oppose Garry Bredefeld's Very Inappropriate Resolution

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I am a constituent writing in strong opposition to Supervisor Garry Bredefeld's "Nuclear Family Month" proposal, Item #16 on the BOS June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

Mr. Bredefeld's ongoing, obsessive preoccupation with shaming LGBTQ+ members of the Fresno County community is abhorrent and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors should in no way support such a proposal.

It is important that you vote "NO" tomorrow on Supervisor Bredefeld's "Nuclear Family Proposal." In no way can it be legislated that the nuclear family represents "God's perfect design for humanity."

Nancy Griesser
ZIP code: 93720-2327

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From: Jennifer Bianchi <bianchijae@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:27 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: June 16, 2026 meeting, Item 6, Resolution Opposition

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Dear Madame Clerk:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the resolution (**Item 6 on the June 16, 2026, agenda**) designating June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in Fresno County. The resolution is unnecessary, divisive, and disrespectful to an already marginalized community in Fresno County. Please vote against it because:

All families in Fresno County need to be honored and supported. There is no need for Fresno County to try to make some families feel inferior and/or inadequate.

The phrase "God's perfect design" does not need to be included in government resolutions. The County's documents need to demonstrate a separation between church and state.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Bianchi
1491 W Tenaya Way
Fresno, CA 93711
(916) 812-3175

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From: Nancy Griesser <nancyg@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 3:30 PM
To: District 1 <District1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Cc: Nancy Griesser <nancyg@mail.fresnostate.edu>
Subject: Please oppose Garry Bredefeld's Highly Inappropriate Proposal

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I am writing in strong opposition to Supervisor Garry Bredefeld's "Nuclear Family Month" proposal, Item #16 on the BOS June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

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It is important that you vote "NO" tomorrow on Supervisor Bredefeld's "Nuclear Family Proposal." It would be highly inappropriate for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to legislate that the nuclear family represents "God's perfect design for humanity."

Nancy Griesser

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From: Ruth Afifi <ruth37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:28 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution

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Please seriously consider an important letter written by a constituent in Clovis:
Rachel Youdelman
636 Oxford Ave.
Clovis CA 93612

"To the Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to reject Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution, item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

The resolution's language is astonishing in its hostility. It casts LGBTQ+ people and those who support them as predators, indoctrinators, and exploiters of children. It recycles some of the oldest and most discredited smears in American political life while offering zero evidence to support its inflammatory claims. In other words, the proposed resolution is a pretext for yet another Bredefeld attack on the LGBTQ+ community. Must it be pointed out that mobilizing resentment against a minority community is not responsible public governance?

The timing is no coincidence. June is Pride Month. For decades, Pride has served as a recognition of the humanity, dignity, and equal citizenship of LGBTQ+ Americans. Bredefeld's resolution is designed to humiliate the LGBTQ+ community by obliterating Pride Month and replacing it with this "nuclear" bomb. His recent public grilling of county employees regarding their participation in the Pride Festival served the same purpose: to demean, shame, and humiliate gay people.

Bredefeld has repeatedly made LGBTQ+ issues the focus of his political activity, raising questions about the disproportionate role they occupy in his political agenda, not to speak of his psyche. His rhetoric reveals a persistent and troubling preoccupation with homosexuality, and his frequent and unwarranted public statements framing LGBTQ+ people as threats to children promote fear, division, and stigmatization.

Bredefeld's emotionally intense, obsessive fixation on anti-LGBTQ+ campaigns suggest both an ideological and a psychopathological fixation. His repeated references to children's "indoctrination" and their being "under attack" reflect his own inner moral panic, something he is compulsively trying to foist on the entire county.

Equally disturbing is the resolution's assertion that the nuclear family represents "God's perfect design for humanity." Fresno County government is not a church, a revival tent, or a theological tribunal. It represents residents of every faith and no faith. County proclamations should not be used in this way to advance sectarian doctrine or to elevate religious worldviews above others.

