I am beyond grateful for the support I received from residents, community members, business owners, and colleagues during my first term as your District 1 Councilmember. I will continue to work on your behalf to create safer and stronger neighborhoods. When I asked for your support, I committed to help build safer and stronger neighborhoods together. I am excited to report that in the last four years we have secured millions of dollars in investments towards public safety, parks, infrastructure, housing, and our youth. I continue to encourage you to participate as we continue to work to build safer and stronger neighborhoods together. Join me at our next community meeting or contact me.

Sincerely,

I am proud to continue to represent District 1 on the Fresno City Council. Working together we will make our neighborhoods safer and stronger.”

- Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

For questions or concerns please contact my office at (559) 621-7816 or email us at: District1@fresno.gov
Neighborhood Improvements

- Ribbon Cutting of Northwest Police Station!
- Grand Opening of Tower District Police Satellite Station!
- Groundbreaking of 3 new Habitat for Humanity Homes West of Hwy 99!
- Groundbreaking of Highway City Community Center!
Giving Back

Women of the Year
Women of the Year is an annual event honoring extraordinary women in District 1 in the areas of business/labor, community engagement/advocacy, education, health & wellness, youth, arts & culture, and public safety/military. Over the last four years, 62 women have been recognized for their outstanding achievements by the community.

Holiday Toy Drive
Councilmember Soria holds an Annual Holiday Toy Drive to benefit underserved children in District 1. Over the last 6 years Councilmember Soria with the help of generous donors has been able to provide a toy for over 3,000 children throughout her district. A big thank you to our annual sponsors who have helped us bring holiday cheer to thousands of children. We hope to continue counting on your support for years to come. If you would like to make a donation to our Annual Holiday Toy Drive please contact the District 1 office.

District 1 Young Councilmember Program
Councilmember Soria is the only councilmember in the City of Fresno to sponsor her own Young Councilmember Program. The District 1 Young Councilmember Program was launched in 2016 and has brought together 41 District 1 students to educate and challenge their understanding of local government, community, business, law enforcement, energy and health.

Cleaning up the Tower District neighborhood with over 100 volunteers!
Over 30 interns have worked in the District 1 office over the last 4 years!
Honored at the Sikh Council’s Environment Day at Kharla Park!
Grand Opening of the historic William Saroyan House Museum in District 1!
Ribbon Cutting of family-friendly upgrades to Fresno City Hall. Upgrades include diaper changing stations and breastfeeding room with play area and television to facilitate live viewing of council meetings for residents visiting City Hall.
**Community Engagement**

**Bringing City Hall To You**

Morning coffees and afternoon community meetings are one of the ways Councilmember Soria stays in touch with her constituents. These meetings provide an opportunity to speak directly with the councilmember about district concerns and stay up to date on District 1 projects. Over the last four years Councilmember Soria has held 40 community and coffee meetings throughout District 1.

**National Night Out**

National Night Out is our biggest event of the Summer. National Night Out was first held at Quigley Park in 2015 and is now held annually at Inspiration Park. This event features free food, informational booths, dj entertainment, games, and a movie in the park for over 500 people.

**Community Celebrations**

Every year, Councilmember Soria participates and donates to several parades in the City of Fresno. Her district is known for its annual Tower District Mardi Gras Parade & Pride Parade. She also participates annually at the famous Downtown Fresno Christmas Parade.

- Martin Luther King Day march in Downtown Fresno!
- Planting over 100 trees at Quigley Neighborhood Park!
- Welcoming California Tiny Houses to the City of Fresno!
- Transportation for Inspiration Park Walk to highlight need for sidewalks on Polk & Gettysburg Avenues!
This year Councilmember Soria received support from her Fresno City council colleagues on a proposal to master plan the restoration and rehabilitation of Quigley Neighborhood Park! This is the first step in making sure District 1 has quality green space. Quigley Park is a public, 8+ acre neighborhood park adjacent to Williams Elementary School. In December 2018, the Fresno City Parks Master Plan’s assessment of Quigley Park placed it in “poor” condition and as a top priority to fix.

We are excited to begin the work! The Master Plan will be dependent on YOUR input to create the long-term vision for Quigley Park.

Councilmember Soria has been working to bring this development to Fresno for over 2 years and is proud of what this investment will bring to our city. Not only will it provide affordable housing for low-income working families, it will include a community health clinic and space for a potential senior center. Additionally, 400 jobs will be created, $15million will be invested directly into our local economy through the purchase of building materials from local businesses, and we will receive $2.5-$4million for sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and other infrastructure upgrades in the neighborhood. This is a huge win for Fresno and District 1.

Want to get involved? We will be forming an advisory committee.

Please contact us at District1@fresno.gov, if interested in participating.

The area west of Highway 99 has been neglected for a long time and we are happy to announce recent investments. In 2017, the County of Fresno voted in support of additional funding for the first public library west of the 99, Councilmember Soria invested $126,000 for an engineering study to improve Polk Avenue and in 2018, the groundbreaking of a milestone community resource center took place, that will include a multi-purpose room, after school tutoring and the new library. Habitat for Humanity announced the construction of three new affordable homes and in the last budget cycle the City of Fresno funded a 4-year project to widen Polk Avenue and include new curb, gutter, and sidewalks.
### Public Safety

**Fresno Police Department**
- **108** New Fresno Police Department positions added.
- **13** New Police Dispatch positions added.
- 2 Police Officers assigned as a permanent Bike Unit for the Tower District.
- **$25,000** for Tower District Police Satellite Station.
- Funding for Skywatch & helicopter repairs.
- Funding for relocation of Northwest Police Station.
- Funding to rebuild Explosive Ordinance Disposal Robot.

