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Item #1
Public Presentations

County of Fresno
2281 Tulare Street, Rooms 301
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Radley Reep. I reside at 557 W. Escalon in Clovis.

Today I'm speaking to you on behalf of Marianne Kast, President of the League of Women Voters of Fresno.

Ms. Kast would like all Board members to know that a month ago the League requested information from the County and that the County has not yet responded to that request.

The request was sent to Board Chairman Buddy Mendes, CAO Jean Rousseau, Planning Director Steven White and Principal Planner Chris Motta.

The League's request pertains to an item that's scheduled for your November 17 Board meeting — approval of the County's Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the General Plan for calendar year 2019.

To participate effectively in that hearing, the League has asked the County for assistance in obtaining additional information about the implementation of twelve General Plan programs that pertain to job creation and economic base diversification.

The League made its request on October 5th. When no response was received, the League sent a courtesy reminder on October 13th.

The League would appreciate Board members directing County to respond within the next couple of days. Time is of the essence, as it will take League members a week or so to prepare for the November 17 hearing once a response is received.

Thank you,

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October 5, 2020

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Board of Supervisors Chairman Buddy Mendes, Chief Administrative Officer Jean Rousseau, Public Works and Planning Director Steven White, Principal Planner Chris Motta and Senior Planner Mohammad Khorsand:

The League of Women Voters of Fresno (League) is asking the County to afford the public ample opportunity to discuss with the Board of Supervisors the County's draft General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar year 2019, as well as discuss the progress made toward implementing the General Plan during 2019.

To that end, the League has these two requests: 1) that the County place the review of the 2019 APR on the Board's regular agenda (not on the consent calendar) and 2) that the County assist the League in obtaining additional information about the implementation during 2019 of the first twelve programs in the Economic Development Element. These programs were designed to diversify the county's economic base and to create good jobs at a faster rate than population growth.

With respect to the League's second request, while the 2019 APR did state that the Economic Development Corporation is now tasked with implementing the County's Economic Development Element, for the most part, the APR did not provide on pages 1 – 9 of Appendix A sufficient information about the progress made during 2019 to achieve the tasks articulated in Programs ED-A.A through ED-B.E, which are listed below.

Thank you,



Marianne Kast, President
League of Women Voters of Fresno

Program Tasks Articulated in Sections A and B of the 2000 General Plan Economic Development Element	
ED-A.A	Creation of a staff position to coordinate countywide economic development.
ED-A.B	Creation of an Action Team to coordinate countywide economic development.
ED-A.C	5-year evaluations of the success of the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
ED-A.D	Creation of criteria for the location of value-added agricultural facilities.
ED-A.E	Establishment of a set of guidelines for the analysis of economic impacts within staff reports.
ED-A.F	Contract with the Economic Development Corporation for the marketing of county produce.
ED-A.G	Determination of the existence of capital deficiencies for farmers shifting to production modes that create greater employment; redirection of existing funds should such deficiencies be found.
ED-B.A	Assemblage of a group of service providers to assess telecommunications infrastructure.
ED-B.B	Delivery to businesses of a comprehensive package of assistance regarding available technologies.
ED-B.C	Creation of a roundtable of financial institutions to improve access to capital for non-agricultural businesses.
ED-B.D	Creation of a planning process to identify additional recreational opportunities countywide.
ED-B.E	Evaluation of the Visitor & Convention Bureau's business marketing programs; provision for funding assistance.

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Dear Board of Supervisors Chairman Buddy Mendes, Chief Administrative Officer Jean Rousseau, Public Works and Planning Director Steven White, Principal Planner Chris Motta and Senior Planner Mohammad Khorsand,

We're waiting to hear from you regarding our request to place the 2019 APR hearing on the Board's regular agenda. Additionally, we requested additional information about the implementation of the first twelve programs in the Economic Development Element.

I've attached a copy of the letter we sent on Oct. 5, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks,

Marianne Kast

League of Women Voters of Fresno

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