Fresno County faces serious challenges, such as a \$300 million budget shortfall, which demand the full attention of our elected leaders. The Board should be focused on improving the lives of residents, not manufacturing fatuous and damaging conflicts designed to score ideological points.

This resolution is beneath the dignity of the county government. It is offensive, discriminatory, and deeply unworthy of adoption by a public body which is obligated to serve all its residents equally.

Please seriously consider the letter above by Rachel Youdelman, whose views and information on this subject I greatly admire.

Ruth Afifi
8950 N Archie Ave.
Fresno CA 93720
559-297-8582

From: Joshua Serpa <joshua.serpa323@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:31 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Board Meeting Date: 06/16/2026. I OPPOSE Item Number 6

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Dear Madame Clerk:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the resolution (**Item 6 on the June 16, 2026, agenda**) designating June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in Fresno County.

Respectfully,
Joshua Serpa
1225 N Vagedes Ave Fresno, CA 93728
(559)747-8050

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From: Ruben Espinoza <espinoza23ruben@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:44 PM
To: BOSComments; Clerk/BOS; District 2; District 4; District 5; District 3
Subject: VOTE NO TO ADOPTING "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" in the County of Fresno

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Dear Fresno County Supervisors,

My name is Ruben Espinoza, and I am a working father raising a traditional nuclear family in Fresno County. I **urge you to vote no** on this materially empty and politically charged resolution that does nothing substantive to actually help the material conditions of families like mine and potentially harms children by making kids question the legitimacy of their families.

My upbringing was very different from that of my kids today.

I was raised by my grandparents because my mother died when I was 2 years old and my father was deported. My grandparents loved me and provided everything I needed to be a successful adult, father, and husband to my wife and kids.

I ask if Supervisor Bredefeld really wants to honor traditional nuclear families that go back to the drawing board and include families like mine to have a say in how we want to be honored publicly.

After reading the language of the resolution, it only feels like we are being used as a political pawn in Supervisor Bredefeld's antics of adding another "notch" to his brand of conservatism. It seems to serve only his reputation.

There are stats in the resolution about "fatherless families being more likely to experience poverty and substance abuse, but Healthy Fresno County data indicates that traditional nuclear families are also included in the very high poverty rate, suggesting this resolution doesn't effectively alleviate these statistics but rather just cites them for political reasons

Furthermore, the resolution makes completely baseless claims about 'children being under attack' by LGBTQ families.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to reject this resolution based on its moral implications and the divisive, baseless claims it presents. Respecting all families must be paramount for elected officials, ensuring that no child is made to question the legitimacy of their own family because of such measures. Let's instead pursue policies that truly support all Fresno County families with meaningful action, not political theatre

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ruben Espinoza
District 3 Father&Husband

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"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." -Rabindranath Tagore

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From: Cynthia <cynhudson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:33 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Item 6 June 16 Board Meeting

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I urge the Board to vote NO on item 6. It seems Gerry Bredefeld is once again intent on wasting time and money with offensive, hateful religious ideologies dressed up as something he peddles as positive or worse yet "Christian). This action is completely ridiculous and this voter/taxpayer resents any second wasted on such ridiculous items.

Thank you,

Cynthia Hudson
5110 N Fruit #124
Fresno, CA 93711

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From: Joanne Burton <jburton529@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:39 PM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Resolution

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Please pass the Traditional Nuclear Family Resolution making June Traditional Nuclear Family Month. Our country needs to affirm what makes us strong with a vision of security for our children. It is time to remove the grandstanding putting non-traditional families and LGBTQ emphasis in the month of June which has only confused our children. This agenda is not reflective of the cross-section of American family history and although they are accepted in our society, they should not be at the forefront of our identity.

I am wholeheartedly in support of this resolution for June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month. Thank you

Joanne Burton
Fresno Resident

From: Janelle Bujulian <bujulian13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:49 PM
To: Clerk-Services <Clerk-Services@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Public comment, June 16, Item 6

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I am a constituent of District 3 and a parent of two children. I urge you to veto the proposed "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" resolution.

