

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mouanoutoua at **6:00**
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Basgall

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Basgall, Bessinger, Mayor Pro Tem Pearce
Mayor Mouanoutoua
Absent: Councilmember Ashbeck

PRESENTATION – 6:01

6:01 – ITEM 1 - Presentation of Proclamation declaring October 2025, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:18

Mayor Mouanoutoua noted for the record that four written public comments were received regarding the Clovis Senior Center and the Dance Instructor.

Richie Sayavong, with the California Department of Insurance, spoke regarding the support his agency provides to residents.

Bill Rogers, a Clovis resident, invited the Council to attend “The Wall That Heals” event taking place October 9–12.

The following individuals spoke regarding the Senior Center facility and dance classes:
Sharon Foster; Don Kolz; Diane Suderman; Hans Kam; Katherine Leona; Beverly Trenhaile; Shirley C.; Eliene D.; Jeanne Brown; Mary Bracci; Diane McCullum; Chuck Swanson; and Debbie Graeber.

Tara Wink, resident, spoke about the proposed “In God We Trust” sign and expressed concern about ensuring community inclusivity and balanced discussion.

Steven Trevino, resident, encouraged residents to stay engaged with City Council meetings and plan ahead for community needs.

Brian Wilson, resident, thanked City staff for installing the new sign at David McDonald Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 7:19

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pearce seconded by Councilmember Basgall, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried by 4-0-1, with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

2. Administration - Approval - Minutes from the September 15, 2025, Council Meeting.
3. General Services – Approval of Contract Award for Consultant Services for a Strategic Operations Plan (SOP) to Jarrett Walker & Associates, LLC for \$169,907.97; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract on behalf of the City.
4. General Services – Approval - **Res. 25-103**, Authorize the Federal Funding Under Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) with Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) and the Execution of Certifications and Assurances, Applications, and Documents; and Authorize the Deputy General Services Director to execute all necessary documentation.
5. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Final Acceptance for CIP 21-15 Armstrong Avenue Street Improvements, with a final contract cost of \$529,880.88.
6. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Partial Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6086, and reduction of the Performance Surety and Labor and Materials Surety to the appropriate values of the remaining improvements to be completed, located at the southeast corner of Shaw Avenue and Leonard Avenue (Lennar Homes of California, LLC).
7. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Final Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6107, acceptance of public improvements with authorization to record the Notice of Completion, and release of sureties as required, located at the southwest corner of Shaw and Highland Avenues (Lennar Homes of California).
8. Public Utilities – Approval – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of a 2026 Ford F750 Altec Tree Trimming Truck Model LR856 from Altec Industries, Inc., Utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the Total Amount of \$211,736.37.
9. Public Utilities – Approval – **Res. 25-104**, Authorizing the Submittal of an Application Under the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grant Program - New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase and Authorizing the City Manager to be the Contract Authority; and Approval – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of Five (5) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado EV Crew Cab Work Trucks from Hedricks Chevrolet in the Amount of \$359,549.40.
10. Public Utilities – Approval – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Golden Bell Products, Inc., for Insect Control in Sanitary Sewer Manholes, in the Amount of \$221,120.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 7:19

Upon call, there was no public comment.

7:19 ITEM 11 - Workshop - Presentation on Cybersecurity Awareness.

COUNCIL ITEMS – 7:46

7:46 ITEM 12 - Consider Approval – **Res. 25-105**, Adopting a Position of Opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 4, 2025, Ballot, Authorizes Temporary Changes to Congressional District Maps.

The following members of the public spoke regarding Proposition 50: Richard Caputo; Alfred Gutierrez; and Art Ruth; Dr. Jeni-Ann Kren; Steven Trevino; Eric Rollins; Brian Wilson; and Bill Scott.

Mayor Mouanoutoua noted for the record that twelve written public comments were received regarding Proposition 50.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pearce, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger to approve the Resolution as amended to include "the City of Clovis, currently located within a single congressional district, is slated to be divided among three congressional districts, one of which spans ten counties" in the Resolution. Motion carried by 4-0-1, with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:26

City Manager Haussler announced that the Clovis Mobile Recreation Program will be at David McDonald Park next weekend during Clovis Night Out. He also highlighted that The Wall That Heals Traveling Memorial will be coming to Clovis and encouraged everyone to visit, he shared that a car show will be held at the Senior Center and that two community surveys are currently underway—one through the Community Development Block Grant program to gather input on community needs, and another general Clovis community survey.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:27

There was no formal Council direction for staff.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:40

ITEM 13 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: ANDREW HAUSSLER, PAUL ARMENDARIZ, AMY HANCE, BETHANY BERUBE, JAY SCHENGEL, SCOTT CROSS
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: TRANSIT EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNIT, CLOVIS PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mouanoutoua adjourned the meeting of the Council to October 13, 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2025 10:28 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 0

Full-Name = Richie Sayavong

Email = richie.sayavong@insurance.ca.gov

Comment = Good evening, Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Staff.

My name is Richie Sayavong and I'm here on behalf of the California Department of Insurance. We are the state agency responsible for regulating the insurance marketplace and protecting consumers.

We're here to assist your constituents with any insurance-related concerns—whether it's filing a complaint, understanding coverage, or resolving issues with insurers. They can visit our website at insurance.ca.gov or speak directly to a live expert by calling our 1-800 number at 1-800-927-4357.

I'll also be reaching out to each of you individually to provide my direct contact information, as I serve as your liaison for the Department and your district. Please don't hesitate to reach out—I'm here to support both you and your constituents.

Lastly, if you'd be interested in a brief presentation at a future council meeting, I'd be happy to provide an update on the current state of the insurance marketplace and how we can partner with your community.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you.

