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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

REGISTRATO ADMINISTRATOR

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY CLERK REGISTRAR OF VOTERS Administration

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In the matter of

CALLING AN ELECTION TO AMEND

FRESNO COUNTY CHARTER

SECTIONS 12(h), 14, 16 and 32

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-296

WHEREAS, California Government Code sections 23720(a) and 23722 permit a county board of supervisors to propose amendment to the county charter and to submit the amendment to the eligible registered voters of the county at a special election held on the next established election date not less than eight-eight (88) days after submission of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors proposes to amend the Charter of Fresno County in the following manner:

- Amend Charter section 16 to repeal the provision making the Director of Public Works the "ex officio County surveyor," and to enact a provision for the Director of Public Works to appoint a separate qualified County surveyor if the Director of Public Works lacks the professional certification necessary to practice as a licensed surveyor in the State of California;
- Amend Charter sections 15 and 16 to change the office of Public Administrator from an elected position to one appointed by the County Administrative Officer with prior approval of the Board of Supervisors;
- Amend Charter section 12(h) to clarify the scope of a local preference for the purchase of local Fresno County goods, services and supplies, subject to state and federal law; and,
- Repeal Charter section 32 dealing with the defunct office of County Constable.

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#### **NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved:

- Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10403, the Board of Supervisors hereby directs a charter amendment measure be placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 general election and be consolidated with that election.
- 2. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is designated as the elections official for the election, and the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized and directed to provide all notices and take all other actions necessary to holding the election, including but not limited to providing notices of times within which arguments for and against are submitted.
  - 3. The ballot measure hereby approved for said election shall be as follows:

Shall the Fresno County Charter be amended as follows:

Amend section 16 to remove the Director of Public Works as county surveyor and authorizing Director of Public Works to appoint a county surveyor;

Amend sections 14 and 16 to change the Public Administrator from an elected position to one appointed by the County Administrative Officer;

Amend section 12(h) regarding a local preference for Fresno County goods, services and supplies; and

Repeal section 32 obsolete language?

4. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized and directed to cause the complete text of the proposed amendments to be printed as indicated in attached Exhibit A, and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be made available to any voter upon request.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held on the 21st day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea AYES: NOES: Supervisor Poochigian ABSENT: None CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors ATTEST: BERNICE E. SEIDEL Clerk, Board of Supervisors Ву Deputy 

1	EXHIBIT A
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3	SECTION 12(h) To provide in the purchase of <i>goods, services and supplies</i>
4	property by the County, that price and quality being equal, preference shall be given
5	to Fresno County goods, services and suppliers subject to state and federal law
6	<del>products or vendors</del> .
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20000	SECTION 14. The elective County officers other than the members of the Board of
8	Supervisors shall be:
9	Auditor
10	Assessor
11	County Clerk
12	Coroner
13	District Attorney
14	Public Administrator
	Recorder
15	Sheriff
16	Superintendent of Schools
17	Tax Collector
18	Treasurer III and the Country
19	The Tax Collector shall be ex-officio license collector of the County.
20	Any two or more of the above listed elective offices may by Ordinance be consolidated
_	and any elective office or consolidated elective office may be consolidated with any
21	appointive office in which latter event the consolidated office shall be elective. Nothing
22	herein contained shall be deemed to authorize any consolidation of offices which
23	would result in a holder of a consolidated office performing functions for which he does
24	not have the qualifications prescribed by State law or this Charter. Any office or offices
25	having been once consolidated may likewise by ordinance be separated.
26	SECTION 16. The appointive County officers shall be:
27	Members of the Civil Service Com-mission
28	Members of the Planning Commission

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Agricultural Commissioner

Probation Officer

County Health Officer

Director of Weights and Measures

Director of Public Works

County Administrative Officer

**County Counsel** 

#### **Public Administrator**

Such other officers as now are or which may be hereafter authorized by the general law of the State of California or this Charter and established in pursuance thereof. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint, suspend or remove, subject to the provisions of this Charter the following officers, boards and commissions: County Administrative Officer, County Counsel, members of the Civil Service Commission, members of the Planning Commission, Boards and Commissions not otherwise provided for by this Charter. The County Administrative Officer shall appoint, suspend or remove, with prior approval of the Board of Supervisors, and subject to Civil Service procedures where applicable, all other appointive County officers, except as provided in this Charter. All appointive officers shall have the qualifications and exercise the powers and privileges and perform the duties and functions which now are or which may be hereafter prescribed for their respective offices by the Constitution and laws of the State of California, this Charter, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Board of Supervisors. The Director of Public Works shall be a registered civil engineer of the State of California and shall be ex-officio County Surveyor and Road Commissioner, and as such shall have the powers and privileges and perform the functions and duties which now are or which may be hereafter prescribed for such office by the Constitution and laws of the State of California, this Charter, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Board of Supervisors. The Director of Public Works shall appoint a County Surveyor qualified under the laws of the State of California, who shall be subordinate to and directly responsible to the Director and who shall have the powers and privileges and perform the function and duties which now are or may be hereafter prescribed for such office by the Constitution and laws of the State of California, this Charter and the ordinances and resolutions of the Board of Supervisors. If the Director of Public Works is qualified under the laws of the

State of California to serve as County Surveyor, the Director may be appointed as County Surveyor pursuant to this section.

SECTION 32. The office of Constable in each judicial district is hereby consolidated with that of sheriff and the sheriff shall perform all functions otherwise imposed by law upon constables. All constables and deputy constables in office with probationary or permanent status upon the operative date of such consolidation shall become deputies of the sheriff of rank and step as may be determined by the Civil Service Commission in accordance with their previous experience and responsibility as peace officers, taking into consideration an evaluation thereof by the sheriff. This section as amended pursuant to the November, 1972, election, shall become operative beginning with the first county pay period following the first Monday after January 1, 1973, or at the beginning of the first county pay period thereafter when legally permissible.