I am strongly opposed to this not only because it is a waste of taxpayer time to even entertain this as a good idea, it's also insulting to anyone who doesn't fit this perfect "nuclear family" mold.

Please do your jobs and serve the community by using your time and funds wisely. Turn your efforts on how to help our communities feel supported and cared for instead of purposefully divided.

Vote NO on this resolution.

Janelle Bujulian

Fresno, 93728

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From: Sara Cooksey <sarajcooksey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:59 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution | June 16, 2026
Agenda Item # 6, File # 26-0636

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I am a constituent of District 2 and I am writing in strong opposition to your resolution declaring June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

This resolution is harmful and exclusionary to LGBTQIA+ individuals and families, to single-parent households, and to the many families across Fresno County who don't fit your narrow definition. Families come in many forms, and that diversity is what makes our county thrive and is our strength.

I urge the Board to direct its energy towards addressing the real challenges facing Fresno County families: poverty, access to healthcare, housing, and economic opportunity. There are countless other pressing matters that need to be addressed. This resolution is not one of them.

You were elected to serve everyone in this county, not to decide which families deserve validation. I urge you to vote against this resolution and recommit to that obligation.

Sincerely,

Sara Cooksey

From: BB <BootsyBud@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:20 PM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Traditonal Nuclear Family Resolution

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Supervisor Magsig:

I am very much in favor of the Traditional Nuclear Family Resolution. It reinforces the importance of the family structure, of a married couple and children which has been shown to be a positive aspect of societal health.

It would promote family values and stability, and benefit traditional family dynamics, and child development. It supports the benefits to raising children in a household with a mother and a father.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am unable to attend the meeting re: this topic.

Teri D

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From: Karen Francone <karenfrancone@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:22 PM

To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>

Subject: Support Adopting Resolution: Month of June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month in the County of Fresno

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Dear Supervisor Magsig,

I ask that you support adopting the proposed resolution approving the month of June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month in the County of Fresno.

In a time of increasing family diversity types, a *Nuclear Family Month* can serve as a reminder of the significance of the traditional family (aka nuclear family) model's role in society. I think that more and more the importance of the traditional family structure is minimized or ignored and other family structures are up-lifted and emphasized.

Adopting the *Resolution* can foster dialogue about the challenges faced by traditional families and the importance of preserving these values in contemporary society.

As time goes on I understand what it means to be one of "the forgotten men and women" of this great Country.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Karen Francone
13288 E. Rialto
Sanger, CA. 93657

Cell: 559-313-5143

From: Leo Castillo <castillo9372793657@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:38 PM

To: Clerk-Services <Clerk-Services@fresnocountyca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment Opposing Resolution Declaring June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" (Agenda Item 6, June 16,

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To the Fresno County Clerk and Members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Supervisor Garry Bredefeld's proposed resolution declaring June as "Traditional Nuclear Family Month."

This proposal is unnecessary, divisive, and sends a harmful message to the many families in Fresno County who do not fit a narrow definition of what a family should look like. Our community is made up of single-parent households, blended families, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive families, foster families, multigenerational households, and families led by same-sex couples. All of these families deserve equal dignity, recognition, and respect from their local government.

While supporters may argue that the resolution simply celebrates one family structure, the practical effect is to elevate one type of family above others. Introducing this resolution during Pride Month further reinforces concerns that it is intended to exclude or diminish LGBTQ+ residents and families. Many members of our community understandably view the proposal as homophobic in its impact because it suggests that families headed by LGBTQ+ parents are somehow less worthy of recognition than so-called "traditional" families.

Fresno County government should focus on policies that strengthen all families rather than symbolic declarations that divide residents and create unnecessary conflict. Our county is strongest when we recognize the value of every family that provides love, support, and stability for its members.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to reject this resolution and instead affirm that all families in Fresno County deserve equal respect and representation, regardless of their composition.

Leo and Lupe Castillo a couple celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary today.