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Public Comment for October 6, 2025

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 8:28 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 0

Full-Name = Sharon Foster

Email = shoeshe55@yahoo.com

Comment = I will be discussing senior citizens. May comment on the senior center management team.
As well as Jim Ray.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 9:35 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 0

Full-Name = Don Kolz

Email = lonewolf999@icloud.com

Comment = I'm writing this with great sorrow as I must file a formal complaint against Bethany Barube, Ashlee Winslow, and Amy Hance. I have been denied due process, I have been berated and intimidated, and I have been retaliated against for trying to file 1) a safety issue in the senior center putting participants at risk, 2) a workplace violence incident where I was verbally attacked and threatened by Bethany's super VIP's. I have been subjected to repeated abuse by Bethany and Ashley and have suffered in a hostile work environment for the entirety of this calendar year.

In February, I tried to talk to Bethany about her desire to have my students teach my fitness classes in my place if I call in sick. I informed her this is unethical, unsafe, and creates a liability issue for the city. She began to argue with me and tell me it's not my place to speak. I then heard from my coworkers that she was going around trying to get dirt on me so she could fire me. She subsequently told me I have a proven reputation for making myself a nuisance.

She has ignored additional attempts to report other safety issues at the center leaving the participants at risk of injury. There have been 6 separate incidents of significant injury on the treadmills just within the 5 hours per week that I work in the fitness room. People will come in, get on the treadmill and unknowingly press the 10 or 12 mph speed button on the treadmill. I've had people fly off the back, thrown to the floor, I even had one lady that was thrown down that grabbed hold of the sides of the machine and the moving belt was causing her head to bob up and down against the machine leaving her with road burn down the side of her face. I was repeatedly told that use is at their own risk and to not worry about it.

Three months later I was conducting my gentle yoga class in the main hall. We were doing our starting meditation to clear our mind and body. Javier brought 2 women into the hall in the middle of my class. They were standing on the stage in the front of the auditorium and speaking very loudly and disrupting our class. I had multiple participants indicate they were unable to participate because of the disruption. I went onto the stage and asked the women if they could talk quietly or take their conversation into the hallway because they were disrupting our class. They immediately started yelling at me, threatening me, and telling me they had the right to do whatever they wanted and I needed to shut up. I asked Javier to please help by taking their conversation into the hallway and he refused saying it's his job and I have to deal with it. The women refused to stop yelling and threatening me. One of the participants had to get up and stand between them and me so I could get through the door and report them to the front desk. When I tried to report the incident to Bethany she told me Javier had already told her I was rude and started the situation by asking them to speak quietly and she refused to take my report. I told her I had 25 participants that witnessed the situation and I wanted to present evidence that validated my complaint. She told me that those people have alliances with me and would lie for me so she's refusing to consider their statements. I told her that's a violation of due process and she said it didn't matter she had already investigated this and determined I was at fault. I insisted she acknowledge my witnesses and she told me I am officially forbidden to talk to them or get written statements or I would be fired. She then proceeded

to talk to my coworkers belittling me and looking for cause to fire me.

At this point she started creating issues to interfere with my ability to work. One day I came in and she had sent a message to all my students telling them my class was canceled so no one would show up for class and my attendance numbers would look bad. My classes would disappear off the schedule so my students could not sign up or sign in for class. Fake classes would appear on the schedule so people would sign up for class and come to the center when I was not there. This has been a constant battle. When Amy came in to interview the employees after the complaint to city council I was very excited because I thought there was hope and I would be listened to. I again brought up the violent attack I suffered and said I wanted to file a complaint. Amy told me they already investigated it and decided I'm a liar. I told her there was no investigation because due process was denied and I was not allowed to present witnesses. She told me I am not to speak to anyone about this and that's city policy. I would be violating city policy if I tried to talk about and push this further. Amy ignored everything and said and told me I need to learn to live with Bethany's bad behavior. Sending Amy to investigate Bethany is tantamount to asking the Queen to investigate whether the King is a tyrant. For the past year Amy has stonewalled every attempt we have made to file complaints about Bethany and her abusive behavior. Her refusal to allow us to file complaints or get relief has put the city in the position of being sued for hostile workplace, discrimination, retaliation, denial of due process, and abuse of the employees.

In the past week Ashley and Bethany have been on the warpath again nitpicking everything I do. In the interview with Amy I discussed how the current scheduling system has caused a problem for people to sign up for my classes that have limited spaces available. Allowing signups months in advance for fitness classes does not work. People are flaked with fitness classes and cannot accurately determine which they will be taking months down the road. However due to the fact that my classes are impacted, people with money to spend will sign up for everyone of my classes months in advance to ensure themselves a spot. I have people on the roles that haven't come in 3 months and people that want to come that can't get in. This has caused them to try and crash the class. I will have 10-15 people show up for an 8 person class and am forced to pick and choose. This would be resolved by limiting scheduling to one month at a time. Bethany refused my request and said to just let 10-15 people participate. I said that's not acceptable as we don't have the equipment for a class that big and it would create undue stress on me to try and manage that many people. The following week the class schedule had been changed to allow 10 people to sign up. When I confronted them about this I was targeted for being a nuisance again. They called me into their external conference room to discuss things with me. Removing me from the office is their way to ensure no witnesses are there to validate the belittling and intimidation. I told them that I do not feel safe meeting with them alone and demand my right to have legal counsel present for any interactions with them. They have not taken me up on that option at this point.

The continued abuse and intimidation must not continue. This violates city policy, it violates state law, and it violates my rights, and constitutes unfair labor practices. It has caused undue pain and suffering in my life. I can't sleep through the night, I'm constantly stressed, I've gained weight, my health has suffered, my relationship is strained.

