Councilmember Esmeralda Soria
District 1 News

Making Neighborhoods Safer and Stronger

Spring 2017 Edition

A very busy year in District 1!

Councilmember Esmeralda Soria ended the year with her 2016 Annual Holiday Toy Drive. With the help of community partners and residents, more than 300 transitional living and homeless families received a toy last holiday season.

2017 began with a community coffee at Kuppa Joy Coffee Shop. District 1 residents shared concerns and hopes for the district neighborhoods. Councilmember Soria provided updates on District 1 Projects and key decisions before the City Council in 2017.

Following the 2016 restoration and painting of the Van Ness Street Lights, the Fresno High Neighborhood Beautification Project continued forward on Memorial Day 2017. An unveiling was held for the public street art and dedication of three bicycle racks and two pet waste stations. The project was made possible by community partners, Caglia Environmental, Mid Valley Disposal and Fresno High Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember Soria along with Supervisor Brian Pacheco and Highway City Community Development announced the approval of initial funding of a County Library on Polk Avenue south of Shaw Avenue.

Also we celebrated a big step forward in the Shaw and Polk improvement project with an engineering study underway to provide plans for the much needed infill of curb, gutter and sidewalk for the area.

Please join us and your neighbors at our District 1 Community Meetings and events. Together we will work to continue making our neighborhoods safer and stronger!!
This year Councilmember Soria launched the first ever District 1 Young Councilmember Program. Ten students from Central High, Fresno High and Bullard High School were selected to participate. Students have participated in interactive sessions on agriculture, art & humanities, public safety, business & technology, and government.

Contact our office to apply for the 2017/2018 session at (559) 621-7814.

Patience Milrod, D1 Woman of the Year
Irma Soltero-Sparks, Business
Ashley Werner, Community Advocate
Alexandra Gonzales, Education
Dr. Michelle DenBeste, Education
Lauren Lake, Youth (Student at Central High)
Sally Caglia, Arts & Culture
Kim Johnson, Health & Wellness
Kellie Ridenour, Veterans/Public Safety

Patience Milrod was selected as Fresno City Council District 1 Woman of the Year. Thank you for being a powerhouse and your deep commitment to improve the lives of all Fresnans.

2016/2017 Community Events & District 1 Proclamations

- Tower District Mardi Gras Parade
  February 2017
- Tower District Pride Parade
  June 2017
- District 1 Community Meeting
  April 2017
- Inspiration Park
  Proclamation
- Agriculture Day
  Proclamation
- FCC Women’s Volleyball
  Proclamation
- City Of Fresno Youth Commission
  Recognition
- 8th Annual Youth Leadership
  Conference
- Valentines Day At
  Quigley Park
- Read Across America
  2017 Bullard Talent
- Career Day At Harvest
  Elementary
- Roundtable Discussion With
  Senator Kamala Harris
- Tiny House Project Tour At
  Fresno State
- State Of The University CSU
  Fresno 2017
- Affordable Health Care Act
  Press Conference
On February 28th, 2017 the County of Fresno voted in support of initial funding for a public library for the west of Hwy 99 neighborhood. There is currently no library in the area and we are very excited to see this project come into fruition.

- **Shaw Avenue Street Overlay**: Blythe to Brawley Ave. ($352,600)
- **Shields Avenue Street Overlay**: Blackstone to Palm Ave. ($846,500)
- **Clinton Avenue Street Overlay**: Blackstone to Maroa Ave. ($635,200)
- **Van Ness Boulevard Repaving**: Clinton to Shields Ave. Northbound ($150,000)
- **Fairmont at Polk Avenue**: Neighborhood Street Reconstruction ($142,000)
- **Highway City**: Polk Ave. from Shaw to Gettysburg Ave. Engineering Study ($126,000)
- **Cornelia and Ashlan Area**: Tree Trimming ($30,000)
- **Normal Street**: Echo to Wishon Concrete Repair ($40,000)
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**FresNO**

- Download the FresNO app on your smart phone.
- Report your issues online!

**FresNO**

- Baje la aplicación a través de su teléfono.
- Reporte sus preocupaciones por el internet!

**Maddy Institute Spring Interns**

- **Clifford Williams**
- **Jorge Lopez**

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**Summer Swimming Lessons! / ¡Clases de natación de verano!**

- Our District 1 office has committed to 20 summer swimming lesson scholarships for children in District 1.
  - Please call (559) 621-SWIM (7946) for more information.

- Nuestra oficina del Distrito 1 se ha comprometido a 20 becas de clases de natación de verano para niños en el Distrito 1.
  - Por favor llame al (559) 621-SWIM (7946) para más información.

**Contact Our Office for:**
- Resident Services - Contact the District One Office with issues such as graffiti, potholes, broken streetlights, blight, and other neighborhood concerns.
  - Get Involved - These committees serve District One.
    - District One Implementation Committee
    - Tower District Design and Review Committee
    - The Youth Commission
    - Young Councilmember Program

**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.
  - Involúcrase – Estos comités sirven y benefician al Distrito Uno.
    - El Comité de Implementación
    - Diseño y Revision 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: [https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/](https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/)