From: Angela Lara
To: cityclerk

Subject: Add to Town Council/School board agenda **Date:** Add to Town Council/School board agenda Monday, March 17, 2025 8:31:53 AM

3/17/2025 8:03 a.m.

Greeting Happy St Patrick's Day,

Please add to the agenda, this Spinardi Trustee 2008 Union Representive 26yrs MCSD & 25yrs one school is PRESSING CHARGES.

It is illegal to abuse me down with no human rights because Ex Adminstrator that lost 3rd Grievance is now @CRTA.

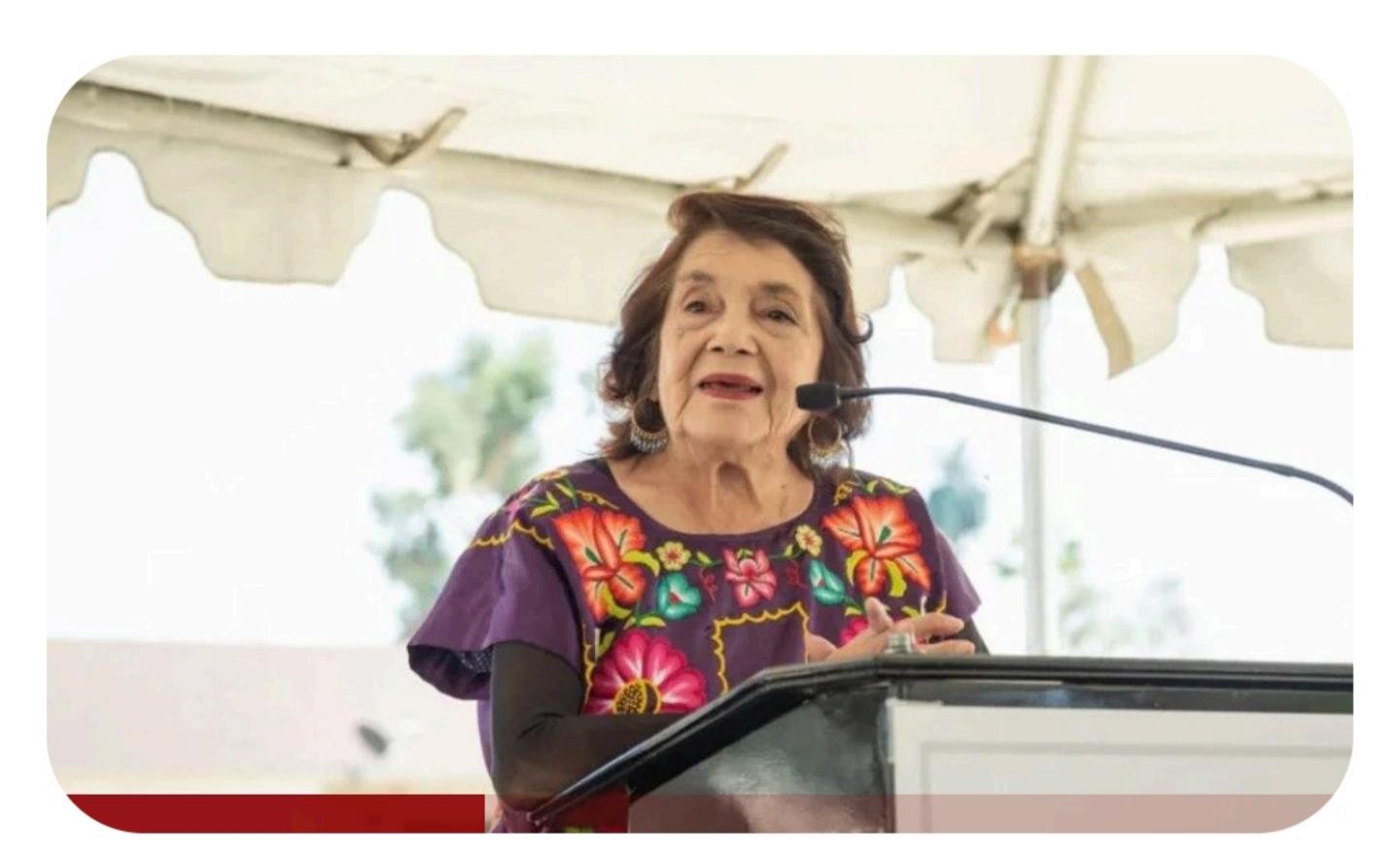
Once last post is completed shall submit as soon as possible, reminder that I have not stopped communicating with this community.