**Fresno Fire Department**
- **17** New Fresno Fire Department positions.
- **$383,000** for fire facility improvements.
- **$208,700** for new vehicles and equipment.
- **$365,000** for land acquisition for additional fire stations.
- Fire Company added to Station 9 (Clinton & Vagedes).
- Restored Fire Investigation Unit staffing to pre-recession levels.
- **$3.5 million** for construction of a permanent Fire Station.

**Neighborhood Restoration**
- **$17,527,300** in sidewalks and road repairs.
- **$1,184,000** for new traffic lights.
- **$500,000** for code enforcement to combat blight and enforce city code.
- **$1,004,000** for AI area-wide drainage for Shaw & Polk Area.
- **$2.5 million** for housing rehabilitation and preservation for low income homeowners.
- **$144,300** for tree trimming.
- **$9,000** for landscaping improvements on Van Ness Boulevard from Weldon to Shields.

### Parks & Recreation

**Improving Our Parks & Investing In Our Youth!**

**Youth**
- **$200,000** for operation of City of Fresno Youth Commission tasked at advising the City Council on issues of concern to the youth in Fresno.
- **$75,000** for City of Fresno Youth Internship Program providing job opportunities for youth.
- Councilmember Soria has hosted 4 program interns in the District 1 office.
- Additional **$14,000** for expansion of Junior Lifeguard program, Summer jobs for our youth.
- District 1 Young Councilmember Program for local high school students from Fresno High School, Central High School and those who reside in District 1. A total of 41 students have participated in the program.

**Parks & Recreation**
- **$450,000** for an updated Fresno Parks Masterplan to ensure we are adequately planning for new parks and are competitive for state and federal grants to operate and maintain new and existing parks.
- **$539,800** for Inspiration Park for remaining construction and replacement of play equipment.
- **$129,975** for Quigley Park master planning, blacktop replacement, restroom rehab, gate, field lights, irrigation, tile floor, windows, paint, and garden.
- **$55,000** for Lions Park parking lot repaving.
- **$1,000,000** in additional funding for irrigation and maintenance of city-wide parks.
- **$100,000** for initiation of a Senior Center business plan.
- **$300,000** for future Tower District Park.
- **$150,000** for planning of future Milburn & Dakota park.
- Funding for 730 free Summer swimming lessons in Fresno and Central Unified.
- **$25,000** for Inspiration Park Boys & Girls Club for youth afterschool programs.
- Added a Senior Hot Meals Program at Inspiration Park with **$25,960** in additional funding.
- Permanent FAX Bus Route to Inspiration Park

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Community’s Future

City of Fresno Youth Jobs Taskforce

The City of Fresno Youth Jobs Taskforce was approved by the city council in 2018 a policy led by Councilmember Soria. This taskforce will discuss, evaluate and recommend solutions to the City Council and Mayor to promote youth employment opportunities in the City of Fresno. The Youth Jobs Task Force will also identify and recommend additional programs, potential partnerships and grants to expand employment training and job opportunities for youth. When Councilmember Soria decided to run for office one of her goals was to encourage youth participation and input in local policymaking. This is an example of the work that can be done when our youth is civically engaged.

Fax Bus to Inspiration Park

We are happy to announce that the Fresno Area Express (FAX) has permanently added transit services to Inspiration Park. This service began on January 7, 2019 with the addition of a new bus line, Route 12 that also takes over the western portion of Route 9.

Buses stop across the street from the entrance to Inspiration Park. This service operates everyday and buses arrive every 30 minutes.

Meet the District 1 Team

We are here to serve you!

Fresno City College Parking Structure Approved!

We are excited to announce that the State Center Community College District Board unanimously approved the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Design-Build Procurement Process for the Fresno City College Parking Structure!

The parking structure will add 1,000 parking stalls for students, staff, and faculty at Fresno City College. This is a step closer to help mitigate the neighborhood parking issues that have existed for decades.

The next steps include a bidding process to identify a construction contract to be presented to the State Center Community College District Board in December and construction is estimated to begin in 2020.

We want to give a big thanks to the residents who have attended our community meetings to express concerns about parking and littering issues in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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Call for Questions, Comments, or Concerns!
All calls are confidential. Anonymous calls are accepted.
You can also report your concerns using the City of Fresno FresGO app.

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Report your issues online!

FresGO
Descargue la aplicación a través de su teléfono.
Reporte sus preocupaciones por el internet!

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
- Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Call our office for vacancies or apply online at: https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/

Contacte Nuestra Oficina para:
Servicios para residentes – Por favor llame a la oficina del Distrito 1 si tiene problemas de grafitti, hoyos en su calle, luces de la ciudad quebradas o fundidas, o alguna otra preocupación.

Invólucreses – 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
- Comité Asesor de Bicicletas y Peatones

Llame a nuestra oficina para posiciones vacantes o encuentre la solicitud en el internet: https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/

Follow us on Social Media!

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