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From: Kristen Monroe <emerickkristen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:12 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment: "Traditional Nuclear Family Month"

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kristen Monroe and I live in district two of Fresno County. I'm writing to express my firm opposition to the "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" resolution proposed by supervisor Gary Bredefeld.

Before I continue, I would like to recognize that the term "nuclear family" is a socially constructed term used to describe "a family group that consists of only parents and children", as defined in Merriam-Webster. Additionally, the would traditional means "consisting of or derived from tradition" (Merriam-Webster), and tradition is defined as "an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (such as a religious practice or a social custom)" (Merriam-Webster). Tradition, as it seems, is entirely dependent on the societal or communal group that ascribes meaning to a certain thought, action, or behavior.

Another quick note, Supervisor Bredefeld included many "statistics" in his resolution. However, statistics are proven through scientific research. Scholarly, peer-reviewed, articles should be cited for each "statistic" that he included.

As a former educator, I understand the vital importance of every child feeling loved and respected for being exactly who they are. This is not only enforced by their peers and family, but by their community and society as a whole. By designating a month "traditional nuclear family month", you are purposefully ostracizing families that you do not deem good enough to fit into your mold. I taught students who lived in foster care, those who lived with an extended relative, and those who were raised by a single parent. I worked in a rural district that was predominately republican; this is Garry Bredefeld's voting base that he's ostracizing and deeming "not blessed by god".

Religion was highly cited in the resolution. Going back to the previous definitions, tradition is entirely dependent on the meaning ascribed by societal groups. Religion, and the beliefs that each supervisor may hold based off whatever religion they may ascribe to, has no place in our government. Government is for the people, by the people, and is intended to represent everyone, not just those that ascribe to a certain religion.

This resolution can be dressed up as supporting children and families, but at its core, it is stating that some families are deemed worthy by the board, and other families that don't consist of one father, one mother, and children are not "blessed by god". It is discriminatory, and I wouldn't expect anything less from the supervisor.

I'd like to end with this thought: a man that uses their position to spread hateful/ harmful rhetoric instead of using their position to insure respect for all peoples, is in fact, a very small, weak man.

Thank you for your time,

Kristen Monroe

From: Jessica Bower <incarrabbit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:15 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment for June 16th, Agenda Item #6, File # 26-0636

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Good afternoon Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

As a constituent of District 5, I find this resolution to approve "June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month" to be highly ideological, scientifically inaccurate, exclusionary towards the vast majority of people that make up the County, and quite frankly unconstitutional. I **strongly oppose** this item and I urge the Board to vote **NO**. The County is going to expose itself to lawsuits if this item is approved.

This item is blatantly written with feelings and emotion and makes false claims, with no citations to the statistics provided, about non-traditional family homes, as well as LGBTQ+ people "indoctrinating" children and how this is "God's design".

This is discrimination against non-traditional families such as, single parents, aunts and uncles raising their nieces or nephews, grandparents raising their grandchildren, same-sex parents, separated or divorced families, and adoptive families. As someone whose mother died young, I find all of the claims stated by Garry to be stigmatizing, shameful, and statistically unproven. You would think Garry Bredefeld would have sympathy for these families, seeing as he himself never knew his biological father and was adopted by his step-father at the age of 2. But no, clearly Garry has outdated psychiatrist information and has an issue with being adopted, since he must take it on others by forcing his beliefs upon everyone and expressing his hatred and contempt of non-traditional families.

If this item were to be approved, this item would be considered in violation of the 14th Amendment, specifically the Equal Protection Clause as this resolution is clearly expressing animus towards a protected class, and one could consider it in violation of the 1st Amendment, specifically the Establishment Clause by saying this is "God's design for familial structure" and "God's perfect design for humanity" and declaring this form of Christianity as policy. Also, the first family ended in fratricide, sooooo is Garry promoting murder? Either way, the County is going to open itself to lawsuits by violating either the Equal Protection Clause or the Establishment Clause.