Best Regards,

Angela Welch Lara

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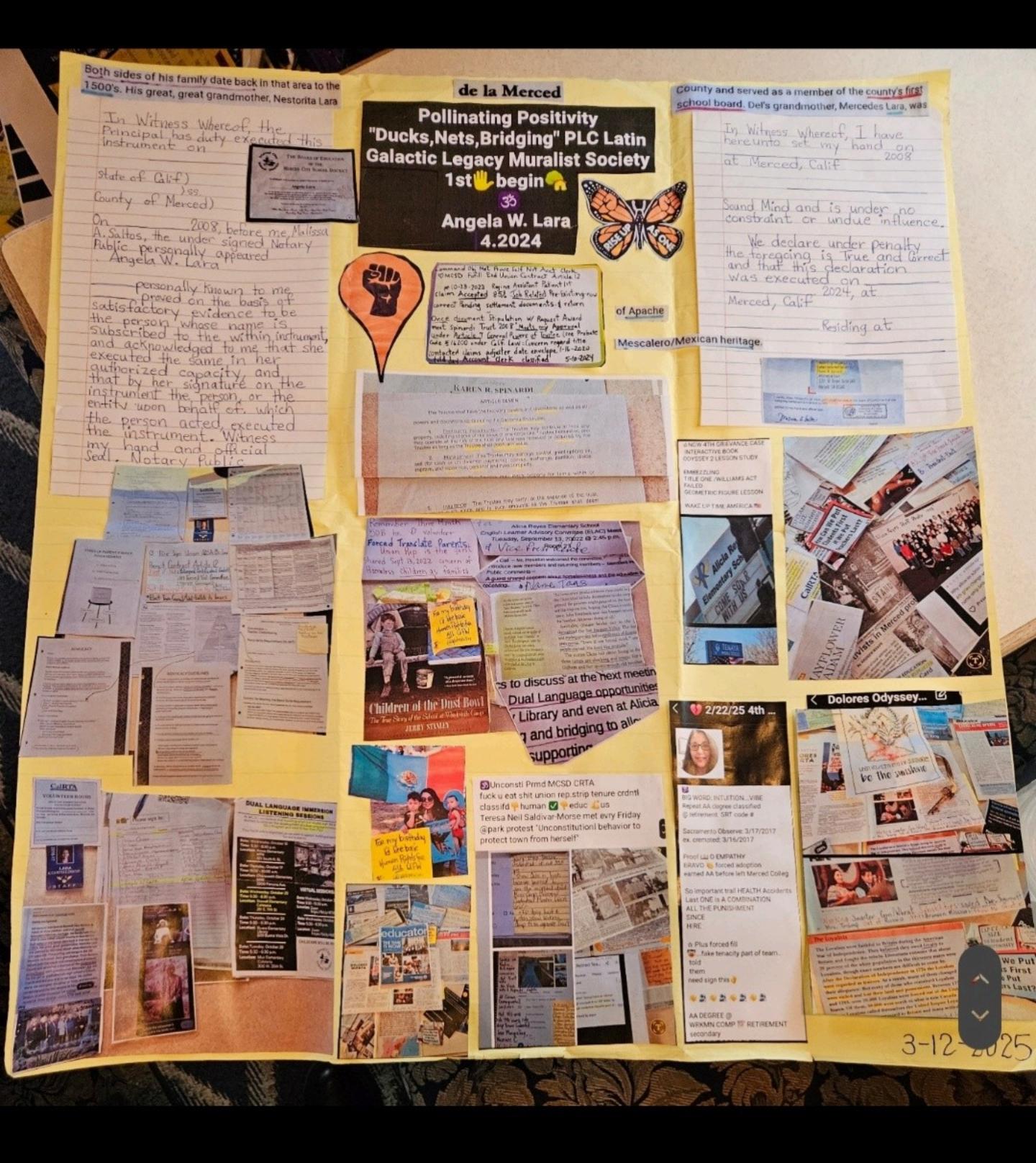