I am not the only one that has suffered from her hostility and rage. Jim Ray, Moni Randolph, and another employee (that is not ready to speak because the trauma is so fresh) that was recently forced to quit because of the constant berating and abuse as well as the countless people that have cried in your chambers begging you to help have all shared the same stories of abuse and intimidation. Stephen has been forced to move his office out of the building to escape the hostile environment. Amy simply stonewalls any complaints and refuses to stop the abuse. You have allowed a monster to seize control of the senior center and use that power to systematically torment and abuse the employees as well as the participants at the center. For months you have ignored the real problem and let this group of women continue to abuse innocent people. Your refusal to remove them immediately has made the city culpable in their behavior and the abuse of innocents. Any further refusal to remove these ladies from power will

force us to take legal action against the women, the center, and the city. We no longer have a choice. The council must immediately remove Bethany Barube, Ashlee Winslow, and Amy Hance from their positions to immediately stop the abuse and allow the healing to begin. Furthermore those employees that have been forced out or forced to quit must be immediately reinstated, and then we must start discussions on how we are going to make the victims whole again. Thank you.

Don Kolz

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 9:15 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 0

Full-Name = Diane Suderman

Email = suderlady@yahoo.com

Comment = A number of us from the Senior Center are returning tonight to make comments. We are concerned about the treatment of Jim Ray and others and the need to restore competent and beloved instructors and classes.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 3:01 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 0

Full-Name = Debbie Graeber

Email = debbits66@gmail.com

Comment = Coming back to discuss the Clovis Senior Activity Center management issue. This has become a real problem and I hope you will consider putting us on the agenda after tonight.

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Public Comment for October 6, 2025
Item #12

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 7:47 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Rachel Youdelman

Email = rachel27@berkeley.edu

Comment = I urge the Council to support Prop 50, and I urge every Clovis voter to vote YES on Prop 50 this Nov 4.

Prop 50 is a temporary, urgently needed, emergency safeguard to counter Trump's election cheating. He recognizes that he and his party cannot win on merit—polling shows he is deeply unpopular with a large share of the public. According to a recent AP-NORC survey, only 39% of Americans approve of the job he's doing, while 60% disapprove.

The Economist/YouGov tracker shows his net approval has plunged to roughly -18 (i.e., 18 points more people disapprove than approve).

Also, in the latest Echelon Insights poll, his approval is about 45%, with disapproval at 53 %, placing him at a net -8.

Because voters reject him, his policies, and his compliant Republican colleagues, he's resorting to state-level, rigged, partisan mapmaking to steal representation.

In Texas, Republicans just rammed through a mid-decade redistricting that eliminated five Democratic districts, including TX-18 in Houston, where a decisive special election will take place in just weeks.

California cannot allow Trump's allies to lock in control of Congress by this dishonest manipulation. Prop 50 strengthens California's independent redistricting process and prohibits partisan gerrymanders. If passed, it will become a national benchmark for fair maps and a forceful message that we will not sit by while democracy is trashed.

If GOP mapmakers succeed in Texas and elsewhere, they will secure their House majority before votes are ever cast. But if California voters pass Prop 50, we will affirm that maps must be drawn for voters, and not for partisan advantage via the flagrant cheating of Trump and the GOP.

We wouldn't need Prop 50 if Trump and his compliant GOP could participate in elections honestly. Hence, I ask you to please support a YES vote on Proposition 50.

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Public Comment for October 6, 2025
For item #12

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 8:42 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Dennis Touros

Email = dtouros@gmail.com

Comment = The Council needs to support Prop 50 as does every Clovis voter. Prop 50 is on the ballot only because of the egregious decision by Texas to gerrymander five Congressional seats in favor of the Republicans. If not for Texas, this would be on the ballot.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Saturday, October 4, 2025 10:03 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Richard Caputo

Email = richardcaputo@sbcglobal.net

Comment = I urge the Council to support Proposition 50, and vote YES on Prop 50 on November 4.

Redistricting is traditionally done every 10 years after the census is conducted. This time Mr. Trump has asked Texas to break with tradition and not only redistrict at the 5 year point but to give him five more Republican districts. Kind of like his call to Georgia to give him a bunch more votes after the 2020 election. He knows no shame.

Prop 50 is a temporary, emergency safeguard to stop Trump's attempt at a flagrant election distortion. Texas Republicans responded last month and bowed to Trumps command and cooked the books so to speak and rammed through a map that erased five Democratic districts.

We cannot tolerate this distortion in our national election process and California responded to balance this flagrant attempt to highjack the next national House elections. Our answer is Prop 50 where a one time redistricting is to be conducted to generate five more Democratic House seats. We do not like this and will go back to our independent non-political committee at the next election. This independent committee is how we would like all states to conduct redistricting, but we do not live in a perfect world. If California voters succeed, we will balance the election process and let the people decide who we elect.

I encourage you to support a YES vote on Proposition 50.

Richard Caputo
Clovis, CA 93611

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 9:39 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = Item 12

Full-Name = Mary Allen

Email = meallen@pacbell.net

Comment = I urge the council to support Prop 50 and the council to urge the voters to support Prop 50.
We must preserve DEMOCRACY and not bend knee to Trumps dictatorship agenda.

When politicians at every level bend knee to a corrupt government, it gives them more powers to
manipulate and control everything and everyone.

Remember your oath to constituents to protect and serve...NOT to bend and submit to authoritarian
tyranny.

California must show unity against the actions of sending national guard and military and ICE against the
citizens of California and the country. You are better than that and California is absolutely better that.

