

From: Cindy Piombino <piombino.cindy2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 2:26 PM
To: District 1 <district1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: BOS Meeting

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Good day, my name is Cindy Piombino and I have been a homeless outreach worker for many years here in Fresno County. I also am the ministry coordinator for Christ's Helping Hands.

I would like to comment on how I feel about two items in the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Item 5. I am in support of deferring that until at least January 1, 2026. I do feel that personal rights will be violated. That is a concern with the SB 43.

Item 11. I am in favor of amending the general plan to rezone for affordable housing in the many locations listed in the agenda.

Thanks for your time.

Won by One,
Cindy Piombino

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From: David Bacci <dbacci@hospitalcouncil.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: Holt, Susan; Flores Becker, Amina
Subject: Letter of Support - Delay Implementation of SB 43
Attachments: Fresno County SB 43 .pdf



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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Hospital Council supporting a delay to implement SB 43. This delay will provide time to thoughtfully put into place the structures needed to support a smooth and healthy transition for our community.

Thank you,

David Bacci
Regional Vice President
Hospital Council – Northern & Central California
dbacci@hospitalcouncil.org
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December 4, 2023

Board Chair Sal Quintero
2281 Tulare St., Room #301
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Support for the resolution to delay SB 43 implementation

Dear Chair Quintero,

I am writing on behalf of Hospital Council — Northern & Central California (HCNCC), a trade association representing 197 hospitals across 50 counties dedicated to enhancing health and health care in our communities. We are expressing our support for the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution to delay implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 43 (Eggman-D, Statutes of 2023).

SB 43 broadens the definition of "gravely disabled" for the involuntary detention, treatment, or conservatorship of individuals with behavioral health conditions to include those living with severe substance use disorders (SUDs) and co-occurring mental health disorders coupled with severe SUDs.

Hospitals strongly support SB 43's objectives and are committed to working in partnership with the county, other health providers, law enforcement, emergency medical service providers, and behavioral health organizations. However, we are concerned that the anticipated patient surge could challenge our current collective behavioral health system in Fresno County. A pause in implementation would allow regional and statewide workgroups to develop policies, implementation plans, and communication protocols to implement SB 43 successfully.

We appreciate your consideration of adopting the resolution to delay the implementation of SB 43.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and share additional information about our concerns. Please feel free to contact me at dbacci@hospitalcouncil.org or 626-344-5743

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Bacci', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Regional Vice President
Central Valley & Central Coast

Cc:

Supervisor Vice Chair Nathan Magsig
Supervisor Steve Brandau
Supervisor Brian Pacheco
Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Behavioral Health Director, Susan Holt

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From: Rex Hime <rhime@goweca.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:28 PM
To: District 1 <district1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support

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Supervisor Pacheco,

Please find attached a letter of support for potential solar projects in the county.

Thank you,

Rex W. Hime

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December 5, 2023

RE: Solar Agenda Items at December 12th County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Dear Supervisor Pacheco,

On behalf of the Western Electrical Contractors Association (WECA), I am writing to support the proposal of ForeFront Power to build seven solar projects at Fresno County facilities—these total over 4MWdc of renewable generation. I urge you to approve your Staff's recommendation at the December 12th County Board of Supervisors Meeting to enter into an Energy Services Agreement with ForeFront Power. ForeFront Power has completed many other projects in the California Central Valley (including for the County of Fresno). It has hired locally, which provided job opportunities for our local apprentices and journeymen. The project by ForeFront Power will bring a great benefit to the County and enhance the value of these County facilities.

WECA is a nonprofit organization representing over 450 electrical and low-voltage workers in Fresno County and many more across the western United States.

These projects are an excellent use of taxpayer money due to the long-term benefits to the County of Fresno and the environment. Projects like these will provide residents of Central Valley with numerous job opportunities. These projects improve the economic well-being of Fresno and its surrounding communities.

I urge you to approve these projects on December 12th.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex W. Hime", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rex W. Hime
Government Relations Director
Western Electrical Contractors Association



County of Fresno

DATE: December 11, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Amina Flores-Becker, Deputy CAO

**Agenda Item
Number:**

5

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 - Defer Implementation of the changes made to California Welfare & Institutions Code §5008 by Senate Bill 43 Resolution

This memo is being submitted to respond to the following question(s) related to the subject agenda item scheduled for December 12, 2023.

Question Presented

A summary was requested of the sections of SB 43 that will NOT be deferred through resolution and will be implemented on January 1, 2024. The staff report identifies that only one section of SB 43 is being recommended to be deferred through resolution (WIC 5008) and states that the addition of WIC 5122 and the amended sections of WIC 5350, 5354, 5402, will still take effect January 1, 2024.

Response

Below is a description of the elements which will not be deferred by the resolution and will take effect on January 1, 2024:

- WIC 5122 is a new element of the law which allows medical records from an expanded array of classifications of health professions to be admissible (not hearsay) in conservatorship proceedings (such as EMTs and pre-licensed therapists)
 - This will likely increase conservatorships because expert witnesses can include information that they read in a patient's records without the person who wrote the record having to appear; prior to SB 43 such records would have been inadmissible as hearsay; WIC 5122 is a hearsay exception.
- WIC 5350 is amended with very minor language change:
 - New language - A conservatorship of the estate pursuant to this chapter shall not be established if a conservatorship or guardianship of the estate exists under the Probate Code.
 - Old language - No conservatorship of the estate pursuant to this chapter shall be established if a conservatorship or guardianship of the estate exists under the Probate Code.
- WIC 5354 is amended with minor language change emphasizing that conservatorship is the last resort:
 - New language - The officer providing conservatorship investigation shall investigate all available alternatives to conservatorship, including, but not limited to, assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to Section 5346 and the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act program pursuant to

Section 5978, as applicable, and shall recommend conservatorship to the court only if no suitable alternatives are available.

- WIC 5402 is amended to expand existing data reporting required by CA Department of Health Care Services to include reporting of detainments and admissions including 72-hour evaluations and treatment, 14-day and 30-day periods of intensive treatment, and 180-day post certification intensive treatment, for (A) Danger to self, (B) Danger to others, (C) Grave disability due to a mental health disorder, (D) Grave disability due to a severe substance use disorder, (E) Grave disability due to both a mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder
 - Because SB 43 expands grave disability criteria to SUD, they are looking to quantify the impacts and want to see Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and cooccurring MH/SUD separated out as three different data points.
 - State gets data from counties, so this is an impact to the County.
 - Counties that defer implementation of WIC 5008 will report zero for standalone SUD but will report on MH and cooccurring MH and SUD.