Again, I strongly oppose this item and I urge the Board to vote NO. This is a waste of County employee time and taxpayer money that could be used better within the fiscal budget. I do not want my tax dollars wasted having to defend lawsuits because of this discriminatory resolution.

Thank you for your time,
Jessica Bower

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From: Vanessa Valdez <vanessaraevaldez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:55 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public Comment "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" Meeting Date: June 16, 2026 Item Number 6

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Hello,

Let me start out the gate saying that I strongly oppose the idea of a nuclear family month.

I am a stay at home mother of two and I am married to a cisgender man. I am an apart of what I assume Supervisor Bredefeld would consider a "Nuclear Family."

While I love my family to bits, I don't believe that families like mine need special notoriety or celebration. The structure of our household isn't what I love about my family, it's the people who are in my family. I know that this is the same for any family, whether they have no children, one parent, or parents of the same gender.

Love makes a family, not a specific makeup of people. Let's celebrate what's actually important.

Thank you,
Vanessa
3014 N 8th St
Fresno, CA 93703

Item #6
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From: Kathy Fuller <thekathyfuller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:12 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Public comment, June 16, Item 6, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" proposal.

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Attention to Clerk for Board of Supervisors, and Luis Chavez :

I oppose the June 16, Item 6, "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" Proposal. I strongly urge the board to ditch this proposal &/or to vote against it. As a constituent of Luis Chavez's district, I ask him particularly to vote against this divisive proposal. To Gary Bredefeld I say please reconsider this proposal which seems intended to alienate any families that do not fit in an inflexible family structure.

As a friend of mine said, traditional families are celebrated and recognized in many ways in our society already. Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Thanksgiving, and many other holidays emphasize the nuclear family. The month of June is already widely acknowledged as LGBTQ Pride Month (and was declared Gay & Lesbian Pride Month previously by Presidents Clinton and Obama). Trying to then negate LGBTQ Pride Month by declaring a "Traditional Nuclear Family Month" at the same time is just petty and not inclusive.

Nuclear families come in many shapes and forms. Do not denigrate the variety of nuclear families by recognizing only a strictly rigid model that includes exclusively a mom, dad, and kids. It took years for LGBTQ+ people to gain a little recognition and ease in fitting in. Do not try to stifle their progress by trying to remake Fresno County into an inflexibly traditional social structure.

Kathy Fuller

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From: Lauren Davis <LDavis@aclunc.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:12 PM
To: Clerk/BOS; BOSComments
Cc: District 1; District 2; District 3; District 4; District 5; Angelica Salceda
Subject: ACLU NorCal comment re: Agenda Item #6, June 16, 2026 BOS meeting
Attachments: 2026.06.15 ACLU Ltr to Fresno County BOS re Nuclear Families Month Resolution_to send.pdf

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Good evening,

Please see attached the ACLU of Northern California's public comment in opposition to Agenda Item #6.

Kind regards,

Lauren

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June 15, 2026

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**Re: Public Comment in Opposition to “Traditional Nuclear Family Month”
Resolution, June 16, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda, Item 6**

Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

We write on behalf of the ACLU Foundation of Northern California regarding the Fresno County Board of Supervisors’ consideration of a resolution to celebrate “Traditional Nuclear Family Month.”¹ We urge this Board to vote no on the Resolution.

Both the Federal and California Constitutions prohibit “excessive government entanglement” with religion. *Sands v. Morongo Unified School Dist.*, 53 Cal.3d 863, 879, 882-83 (Cal. 1991) (explaining that the Federal and California Constitutions prohibit laws respecting an establishment of religion). The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment “prohibits government from making adherence to a religion relevant in any way to a person’s standing in the political community.” *Lynch v. Donnelly*, 465 U.S. 668, 688 (1984) (J. O’Connor concurring). Endorsing a particular religious view “sends a message to nonadherents that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.” *Id.* The California Constitution is even more protective of the “principle of separation” than the federal constitution and includes a “no preference clause,” prohibiting government from giving preference to religion, or conversely to no religion. *Sands*, 53 Cal.3d at 883; Cal. Const. art I., § 4.