Thank you

Mary Allen

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 9:53 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Kira Moore

Email = kira.moore27@gmail.com

Comment = I support proposition 50, I'm a Clovis resident and if our city makes an official state against the proposition they are making a political statement that alienates their own citizens.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 9:59 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-05

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Ronald Lee Schoenewolf

Email = rls3787@icloud.com

Comment = I am strongly in favor of Prop. 50. We need to combat Trumps gerrymandering by doing some of our own. All blue states need to follow in our footsteps.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 12:37 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Don White

Email = whitedj2002@comcast.net

Comment = I urge you to vote to SUPPORT prop. 50. Checks and balances are crucial to our government and Trump is NOT a King. California is just in responding in this manner to his illegal power grab. We must stand against this tyrant and his illegal power grab.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 12:41 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06
Item-Number = 12
Full-Name = Evelyn Virginia Howard
Email = 44evelyn@gmail.com
Comment = Comment, Agenda Item 12, Oct 6, 2025 Clovis City Council

I urge the Council to support Proposition 50, and I urge every Clovis voter to vote YES on Proposition 50 on November 4.

Prop 50 is a temporary, emergency safeguard to interfere with the flagrant election cheating being done by some states at the behest of President Trump. Right now he is demanding, and getting, Republican legislatures in Texas and other states to redraw congressional district maps mid-decade, for the purpose of wiping out Democratic seats by increasing Republican seats.

Just last month, Texas Republicans rammed through a map that erased five Democratic districts, including TX-18 in Houston, where a critical special election takes place in just weeks. California cannot stand by while Trump and his allies rig the next decade of congressional elections.

Prop 50 strengthens California's independent redistricting system and prevents partisan gerrymandering. Passing it will set a national standard for fair maps and show that we refuse to let Trump's manipulation go unanswered.

If Texas Republicans succeed, they will lock in a House majority before a single ballot is cast.

If California voters succeed, we will protect democracy and ensure that voters—not politicians—choose our representatives.

Support a YES vote on Proposition 50. It is a temporary solution to election interference. At the next national census, the California redistricting committee will once again be in use. I'm sure you will agree that our nation must be governed by two parties so no one party runs the complete show. That is a dangerous proposition for everyone. Thank you.

Evelyn Howard, Clovis resident

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 1:27 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = 12

Full-Name = Lawrence Howard

Email = forester1942@gmail.com

Comment = I urge the Council to support Proposition 50, and I urge every Clovis voter to vote YES on Proposition 50 on November 4. Since the majority of Clovis residents are either Democrats or Independents (55% to 40%) it only make sense to vote yes on Prop 50.

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Lawrence Howard, Clovis resident
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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 4:18 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = -12

Full-Name = MARYANN DELARIVA

Email = kirkclariva@comcast.net

Comment = Comment, Agenda Item 12, October 6, 2025, Clovis City Council Meeting.

I am writing to urge the City Council to support Proposition 50. I am asking all Clovis Voters to Vote YES on Prop 50 on November 4th, 2025.

Prop 50 is California's response to President Trump's flagrant election manipulation. He is demanding Republican legislatures to redraw congressional maps, and they are capitulating. California's legislature is asking Voters to approve the temporary redrawing of congressional districts to counteract Trump's attempts to cheat the system.

The President is withholding Congressionally approved funds from the State that would help increase jobs for Californians. Prop 50 will help ensure democrats retake the House of Representatives and ensure that we (Californians) have representation to stop Trump's abuse of Power!

Support and Vote YES on Proposition 50.

MaryAnn DeLaRiva
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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 10:42 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = Prop 50

Full-Name = Tanya K. Liscano

Email = tklesa1@gmail.com

Comment = Please vote no on Prop 50. Your are all diligent in your Supervisor assignments and want to do the right thing for Clovis and the rest of California.

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Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 4:25 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian; Andrew Haussler; Paul Armendariz
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-10-06

Item-Number = PROP 50

Full-Name = ALFRED ANTHONY GUTIERREZ

Email = al.gutz45@gmail.com

Comment = 4 years,9 months ago, during an hour-long conference call, then U.S. president Donald Trump pressured Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,780 votes" and overturn the state's election results from the 2020 presidential election.

Two months ago, July 15, 2025, Donald Trump pushed Texas Republicans to redraw the state's congressional maps to create more House seats favorable to his party, to help the GOP retain control of the chamber in next year's midterm elections.

August 23, 2025 Texas passes midterm redistricting sought by Trump.

Proposition 50

Proposition 50 is Californians telling Trump "NO!" you cannot steal elections by manipulating red States to find votes.

Vote YES ON 50!

Proposition 50 is a simple counter-measure that shows that Californians will not stand idly by while cheaters using cheap tricks attempt to destroy the democratic process. Vote YES ON 50!

Voting "YES" does not take away the rights of anyone. Rather, by voting "NO" on proposition 50, you undermine the democratic process.

Vote YES ON 50!

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OCTOBER 6, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SENIOR CENTER

A lot has changed in the past 3 weeks

This quickly turned into an obvious MANAGEMENT ISSUE

I have had MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS & STAFF confide in me – 1 who resigned ADMIN/CITYMGR

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COMMUNITY STEPPED UP – offering up time & space

MY GYM Clovis – Jordan Almanza

AMERICAN LEGION post 147

MIKE CONKLIN & CHRISTINE RODGERS – fellow line dance instructors offered up some of their time slots at SUMMER FOX BREWING in clovis

These are all great, and Jim is happy to be working, but none of these are permanent solutions. Jim is a Senior Citizen, a CLOVIS resident, a Vietnam Vet who was basically evicted/displaced. Traveling from place to place, trying to make ends meet because we live in California.

September 2

“Our citizens should never be dissuaded from approaching us, we want that. We serve the people”

Let me remind you of how this started. It started with Jim Ray reporting a safety issue to management a month prior to his departure. This issue was not taken seriously and instead of fixing the problem, he was ridiculed, mocked and laughed at.

