Councilmember Esmeralda Soria has dedicated this year to bringing community members together as well as providing our youth with opportunities to learn and join in civic engagement opportunities.

Since taking office Councilmember Soria listened to concerns from residents and has worked tirelessly to make sure all concerns are delivered to the appropriate city departments. She continues to work hard through partnership with the departments and other agencies to make sure our neighborhoods are improved. There are many projects taking place in your community.

Please join us in reviewing our most recent activities and accomplishments. Please feel free to contact our office if you wish to become involved in our future projects.

"If you can’t come to City Hall, I will come to you!"

Join me at our community meetings or morning coffees. Visit our website for dates and locations.

Contact us at Council District 1, Fresno City Hall 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721
Representing and Advocating for District 1

Here’s what we have done.

On August 2nd Councilmember Soria brought together law enforcement and community partners such as the Inspiration Park Boys & Girls Club, the Fresno Police Officers’ Association, Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services, and Resources for Independence Central Valley to sponsor National Night Out at Inspiration Park. More than 400 hamburgers were barbecued and hundreds of residents from the neighborhood attended; enjoying music, games, and a PARCS movie in the park.

Councilmember Soria met for coffee and conversation with stakeholders at the Yosemite Falls Café to listen and address the concerns of her residents.

“It’s Up to All of Us” public safety campaign launched by the City of Fresno Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee which urges residents to slow down when driving and respect pedestrians and bicyclists.

Councilmember Soria supporting the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project in their efforts to get our youth civicly engaged.

Councilmember Esmeralda Soria attended the Rally in support of “Health Care For All Kids”. This provides students the chance to live a healthy life and give equal access to services.

Ribbon cutting at Fresno’s newest live-work space in South Tower. This project will help bridge the Tower District with Downtown Fresno! A great example of an affordable housing development that will benefit many families and improve the aesthetic of the neighborhood in the Tower District. Thank you Fresno Housing Authority, Terance Frazier and U.S. Bank for investing in our neighborhoods and creating quality housing options for our low-income families.

Councilmember Soria and the City of Fresno Maintenance Division, have worked hard in repainting streetlights, painting the median island, and making watering improvements at the Van Ness Boulevard between Clinton and Shields.

Councilmember meeting with business owners at the Chicken Pie Shop on Olive Ave. Where she takes time to listen to the concerns and feedback from her residents. She enjoys holding these meetings throughout the year. Thank you to the restaurant owners who allow us to use their space.

Councilmember Celebrrating National Parks Month in the City of Fresno. She gives special thanks to the Fresno Parks & Recreation (PARCS).

Councilmember Soria and Supervisor Henry Perea welcoming the new Mexican Consul David Manuel Preciado Juarez. The Mexican Consulate is a resource to many of our residents we are very excited and welcome the new Consul to the City of Fresno.

“Manu Javangula, a young future leader, shadowed Councilmember Soria and learned about local government.

Contact our office for an opportunity to shadow the councilmember.

An Afternoon with local high school students discussing the importance of youth civic engagement.
Dear Residents,

I am very excited to introduce the first of many (Newsletter Prints) which will allow me to keep you informed about projects as well as the many resources available to our residents.

It has been a great pleasure to continue serving the City of Fresno District 1 residents and as a Fresno City Councilmember I would like to thank all the Residents and Community groups that have made a positive difference and continue to strive for a safe and prosperous district. Without your support and dedication none of this would have been possible.

There are many great projects coming up and we encourage the participation and interest of our local residents. Please keep in touch with our office for upcoming Community Meetings and our famous Coffee & Conversation Meetings.

Best,

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District 1 Community Projects

Young Councilmember Program

With the support of PG&E and Fresno County Office of Education my office is proud to launch District 1’s Young Councilmember Program. Our goal is to build future leaders of our city.

If you know High School students living in District 1 or attending Fresno High School, DeWolf School, or Central High School please encourage them to apply. This will be an opportunity to gain insight on the functions of local government and develop their leadership skills.

Program Requirements:

- 2.0 GPA minimum.
- Live or attend school in District 1
- The program will consist of 10 to 12 students.
- The program is of no cost to the students or their families.

