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Chairman Steve Brandau  
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Fresno, CA 93711

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The Fresno County Board of Supervisors' is taking up an item on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 regarding an expansion of the already establish Malaga Industrial Park area. Furthering this expansion to the east is a springboard for commercial/industrial economic development within Fresno County. The 2900 acre project, would allow the County of Fresno the ability to attract businesses who want to relocate or new start-ups from other business.

Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association has been a proponent of commercial development within Fresno County for many years. The amount of jobs this will bring, revenue, road improvements, while still maintaining the protection of prime agriculture land is something we will support.

The mapping of this project shows the infill of the existing land(s) within the already established Malaga area, while allowing the growth to move east as more businesses want to come in. The three goals stated in the BAI will be key to its success:

**Job Creation** *The first goal seeks to increase the number of jobs available to County of Fresno residents in quantities equal to or above growth in the labor force. This goal seeks to increase job creation through regional leadership, agricultural productivity, and development of high value-added processing firms. Achievement of this goal will provide the personal income, profits, and tax revenues necessary for continued investment in sustainable growth. In turn, this growth will provide for continued improvement in the standard of living and quality of life for County residents, consistent with the County's Economic Development Vision and will also aid in decreasing historically high unemployment rates for the County.*

**Economic Base Diversification** *The second goal seeks diversification of the economic base of County of Fresno to reduce dependency on agriculturally related businesses for employment and wealth creation. This specific goal seeks to diversify the economic base through the expansion of non-agricultural industry clusters.*

**Labor Force Preparedness** *The third goal seeks to ensure that the County of Fresno labor force is well prepared to meet the requirements of the industries targeted for recruitment, expansion and/or new enterprise development*

We ask during the study process, the Board of Supervisors direct staff to work with the Sheriff's Department to develop a law enforcement plan as well. Not only for this new portion, but also taking a look at the entire area, ensuring existing businesses have the law enforcement protection as well. There is no doubt criminals target businesses. FDSA wants existing and new business to come and have the peace of mind that the Fresno County Sheriff's Office patrols their assets.

Respectfully,

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