Jim was called a LIAR and THREATENED about going to city council

September 16

“do not think you are not being heard, and do not think that we are not following up with staff” STAFF IS THE PROBLEM employees were interviewed by THE PROBLEM

Every time something is brought up at council, it’s quietly “fixed” the next day. The problems are still there, it’s MANAGEMENT

They took one more step in ruining that dance floor FOREVER...they WAXED A LAMINATE FLOOR

With YouTube, you can see how popular things are by how many views you have.

SPREADSHEET – CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – most viewed topics in the past 5 years

1. HALFWAY HOUSE – Locan & Ashlan (2023) incarcerated individuals including a sex offender
2. LGBTQ Books in schools – issue went to state level (2023)
3. SANCTUARY CITY – making clovis a non-sanctuary city (2025) decided against
4. CLOVIS SENIOR CENTER – (2025) This is how invested the community is

PLEASE PUT US ON THE AGENDA

Waxing a laminate floor is not recommended and **creates a cloudy, sticky residue that dulls the finish, makes it harder to clean, and can even damage the protective wear layer**. Unlike hardwood, laminate does not absorb wax and the finish does not need additional protection, making waxing unnecessary and potentially voiding the floor's warranty. Instead, stick to sweeping and damp mopping with a laminate-specific cleaner. [🔗](#)

Why Waxing is Bad for Laminate Floors

- **Residue and Buildup:** Wax sits on the surface of the laminate, not absorbing into the material. This creates a sticky residue that traps dirt and makes the floor look dull and dingy. [🔗](#)
- **Damages the Wear Layer:** Laminate floors have a protective wear layer that is already sealed and doesn't require wax. Applying wax can break down and damage this protective layer, making the floor more susceptible to scratches and other forms of damage. [🔗](#)

- **Increased Slippery Hazard:** The wax creates a slippery surface, posing a safety risk, especially in homes with children or pets. [🔗](#)
- **Hard to Remove:** Once applied, wax is very difficult to remove from a laminate surface without using special, harsh stripping agents that can further damage the floor. [🔗](#)
- **voids Warranty:** Most manufacturers explicitly state that using wax or polish can void the laminate floor's warranty. [🔗](#)

How to Properly Care for Laminate Floors

- **Regular Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove loose dirt and debris. [🔗](#)
- **Damp Mopping:** Use a damp (not wet) mop with a laminate-specific cleaner for routine cleaning. [🔗](#)

Clovis City Council Meetings
 YouTube Views
 as of September 27, 2025

2020 all less
2021 all less

2025 views			2024 views			2023 views			2022 views		
15-Sep	579	*	Senior Center	16-Dec	247	11-Dec	215		19-Dec	98	
8-Sep	786	*	Senior Center	9-Dec	407	4-Dec	182		12-Dec	71	
2-Sep	546	*	Senior Center	2-Dec	216	13-Nov	239		5-Dec	67	
18-Aug	183			18-Nov	178	6-Nov	176		14-Nov	108	
11-Aug	145			12-Nov	128	9-Oct	124		7-Nov	112	
4-Aug	171			4-Nov	147	2-Oct	184		17-Oct	161	
7-Jul	251			14-Oct	317	18-Sep	219		3-Oct	271	
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9-Jun	218			16-Sep	161	5-Sep	496		12-Sep	217	
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19-May	253			19-Aug	215	7-Aug	225		18-Jul	161	
12-May	236			12-Aug	326	10-Jul	1300	*	LGBTQ BOOKS	5-Jul	120
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14-Apr	204			1-Jul	345	5-Jun	216		13-Jun	64	
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21-Apr	436			3-Jun	216	1-May	261		9-May	107	
10-Mar	174			20-May	271	10-Apr	125		2-May	127	
4-Mar	242			13-May	215	3-Apr	285		18-Apr	95	
24-Feb	331			6-May	222	20-Mar	1600	*	Halfway House	11-Apr	40
18-Feb	594	*	Sanctuary City	15-Apr	331	13-Mar	201		4-Apr	130	
11-Feb	611	*	Sanctuary City	8-Apr	250	6-Mar	140		21-Mar	74	
4-Feb	837	*	Sanctuary City	18-Mar	307	21-Feb	159		14-Mar	30	
21-Jan	161			11-Mar	199	13-Feb	137		7-Mar	123	
13-Jan	170			5-Feb	260	6-Feb	261		14-Feb	93	
6-Jan	260			20-Feb	162	17-Jan	242		7-Feb	75	
				16-Jan	217	9-Jan	145		18-Jan	134	
				8-Jan	254				10-Jan	171	

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ADMIN/CITYMGR

I'm writing this with great sorrow as I must file a formal complaint against Bethany Barube, Ashlee Winslow, and Amy Hance. I have been denied due process, I have been berated and intimidated, and I have been retaliated against for trying to file 1) a safety issue in the senior center putting participants at risk, 2) a workplace violence incident where I was verbally attacked and threatened by Bethany's super VIP's. I have been subjected to repeated abuse by Bethany and Ashley and have suffered in a hostile work environment for the entirety of this calendar year.

In February, I tried to talk to Bethany about her desire to have my students teach my fitness classes in my place if I call in sick. I informed her this is unethical, unsafe, and creates a liability issue for the city. She began to argue with me and tell me it's not my place to speak. I then heard from my coworkers that she was going around trying to get dirt on me so she could fire me. She subsequently told me I have a proven reputation for making myself a nuisance.

She has ignored additional attempts to report other safety issues at the center leaving the participants at risk of injury. There have been 6 separate incidents of significant injury on the treadmills just within the 5 hours per week that I work in the fitness room. People will come in, get on the treadmill and unknowingly press the 10 or 12 mph speed button on the treadmill. I've had people fly off the back, thrown to the floor, I even had one lady that was thrown down that grabbed hold of the sides of the machine and the moving belt was causing her head to bob up and down against the machine leaving her with road burn down the side of her face. I was repeatedly told that use is at their own risk and to not worry about it.