To apply: http://eepurl.com/chNKBL
For questions contact 621-7814

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Power the Tower Project

“Power the Tower” is a project in partnership with City Councilmember Esmeralda Soria, California State University Fresno, and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). This project will identify strategies to help our local business owners explore clean, renewable, and more affordable energy technology through strict analysis of energy-use data. Projects like “Power the Tower” will help pave the way to a clean energy future, help owners lower their utility bills, and keep the state on course to cut pollution. If you are a local business owner and would like to participate, please call the District One office at (559) 621-7810.

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District 1 Staff News

Gilbert Felix who served District 1 residents since Councilmember Soria took the oath of office has left the District 1 office to pursue his Masters in Public Policy. He is now attending USC Price School in Los Angeles. We wish him success!!

We are excited to introduce Itzi Robles who has been appointed the new District 1 Council Assistant. Itzi will focus on community outreach and engagement. She is a graduate from Fresno State with a B.A. in Political Science and Legal Studies. Welcome Itzi!!

Councilmember Soria is proud to announce Terry Cox, District 1 Chief of Staff, and Central Unified School Trustee, on being selected to participate in the Fresno Chamber of Commerce’s “Leadership Fresno Class 33”. Congratulations Terry!!

16/17 District 1 Budget Highlights

Safety
An additional 26 Police Officers and 12 new Fire Department positions were added in the budget.
Tower District Satellite Police Station $ 25,000

Parks
Inspiration Park- Operations and Maintenance $100,000
Quigley Park- Community Center Upgrades $ 47,000
Lions Park- Parking Lot Resurfacing $ 55,000
Junior Life Guard Program Expansion $ 14,000
Youth Summer Jobs Program $ 25,000

Neighborhood Restoration
Funding for affordable housing needs, housing rehabilitation, and homeowner assistance programs in the City of Fresno. $1,000,000

Infrastructure/Streets
Infrastructure investments over the next three years in District One such as streets, curbs, gutters, and streetscapes. $6,200,000
Shaw Ave Overlay (Blythe to Brawley) $352,600
Shields Ave Overlay (Blackstone to Palm) $846,500
Clinton Ave Overlay (Blackstone to Maroa) $635,200
Van Ness Boulevard Repaving (Clinton to Shields) $150,000
Fairmont at Polk Ave Reconstruction $142,000
Highway City Polk Ave (Shaw to Gettysburg) $126,000
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## Contact Our Office for

**Resident Services** - Contact the District One Office with issues such as graffiti, potholes, broken streetlights, blight, and other neighborhood concerns. We are here to serve you! Call (559) 621-7816 or email us at District1@fresno.gov.

**Get Involved** - These committees serve District One.
- District One Implementation Committee
- Tower District Design and Review Committee
- The Youth Commission
- Young Councilmember Program

Call our office for vacancies or apply online at: [www.fresno.gov/Government/CityClerk/BoardComission.htm](http://www.fresno.gov/Government/CityClerk/BoardComission.htm)

## Contacte Nuestra Oficina para

**Servicios para residentes** – Por favor llame a la oficina del Distrito 1 si tiene problemas de grafiti, hoyos en su calle, luces de la ciudad quebradas o fundidas, o alguna otra preocupación. Estamos aquí para servirle.

Llame al (559) 621-7816 o mande un correo a District1@fresno.gov.

**Involúcrese** – Estos comités sirven y benefician al Distrito Uno.
- El Comité de Implementación
- Diseño y Revisión del Distrito Tower
- La Comisión de Jóvenes
- Programa de Concejales Juveniles

Llame a nuestra oficina para posiciones vacantes o encuentre la solicitud en el internet: [www.fresno.gov/Government/CityClerk/BoardComission.htm](http://www.fresno.gov/Government/CityClerk/BoardComission.htm)

## FresGO

Download the FresGO app on your smart phone.

With FresGO, you don’t need to know which department does what. The multi-lingual application tracks reported items, like graffiti, broken sprinklers, street closures, and more.

Report your issues online!

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