We accordingly write to raise concerns that the Resolution may be interpreted as the Board of Supervisors endorsing a particular religious viewpoint.² The Resolution states in part that “the traditional nuclear family, consisting of one husband, one wife, and any biological, adopted, or fostered children, is God’s design for familial structure,” and proclaims that “the

¹ We subsequently refer to the “Traditional Nuclear Family Month” resolution as “proposed Resolution” or “Resolution.”

² The intent to endorse a particular religious viewpoint is further brought into question by public comments from a member of the board of supervisors expressing that part of the purpose of the Resolution is to celebrate “faith.” CBS 47, *Fresno County Supervisors Split on ‘Divisive’ Nuclear Family Month Resolution*, (Youtube, June 9, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJte2t9srrk>.

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nuclear family is God's perfect design for humanity..." Proposed Resolution at 1. In addition to endorsing a particular family makeup as "God's perfect design," the text of the Resolution states that "children are now under attack from anti-family groups that make every effort to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle..." *Id.* Such language may suggest that those who do not adhere to a particular religious viewpoint are politically unfavored, and "sends a message to nonadherents that they are outsiders." *See Lynch*, 465 U.S. at 688 (1984).

As the Board is aware, Fresno County is home to people of diverse family compositions and religious and non-religious traditions. In a 2023 census measuring religious diversity on a scale of 0 to 1, Fresno County scored at 0.825, over twenty percentage points more than the average religious diversity score in the United States.³ And, as of 2021, nearly a quarter of Fresno County residents did not affiliate with any organized religion at all.⁴ Such data underscores the wisdom of the United States and California Constitutions' mandates that government may not endorse a particular faith. Resolutions like this one, especially in a richly diverse county like Fresno, unnecessarily risk communicating that only those of a particular religious belief belong in the County's political life.

Just this month this Board discussed a projected \$300 million deficit in Fresno County, with the Fresno County Administrative Officer noting that county departments are facing five percent cuts to their expenses with "more difficult choices" ahead.⁵ Particularly in light of these fiscal challenges, we urge the Board of Supervisors to take seriously its obligation to represent *all* Fresno County residents and provide responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, including by maintaining its focus on the issues that impact the daily life of its residents.⁶

Sincerely,



Angélica Salceda, Director
Democracy, Speech, and Technology Program
ACLU Foundation of Northern California



Lauren Davis, Legal Fellow
ACLU Foundation of Northern California

³ Public Religion Research Institute, *2023 PRRI Census of American Religion: County-Level Data on Religious Identity and Diversity*, (Aug. 29, 2024), <https://prri.org/research/census-2023-american-religion/>.

⁴ Andrew Fiala, *New Poll Shows 23% of Fresno County residents don't affiliate with organized religion*, Fresno Bee (July 16, 2021), <https://www.fresnobee.com/opinion/readers-opinion/article252822148.html>.

⁵ Pablo Orihuela, *Fresno County approves preliminary budget for next fiscal year, but 'more difficult decisions remain'*, FresnoLand (June 2, 2026), <https://fresnoland.org/2026/06/02/fresno-county-approves-preliminary-budget/>.

⁶ As just one example, Fresno County's unemployment rate as of April 2026 was approximately 8 percent, significantly greater than the California average of 5 percent. EDD Labor Market Information Division, *Fresno Metropolitan Statistical Area*, (May 22, 2026), <https://labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/cgi/dataanalysis/labForceReport.asp?menuchoice=LABFORCE>.

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From: greg little <greg.little@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 5:02 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Item 6 - Please vote NO on Garry Bredefeld's disgusting proposal

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To the Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

This is my first email of this kind but I can't stay quiet any longer, enough is enough!