Three months later I was conducting my gentle yoga class in the main hall. We were doing our starting meditation to clear our mind and body. Javier brought 2 women into the hall in the middle of my class. They were standing on the stage in the front of the auditorium and speaking very loudly and disrupting our class. I had multiple participants indicate they were unable to participate because of the disruption. I went onto the stage and asked the women if they could talk quietly or take their conversation into the hallway because they were disrupting our class. They immediately started yelling at me, threatening me, and telling me they had the right to do whatever they wanted and I needed to shut up. I asked Javier to please help by taking their conversation into the hallway and he refused saying it's his job and I have to deal with it. The women refused to stop yelling and threatening me. One of the participants had to get up and stand between them and me so I could get through the door and report them to the front desk. When I tried to report the incident to Bethany she told me Javier had already told her I was rude and started the situation by asking them to speak quietly and she refused to take my report. I told her I had 25 participants that witnessed the situation and I wanted to present evidence that validated my complaint. She told me that those people have alliances with me and would lie for me so she's refusing to consider their statements. I told her that's a violation of due process and she said it didn't matter she had already investigated this and determined I was at fault. I insisted she acknowledge my witnesses and she told me I am officially forbidden to talk to them or get written statements or I would be fired. She then proceeded to talk to my coworkers belittling me and looking for cause to fire me.

At this point she started creating issues to interfere with my ability to work. One day I came in and she had sent a message to all my students telling them my class was canceled so no one would show up for class and my attendance numbers would look bad. My classes would disappear off the schedule so my students could not sign up or sign in for class. Fake classes would appear on the schedule so people would sign up for class and come to the center when I was not there. This has been a constant battle.

When Amy came in to interview the employees after the complaint to city council I was very excited because I thought there was hope and I would be listened to. I again brought up the violent attack I suffered and said I wanted to file a complaint. Amy told me they already investigated it and decided I'm a liar. I told her there was no investigation because due process was denied and I was not allowed to present witnesses. She told me I am not to speak to anyone about this and that's city policy. I would be violating city policy if I tried to talk about and push this further. Amy ignored everything and said and told me I need to learn to live with Bethany's bad behavior. Sending Amy to investigate Bethany is tantamount to asking the Queen to investigate whether the King is a tyrant. For the past year Amy has stonewalled every attempt we have made to file complaints about Bethany and her abusive behavior. Her refusal to allow us to file complaints or get relief has put the city in the position of being sued for hostile workplace, discrimination, retaliation, denial of due process, and abuse of the employees.

In the past week Ashley and Bethany have been on the warpath again nitpicking everything I do. In the interview with Amy I discussed how the current scheduling system has caused a problem for people to sign up for my classes that have limited spaces available. Allowing signups months in advance for fitness classes does not work. People are flaked with fitness classes and cannot accurately determine which they will be taking months down the road. However due to the fact that my classes are impacted, people with money to spend will sign up for everyone of my classes months in advance to ensure themselves a spot. I have people on the roles that haven't come in 3 months and people that want to come that can't get in. This has caused them to try and crash the class. I will have 10-15 people show up for an 8 person class and am forced to pick and choose. This would be resolved by limiting scheduling to one month at a time. Bethany refused my request and said to just let 10-15 people participate. I said that's not acceptable as we don't have the equipment for a class that big and it would create undue stress on me to try and manage that many people. The following week the class schedule had been changed to allow 10 people to sign up. When I confronted them about this I was targeted for being a nuisance again. They called me into their external conference room to discuss things with me. Removing me from the office is their way to ensure no witnesses are there to validate the belittling and intimidation. I told them that I do not feel safe meeting with them alone and demand my right to have legal counsel present for any interactions with them. They have not taken me up on that option at this point.

The continued abuse and intimidation must not continue. This violates city policy, it violates state law, and it violates my rights, and constitutes unfair labor practices. It has caused undue pain and suffering in my life. I can't sleep through the night, I'm constantly stressed, I've gained weight, my health has suffered, my relationship is strained.

I am not the only one that has suffered from her hostility and rage. Jim Ray, Moni Randolph, and another employee (that is not ready to speak because the trauma is so fresh) that was recently forced to quit because of the constant berating and abuse as well as the countless people that have cried in your chambers begging you to help have all shared the same stories of abuse and intimidation. Stephen has been forced to move his office out of the building to escape the hostile environment. Amy simply stonewalls any complaints and refuses to stop the abuse. You have allowed a monster to seize control of the senior center and use that power to systematically torment and abuse the employees as well as the participants at the center. For months you have ignored the real problem and let this group of women continue to abuse innocent people. Your refusal to remove them immediately has made the city culpable in their behavior and the abuse of innocents. Any further refusal to remove these ladies from power will force us to take legal action against the women, the center, and the city. We no longer have a choice. The council must immediately remove Bethany Barube, Ashlee Winslow, and Amy Hance from their positions to immediately stop the abuse and allow the healing to begin. Furthermore those employees that have been forced out or forced to quit must be immediately reinstated, and then we must start discussions on how we are going to make the victims whole again. Thank you.

Don Kolz

THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

COMING TO CLOVIS OCTOBER 9-12, 2025



OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY TO THE PUBLIC

FREE ADMISSION - CLOSING 2PM SUNDAY

The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Clovis, California on October 9-12, 2025 at David McDonald Park at 101 N Temperance Ave, Clovis, CA 93611 and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.



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Fw: FEDERAL REGISTER 9-26-2025, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD, DOCKET NO. FD-36873, UPRR MERGER WITH NS: A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY?

