

Item #8
5/23/23

From: Dictos, Paul
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: Dictos, Paul
Subject: May 23, 2023-Proposed Agenda on display of flags- Item #8
Attachments: Courthouse Park Flag Pole Pictures.docx

Honorable Fresno County Board Members:

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

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

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

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

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



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IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The proposed ordinance would amend a provision of the Fresno County Ordinance Code Title 13, Chapter 13.24

DATE AND TIME OF

CONSIDERATION:

June 6, 2023 at 9:30 am

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

MISC. NOTICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF FRESNO

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of **THE BUSINESS JOURNAL** published in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, under the date of March 4, 1911, in Action No.14315; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

MAY 26, 2023

PUBLICATION OF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is giving notice that at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Fresno County Hall of Records, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 3rd Floor, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, they will consider adoption of the ordinance summarized below.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The proposed ordinance would amend a provision of the Fresno County Ordinance Code Title 13, Chapter 13.24 (Grounds and Buildings) by adding 13.24.050 - Flags permitted to be flown at County Facilities. The proposed ordinance would specify that only the United States and State of California flags shall be permitted to be flown on the official flagpoles of County Facilities.

The full text of this Ordinance will be available online at the Board of Supervisors webpage, <https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> under the Agenda and Supporting Documents link at the June 6, 2023, meeting date or at the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors' office at 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, California.

Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
05/26/2023

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

MAY 26, 2023

ON