Garry Bredefeld's proposal "traditional nuclear" nonsense is just another attack by Garry on the LGBTQ members of the County of Fresno. Garry's outdated white male Christian Nationalist mentality does not represent the majority of the residents of Fresno County. This proposal, and the similar anti-LGBTQIA others before it, only pander to his North Fresno white male Christian Nationalist base that is scared to death of any progress or change in society. This proposal, like his others before this, furthers to divide your constituents in these already trying times we face. **Please vote NO on this ridiculous proposal and tell Garry its time to focus on the actual business of the County of Fresno and to stop attacking the minorities with his personal agenda.**

Greg Little, very concerned citizen
County of Fresno Resident
Honorably Retired County of Fresno Employee
LGBTQIA Ally

From: Melissa Lyness <lyness.melissa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 6:47 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Nuclear family month

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Hello,

My name is Melissa Travis and I am a resident who lives in Clovis. I am writing for public comment to express concerns about the resolution to propose nuclear family month in June by Garry Bredefeld. This resolution, especially the wording that is chosen, is blatant discrimination by someone in public office targeted at a specific group, the LGBTQIA community of Fresno. It is clear with Garry Bredefeld's actions to prevent the Fresno County library from participating in Fresno's pride parade, and now this proposal, that these are targeted attacks on LGBTQ+ residents of Fresno county. In the resolution, Garry states that traditional nuclear families are "God's perfect design for humanity" as justification for his proposal, violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution which calls for a separation of church and state. Bredefeld's proposal also characterizes LGBTQ+ people and families as anti-family groups and makes false claims that those in the LGBTQ+ community are trying to indoctrinate children into the LGBTQ lifestyle. The reality is that many people fall into the LGBTQ+ spectrum, whether Garry likes it or not, and this includes children. For many of us, we are aware of our queerness from a young age and the LGBTQ+ community it's crucial for self acceptance, mental health, and suicide prevention for queer youth. Bredefeld cited unfounded statistics regarding more positive outcomes for children from nuclear families. Research has shown that children raised by same-sex parents perform just as well as children from nuclear families on measures of psychological adjustment, social functioning, educational outcomes, and emotional well-being. The best predictors of success in raising a child is having two or more committed caregivers (which can come from nontraditional and blended families), stable housing, adequate financial resources, low conflict households, a child having strong emotional attachment to their caregivers, consistent parenting, and access to healthcare and education. Whether or not a child's parents are a homosexual or heterosexual couple is not a determining factor in a child's success.

This resolution is not only hurtful and discriminatory against the LGBTQ+ community, but also all nontraditional family structures, children from single parent households, children raised by grandparents/other family members, blended families, divorced/separated families, children with incarcerated parents, stepparents, and married couples who are unable to have children. Please consider how harmful and divisive this will be for the community of Fresno. I urge you to vote no. Thank you.

-Melissa Travis

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From: Anthony Travis <tdogchav@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:00 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Nuclear Family Month

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Hello, I just wanted my opinion and voice heard on this issue. If anyone is genuinely considering this proposal, you need to check your priorities. This is a not so veiled attempt at homophobia. This is not to protect children, this is to silence the voices of marginalized groups in Fresno, because they're getting too loud to ignore and it makes you uncomfortable. Check your own bigotry and stop hiding behind these imaginary reasons.

-Anthony

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From: Janet Crum <janetcrum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:02 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Please vote against item #6 on BOS agenda

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Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to ask that you reject Gary Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution, item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

While I support nuclear families, I'm deeply concerned about the hostile, hateful anti-LGBTQ language in the resolution. The LGBTQ community are not predators and are not anti-family. They are our neighbors and friends and are citizens of this county no less deserving of respect than Bredefeld. Also, while I am a Christian, I'm also concerned--in fact, disgusted--by Bredefeld's attempt to inject his religious views into county government. He, like all of us, is entitled to his beliefs and to practice his religion as he chooses. Thanks to the First Amendment, so are the rest of us. God is not a Republican or a Democrat, and to use Him as a justification for hate and lies is blasphemous. It's also unconstitutional.

