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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-110

A RESOLUTION PRESERVING THE HISTORIC NAMING OF CALIFORNIA AVE AND KINGS CANYON ROAD THROUGH COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2023, the Fresno City Council approved a process to rename a 10.25-mile portion of Kings Canyon Road, Ventura Street, and California Avenue to "Cesar Chavez Boulevard" within the City Limits, and in their resolution the City Council directed City Administration to formally request the County of Fresno take similar action within the County's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno has jurisdiction over the unincorporated segments of California Avenue and Kings Canyon Road: and

WHEREAS, the corridor renaming process as passed by the Fresno City Council on February 17, 2022 included a commitment to a transparency that included community input. By the City Council's own admission that commitment was violated, with home and business owners and community groups not included or even made aware of the proposed name change. Furthermore, the County was not informed or included in discussions with City Administration or Council between the first hearing on February 17, 2022 and the Council's decision on March 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, California Avenue is of great historic importance to the Fresno African-American community, and many view the proposed renaming to be erasure of their cultural 7

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history. But that community was not given a voice in the City's planning. Likewise, Kings

Canyon Road is of great historic importance to the community of Sunnyside and they too were

not given opportunity for input; and

WHEREAS, these residents and community groups have made an appeal to the Board of Supervisors, asking for their support by rejecting the City of Fresno's request to participate in the renaming of the proposed corridor, and help preserve the naming of California Avenue and Kings Canyon Road within the County's jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE, THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- To maintain the names of California Avenue and Kings Canyon Road within the
 County islands so long as they remain unincorporated into the City of Fresno.
- To support these historic neighborhoods and their request to preserve their historic identities as California Avenue, Ventura Street, and Kings Canyon Road.
- To discourage the Fresno City Council form proceeding with its plan without full and thorough consideration and consultation of their affected residents.

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1	THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors			
2	of the County	y of Fresno this 11th day of	April	_, 2023, to wit:
3	AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero			
4	NOES:	None		
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