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Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 11:17 AM PDT



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Hon. Sean Duffy, Secretary, U.S.D.O.T.

Re: **Surface Transportation Board Docket No. FD-36873, UPRR Merger Application**

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write for myself only, and not on behalf of a client or professional organization to which I belong.

In my opinion, the Administration ought to support the proposed UP-NS merger, on certain conditions, which I've mentioned in the following Letter to Editor of Gilroy *Dispatch*, Morgan Hill *Times*, and Hollister *Freelance*.

Shippers and receivers in California, especially ag shippers of perishable commodities, would benefit from increased intermodal options, and thereby spread benefits to other sections of the Country, e.g., East Coast, South East, and Eastern Canada, for receivers/consignees of those shipments, which are time-constrained with relatively short shelf-lives.

I believe that it is possible to solve California's high speed rail issues by resorting to private-sector solutions. Our Class One railroads are the envy of the World. The people of the Nation, especially hard-pressed California taxpayers, would benefit if we have the Administration's support for a viable solution to HSR in California, by greater utilization of intermodal service.

Respectfully,

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Subject: FEDERAL REGISTER 9-26-2025, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD, DOCKET NO. FD-36873, UPRR MERGER WITH NS: A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY?

LETTER TO EDITOR, OR, GUEST EDITORIAL: YOUR CALL: "A VIABLE, TAXPAYER-FRIENDLY SOLUTION TO THE BULLET TRAIN?"

Dear Editor,

Yesterday's **Federal Register** (see attached) notice of Surface Transportation Board Docket #36873 regarding UPRR

proposed merger with NS opens a rare window of opportunity for those who seek sound, sustainable transport solutions.

As with past rail mergers, the government can impose conditions, e.g., union employee protections, trackage use agreements, etc., as we saw with the SP-UPRR merger in 1996.

So, when California shippers face truck driver shortages, they look for the nearest intermodal options. At present, for the Central California Coast Region, and SJV, they have UPRR's Lathrop Intermodal Facility, and a BNSF one in Stockton.

for their shipments to North American Continent destinations, e.g., East Coast, Southeast, Eastern Canada, etc. They enjoy truck-competitive service, and at 40%-on average less freight charges. We have cleaner air, and less road congestion.

When WyoDOT shuts down I-80 due to "white-out" conditions on the high plains, ag intermodal trailers and containers

roll on thru North Platte, the largest classification rail yard in the USA, like we used to see with the "Salad Bowl Express"

from Salinas to NYC, via SP-Ogden-UP-Council Bluffs-CNW-Chicago-PC, with a guaranteed 7th day arrival for California

ag shippers and their customers.

Our Class Ones (UPRR and BNSF) are doing it today in 3 days.

So, as a condition to approving the merger, the government could impose conditions, e.g., intermodal facilities (formerly "Piggyback Ramps") in all ag Counties in California so local drayage could get those shipments to a nearby intermodal facility, reducing air pollution and highway congestion.

In exchange UPRR can have the partially--completed infrastructure that CAHSRA has constructed.

Put CAHSRA in a liquidating Ch. 9 bankruptcy, cancel all burdensome contracts, sell at auction anything salable.

Creditors' claims paid by the Ch. 9 liquidating trustee, otherwise all debts cancelled. Have the trustee pursue fraudulent

transfers for the benefit of creditors in liquidation.

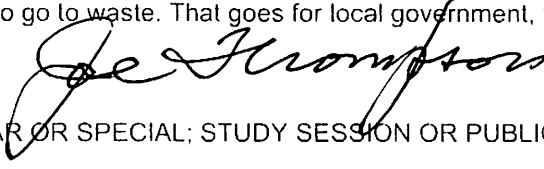
Government ought not allow this opportunity to go to waste. That goes for local government, too.

Caveat viator.

Joe Thompson

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PUBLIC COMMENT: NEXT MEETING; REGULAR OR SPECIAL; STUDY SESSION OR PUBLIC WORKSHOP, OR PRIVATE RETREAT



UPRR MERGER FEDERAL REGISTER 9-26-2025.pdf

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12840]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: "Raffaella della Olga: Typescripts" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition "Raffaella della Olga: Typescripts" at The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the *Federal Register*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Stefanie E. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36873]

Union Pacific Corporation and Union Pacific Railroad Company—Control—Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Decision No. 5 in Docket No. FD 36873; notice of proposed procedural schedule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) invites public comments on a proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding. On July 30, 2025, Union Pacific Corporation (UPC) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (collectively, Union Pacific) and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NSC) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) (collectively, Norfolk Southern) (Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern collectively, Applicants) filed a notice of intent to file an application seeking authority for the acquisition of control by UPC, through its wholly owned subsidiary Ruby Merger Sub 1 Corporation, of NSC and, through it, NS, and for the resulting common control by UPC of UP and NS.

DATES: Written comments on the Board's proposed procedural schedule are due by October 16, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Any filing submitted in this proceeding, referring to Docket No. 36873, must be filed with the Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each filing must be sent (and may be sent by email only, if service by email is acceptable to the recipient) to each of the following: (1) Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; (2) Attorney General of the United States, c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Room 3109, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; (3) UP's representative, Michael L. Rosenthal, Covington & Burling LLP, One CityCenter, 850 Tenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001; (4) NS's representative, Raymond A. Atkins, Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; (5) any other person designated as a Party of Record on the service list; and (6) the administrative law judge assigned in this proceeding, the Hon. Jenifer Soulikias, at alj.soulikias.inbox@stb.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathaniel Bawcombe at (202) 915-3555. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 30, 2025, concurrent with their notice of intent to file an application, Applicants filed a petition to establish a procedural schedule. Applicants' proposed procedural schedule provides for a 390-day period between the date an application is filed and the date on

which the Board would serve its final decision on the merits. (Pet., App. A.) Applicants' proposed schedule includes a longer comment period than the one listed in 49 U.S.C. 11325, extending the due date for written comments to the date that responsive (including inconsistent) applications would be due. Applicants also propose a 90-day period for the filing of responses to comments on the primary application, rebuttals in support of the primary application, responses to protests, requests for conditions, and other opposition, and responses to responsive (including inconsistent) applications. Applicants state that the proposed procedural schedule "is in line with those in prior major merger proceedings," and provides ample time for comments and the Board's review. (*Id.* at 2.)

