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David E. Fey, Executive Officer
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Re: City of Fresno, Shields-Temperance No.2 Reorganization

Dear Mr. Fey:

On December 5, 2019 the Fresno City Council approved Annexation Application No. P18-03263 to initiate annexation proceedings for the Shields-Temperance No. 2 Reorganization, and proposing incorporation of the subject property into the City of Fresno. That application and the associated approval by the City Council included the property proposed for development, and the seven existing homes near the intersection of Clinton and Temperance. Our understanding is that those seven land owners have filed a protest letter that makes it difficult to include them in the annexation.

We disagree with the recommendation made by LAFCo staff to remove these seven parcels from the annexation. We instead recommend including the three parcels that front on Temperance Avenue. We know that this will leave the four parcels that face Clinton as a County island, which is not desirable. However, we believe this is preferable to having all seven of the existing homes as County parcels.

The Temperance parcels are of critical importance to the development of the City. The proposed subdivision will be constructing over 370 homes. The elementary school children that live in this development will attend Boris Elementary on the southeast corner of Clinton and Temperance. Their only route to walk to this school is on Temperance Avenue. If these parcels remain in the County, the City will be unable to acquire additional right-of-way or construct sidewalk in this area. The City will also be unable to widen Temperance Avenue in this area. Temperance is designated as a six-lane Super Arterial in the City's General Plan. Although the vehicle volumes on Temperance are low today, our traffic projections indicate that six lanes will be needed when this area builds out. Having a single lane "bottle neck" due to these parcels being in the County, will be very undesirable. Please include these three Temperance parcels in annexation. The parcels on Clinton are not as critical, because traffic volumes are less on Clinton and the City already has adequate right-of-way to install sidewalks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew J. Benelli".

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Cc: Will Tackett, Planning Manager