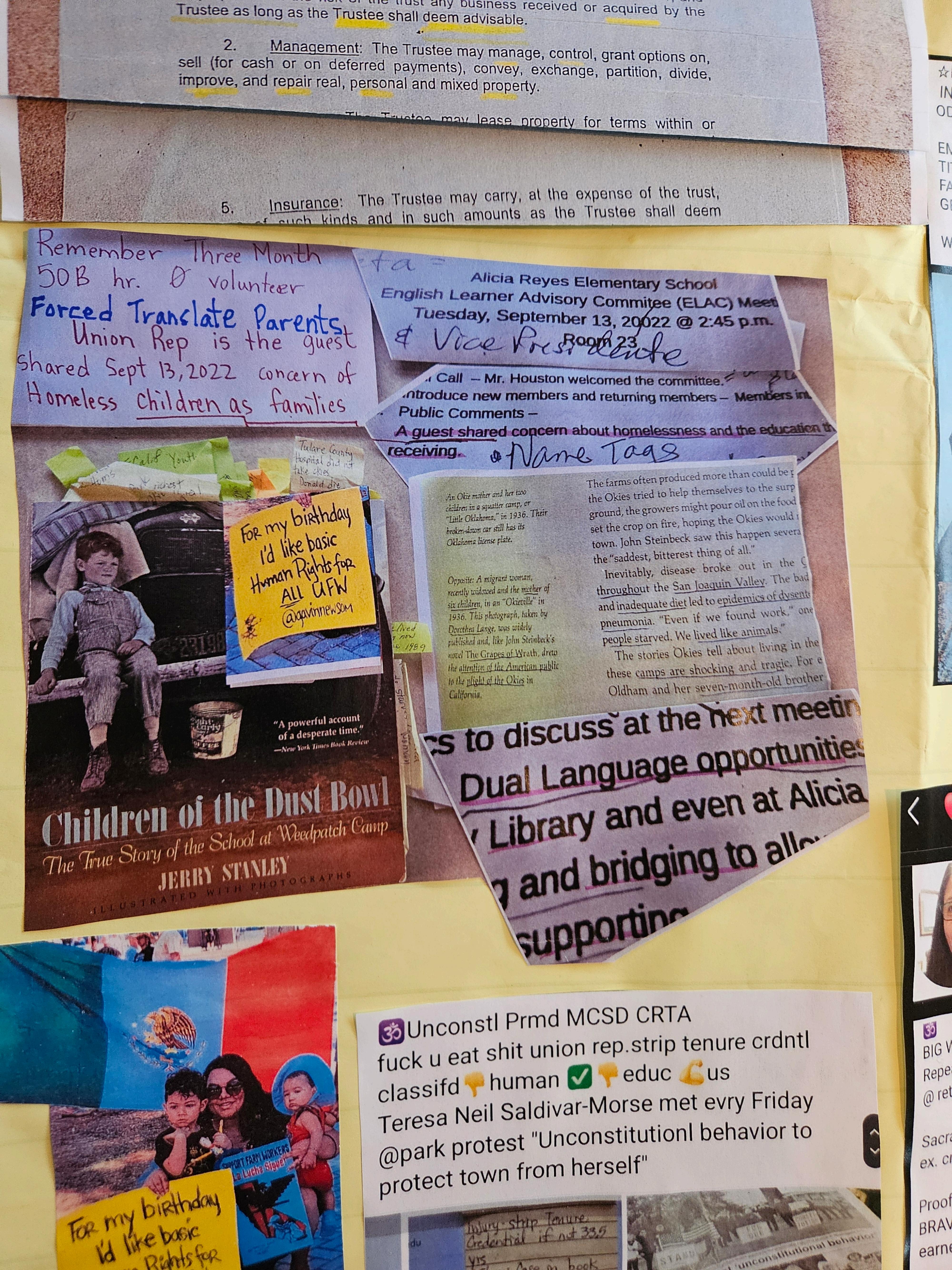
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From: Patrick Bryant

To: <u>cityclerk</u>; <u>Dupont</u>, <u>Darin</u>; <u>Serratto</u>, <u>Matthew</u>

Subject: Help

Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 12:00:31 PM

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Hello, can I please get help with getting an item on the council agenda in regards to the lack of visible/ Nonexistent "Dead End" signs or "Not a through street" in the "Sand Castle" subdivision located in the South/East Merced. To include these courts Petunia, Azalea, Hydrangea and Zinnia. Residents here would also like to address the City's removal of security fence that were original to subdivisions planning.