Given the high level of interest in this proceeding, and the potential for numerous and highly complex issues to arise, the Board proposes extending the period to file written comments and providing a corresponding 90-day period to file responses, as Applicants have proposed. The Board also proposes modifications to Applicants' proposed schedule. Specifically, for preliminary comments from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the Board proposes to conform to the time frame set forth in 49 U.S.C. 11325. Additionally, the Board's proposed schedule provides that any necessary public hearing or oral argument would be held on a date to be determined later in the proceeding.

Therefore, the Board proposes the following procedural schedule:¹

F Primary application and any related application(s) filed.²

F+30 Board notice of acceptance of primary application³ and any related application(s) to be published in the *Federal Register*.⁴

¹ Substantive filings not contemplated by the procedural schedule are disfavored. Evidence attached to filings that are not contemplated by the procedural schedule will not necessarily be considered in any Board decision on the merits.

² "F" designates the filing date of the application, and "F+n" means "n" days following that date.

³ Should the Board reject the primary application as incomplete, the Board would serve a decision rejecting the application by this date and the remainder of the procedural schedule would be nullified.

⁴ Applicants propose that the Board assign an administrative law judge to handle discovery matters by this date. The proposed deadline is unnecessary because the Board's August 28, 2025 decision assigned and authorized Judge Soulikias to entertain and rule upon discovery matters and to resolve initially all disputes concerning discovery in this proceeding.

DEADLINE: 10-16-25

- F+45 Notices of intent to participate due.
- F+60 Proposed Safety Integration Plan (SIP) due.⁵
- F+75 Descriptions of anticipated responsive, including inconsistent, applications due. Petitions for waiver or clarification with respect to such applications due.
- F+115 Responsive environmental information and environmental verified statements for responsive, including inconsistent, applicants due.
- F+120 Comments, protests, requests for conditions, and any other evidence and argument in opposition to the primary application or any related application(s) due (except filings from DOJ and DOT). Responsive, including inconsistent, applications due.
- F+135 Preliminary comments from DOJ and DOT, if any, due.
- F+150 Notice of acceptance of responsive, including inconsistent, applications, if any, published in the **Federal Register**.
- F+210 Responses to comments (including those of DOJ and DOT, if any), protests, requests for conditions, and other opposition due. Rebuttal in support of the primary application and any related application(s) due. Responses to responsive, including inconsistent, applications due.
- F+240 Rebuttals in support of responsive, including inconsistent, applications due.
- F+270 Final briefs due.⁶
- TBD Public hearing (if necessary).⁷ (Close of the record.)
- TBD Service date of final decision.⁸

The Board invites all interested persons to submit written comments on the procedural schedule proposed here.⁹

⁵ Preparation of a SIP is required under 49 CFR 1105.4.

⁶ The Board will also provide page limits for final briefs in a later decision after the record has been more fully developed.

⁷ See 49 U.S.C. 11324(a) ("The Board shall hold a public hearing unless the Board determines that a public hearing is not necessary in the public interest.").

⁸ Applicants' proposed schedule includes dates for the issuance of the Board's final decision and the effectiveness of that decision. The Board will issue its final decision in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 11325(b)(3) (requiring a final decision to be issued within 90 days of the close of the evidentiary record).

⁹ Applicants' August 29, 2025 motion to permit ex parte stakeholder communications remains pending; therefore, written comments on the Board's proposed procedural schedule may propose both a schedule that includes a time frame for ex parte communications and an alternative schedule that does not permit such communications. Written comments should not address the merits of Applicants' August 29, 2025 motion, as replies to that motion were due on September 22, 2025.

Comments must be filed by October 16, 2025. The dates proposed in this decision are subject to change depending on the comments received or other circumstances.¹⁰ Should the Board accept an application in this proceeding, the Board anticipates that it would adopt a procedural schedule in that decision.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis will review the information that it has requested from Applicants needed to initiate the environmental review of the proposed transaction. The Board will address environmental review issues in a subsequent decision.

Decided: September 24, 2025.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, and Schultz.

Tammy Lowery,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the Noise Exposure Maps is September 18, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) are in compliance with applicable requirements of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 150, effective

¹⁰ The Board's regulations provide that a time period, except those provided by law, may be extended by the Board in its discretion, upon request and for good cause. See 49 CFR 1104.7(b).

September 18, 2025. Under 49 U.S.C. 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act ("the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA Noise Exposure Maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted Noise Exposure Maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of 14 CFR part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a Noise Compatibility Program for FAA approval, which sets forth the measures the airport operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the Noise Exposure Maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the City of Atlanta Department of Aviation. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in 14 CFR 150.7 includes: 2024 Existing Condition Noise Exposure Map, 2029 Future Condition Noise Exposure Map, and the Final Noise Exposure Maps and Supporting Documentation Report. The FAA has determined that these Noise Exposure Maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on September 18, 2025.

FAA's determination on the airport operator's Noise Exposure Maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of 14 CFR part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the airport operator's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a Noise Compatibility Program or to fund the implementation of that Program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a Noise Exposure Map submitted under Section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise exposure contours, or in interpreting the Noise Exposure Maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the