I don't know why Bredefeld has chosen to target Fresno County's LGBTQ citizens over and over, but enough is enough. We can (and should) support nuclear families without persecuting an already-persecuted minority who just want to live their lives as they see fit.

Please reject this hateful resolution.

Janet

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From: Janet Crum <janetcrum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:07 AM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Please vote against item #6 on BOS agenda

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Dear Supervisor Magsig,

I'm a resident of Clovis, and I'm writing to ask that you reject Gary Bredefeld's proposed "Nuclear Family Month" resolution, item #6 on the June 16, 2026 meeting agenda.

I support nuclear families. I am the product of a nuclear family and also have my own family with my husband and son. However, Bredefeld's resolution seems much less about supporting nuclear families and more about hating and persecuting the LGBTQ community.

The LGBTQ community are not predators and are not anti-family. They are our neighbors and friends and are also citizens of this county no less deserving of respect than Bredefeld. Also, as a Christian, I'm also concerned--in fact, disgusted--by Bredefeld's attempt to inject his religious views into county government. He is entitled to his beliefs and to practice his religion as he chooses. Thanks to the First Amendment, so are the rest of us. God is not a Republican or a Democrat, and to use Him as a justification for hate and lies is blasphemous. It's also unconstitutional.

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From: Jim Grant <jimgrantbc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:34 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Traditional Nuclear Family Month Resolution

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Dear Clerk for the Fresno County BOS,

I am grateful that by sending emails like this and attending the BOS meeting this morning (June 16, 2026) we citizens of Fresno County are able to let our Board of Supervisors know how we feel about resolutions they will be considering.

I have read the Resolution itself, and then the 89 responses to it that preceded mine.

I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the resolution for just about all the many and well expressed reasons shared by so many concerned citizens like myself.

I especially second what Andrea De Zubiria said about the BOS putting their attention to resolving the childcare, healthcare and affordable housing issues in the county, rather than wasting time on resolutions like this one.

I hope that the BOS will follow the urging of Pastor Brian De Palma and take better care of all the families of Fresno County and not just a particular model of family which some BOS members may favor.

Thank you, BOS, for voting NO on this resolution doing the right thing today.

Jim Grant
4098 Harvard Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

From: Alissa Gonzalez <maiagonzo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:57 AM
To: District 5 <District5@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Resolution on Trad. nuclear Family

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Hello Supervisor Magsig,
I am a constituent in your district and I am asking you to vote No, against the adoption of approving the month of June as Traditional Nuclear Family Month.

The resolution is poorly written and filled with inflammatory language that is negligent to fresno actual historical and traditional origins of indigenous peoples. It also does not accurately representing our diverse population of people.

Please vote no.

Maia Gonzalez
Clovis, 93612

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From: Kori Good <goodkori@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 8:59 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE - TRADITIONAL NUCLEAR FAMILY MONTH RESOLUTION

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Fresno County Supervisors,

I have been attending Fresno's LGBTQIA+ Pride festival for over a decade. I am lucky enough to bring my child, friends, and family to this event that means so much to so many. There, I have been given resources for education, labor unions, healthcare, purchased art from local artists, I was informed about safety practices I wasn't even aware of as an adult, as well as given opportunities to be an active member of the community. Over the years I have witnessed the people that publicly oppose the celebration dwindle down. While I attended this year's celebration with my daughter, for the first time in all my years of attendance, there was no one shouting at us that we would suffer eternally for celebrating with our community. This brought us so much joy. I thought that, finally, we had reached a time where we could celebrate love for ourselves and others without the ever present element of fear. This resolution robs the community of that dream. There is room for everyone to be recognized. "Traditional nuclear families" are welcome and present at Pride. This is California, here we celebrate the melting pot of diversity that our county, our state, our country is. Please, don't take away the support so many have worked so hard to earn. Be the example of what it means to have pride, for the people of your district. Thank you for your time. I hope to see you again in June next year. Happy Pride!

Respectfully,
Kori Good