From: <u>Steven Donahue</u>

To: Cornwell, Craig; McBride, Scott; Serratto, Matthew; Boyle, Sarah; De Anda, Ronnie; Xiong, Fue; Harris, Michael;

Dupont, Darin; Smith, Shane; cityclerk

Subject: It's the law. Brown act Section. 54954.2(3) **Date:** Sunday, March 9, 2025 4:05:56 PM

Merced City Council

Mr. Mayor please stop telling the council members that their job is just to sit there quietly and listen during the public comments. It only takes one council member to request an item be put on a future agenda. You cannot violate the brown act by requesting that two members must request an item be put on future agenda. That item may be something that a citizen of Merced has brought up during the public comments. Do not change C-1 to make it harder for the people to do their business with the city of Merced.

The brown act encourages an opened and honest dialogue between the council members and the public during the public comments. Councilman, Please talk to the people if they bring up an item of interest during public comments. The public input is all that it's important not your personal bias.

"Brown act Section 54954.2

(3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda."

IT IS THE PEOPLE'S MEETING!!!
YOU ARE THERE TO AID THE PEOPLE,
NOT DOMINATE THEM.

"54950. In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares

that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to AID in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 1588.)

Please read the brown act in its entirety if you haven't.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5.

Bring back three minute voicemails and the public ability to be able to call in during the public comments to make their public comments. Some people are unable to attend in person due to work schedule, disabilities, out of town or any other number of reasons. They should not be excluded because it inconvenience you. You may have to stay a few minutes longer in the meeting so that everyone has a voice.

City Attorney: is it legal for the City Council to add additional requirements above and beyond what is in section 54954.2(3) or is it a violation of the brown act to do so?

Thank you for your time.

Steve Donahue

From: <u>tim self</u>
To: <u>cityclerk</u>

Subject: Written petition for 3.17.25

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:54:21 PM

Attachments: Written Petition 3.10.25.pdf

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Good afternoon,

I have attached a written petition for consideration at the next city council meeting. I look forward to receiving a formal response.

Thank you.

Councilmembers,

My name is Tim Self, and I have been a lifelong resident of Merced County, and a resident of the City of Merced for most of my adult life. I have long appreciated the displays of diversity and cultural celebration that our city puts displays for its residents, and its dedication to maintaining their first amendment rights. This was most recently displayed by your vote to fly the "Christian" flag at Bob Hart square for the month of April at the request of a religious organization in the City of Merced.

Councilmembers, as a voting constituent in our city, I implore you to consider the first amendment rights of other faiths and spiritualities, as their values may differ from those of the flag you voted to display. I am formally requesting that you fly the flag that represents my theological beliefs, which are based on the following seven basic tenets:

- I. One should strive to act with compassion and empathy toward all creatures in accordance with reason.
- II. The struggle for justice is an ongoing and necessary pursuit that should prevail over laws and institutions.
- III. One's body is inviolable, subject to one's own will alone.
- IV. The freedoms of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend. To willfully and unjustly encroach upon the freedoms of another is to forgo one's own.
- V. Beliefs should conform to one's best scientific understanding of the world. One should take care never to distort scientific facts to fit one's beliefs.
- VI. People are fallible. If one makes a mistake, one should do one's best to rectify it and resolve any harm that might have been caused.
- VII. Every tenet is a guiding principle designed to inspire nobility in action and thought. The spirit of compassion, wisdom, and justice should always prevail over the written or spoken word.

With this I humbly request that you agree to fly the flag of the Satanic Temple for the month of May 2025, or at the next month based on availability. As you have previously stated, the Supreme Court decision on Shurtleff v. City of Boston was based on a request from a private citizen to fly a flag that represented his religious beliefs and as you have agreed to fly the "Christian" Flag based on the request of other constituents, I implore you to consider my request to present the flag that represents the beliefs of myself and others in our community.

I look forward to equal representation, and values that correlate with my own, being displayed in my home city. Thank you for your time.