

Comments on Public Draft Southwest Fresno Specific Plan

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1	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	1	Plan Introduction	N/A	Is this the first specific plan ever for this area or the first specific plan after the general plan?	6/12/2017	
2	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	1	Plan Introduction	N/A	Why is Southwest Fresno split in two plans [SWFSP and DNCP]?	6/8/2017	
3	Aline Reed	1 - B	Why Plan Southwest Fresno?	1-7 & 1-8	Throughout the meeting for the SW Specific Plan, the community has been told 'this plan will be adopted and enforced because none of the other plans had been adopted + codified.' Pages 1-7 to 1-8 show prior plans HAD been adopted. If the City of Fresno wanted TRUE community input, it would have worked to BUS residents to these meetings held small group sessions PRIOR to appointing a steering committee to find out what the community wanted. Given the aforementioned, the City of Fresno has been less than transparent (sp) in the entire process. This is why the SW community does not trust the 'powers that be.' We have been hoodwinked and bamboozled to many times in the past.	6/13/2017	
4	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community	1 - C	Community Environmental Health	1-10	Although this is the last issue to be addressed, it is of great importance. The stats being used by the City in regards to education and crime rates appears to be skewed to benefit the City of Fresno in its attempt to revitalize Southwest Fresno to fit its vision. This plan also talks about the lack of major retail, limited food and beverage choices. The lack of these types of businesses in this area has been of major concern of the residents of Southwest residents for decades and repeatedly expressed to the City with little being done. The City, truth be told, has left Southwest Fresno behind and systematically created this current problem and blight.	6/15/2017	
5	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	1 - C	Community Environmental Health	1-14	There is a comment about the "fee based Sports Complex". Apparently, this facility is not being "counted" in the ratio of park acreage/1000 people. Is this because it is "fee based" park facility?	6/16/2017	
6	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	1 - C	Community Environmental Health	General	The SWFSP states that residents are uneducated	6/12/2017	
7	Public Comment June 3 Meeting	1 - C	Community Environmental Health	N/A	The demographic stats make people think that [the people of Southwest Fresno] are not worth saving. Where are these statistics from?	6/3/2017	
8	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	2 - B	Guiding Principles	2-3	There is a comment about making parks within "walking distance" of all residences. It would be helpful to know exactly what this means. (how far can people walk?)	6/16/2017	
9	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	2 - B	Guiding Principles	2-4	We look forward to collaborating with City Staff in developing the Industrial Compatibility Assessment ("ICA") and are in full support of this policy. The completion and implementation of a thorough ICA is a first step in the long marathon it would be to create healthy neighborhoods across Fresno City and improve our nationally ranked harmful air quality. Yet, as written the ICA will only "monitor and mitigate negative impacts of industrial uses from becoming a nuisance hazard to residents." Residents in a city where 40% of the census tracts rank in the top 5% on the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 deserve something better that will actually provide drastic changes to their reality. A sound ICA will comprehensively assess the various impacts surrounding communities around facilities face and identify options to improve living conditions for the neighborhood. In addition to mitigation efforts that are also complimented with comprehensive greening strategies, options should include relocation and amortization, all while working with owners of these facilities to provide the best outcome for existing residents.	6/16/2017	
10	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	2 - B	Guiding Principles	2-4	Another bullet in [the industrial compatibility] section reads that it will "restrict proximity of industrial development and truck routes near residential areas." This language should be stronger and prohibit, rather than restrict, all industrial development and truck routes near homes. The City should ensure that not only is the Plan Area safeguarded from any new industrial development, but the entire West Fresno region so as to be consistent with the Vision adopted in December.	6/16/2017	
11	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	2 - C	Specific Plan Land Use Vision	General	West Fresno was not build with complete neighborhoods, mixed use is a "Bay Area thing" that is not right for our community.	6/12/2017	

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12	Jazz Clark	3	Land Use	General	I feel as some spots could be change[d] around the community but they are over looking those spots	5/17/2017	
13	Ivanka Saunders-Hunt	3	Land Use	General	<p>In planning for the future, design with prevention of overpopulation and oversaturation because an aerial view of LA or the Bay Area looks cancerous with all of its urban sprawl with no green space. Our open space is not in short supply in Southwest Fresno, so don't design as if it is. Be creative and open to designs that allow for the small-town atmosphere, the agricultural base and include the infrastructure that allows for the sophistication of businesses. These factors can create a complete community without it having to look like the replica of some other city. We have an opportunity to be unique to how we design.</p> <p>Yes, when you look at an aerial view of southwest Fresno, there is a lot of open space that is not filled with buildings. This does not mean that the only way to make use of that open land is to build buildings on it. We are Fresno and a major part of our identity is that we are an "agriculture bread basket" and we should not be trying to mimic a large metropolis of the Bay Area or Los Angeles where their green open space is in short supply.</p> <p>Our Open Spaces need to be filled with what our Southwest Fresno citizens that currently live there need. We live on the most fertile soil, yet our families live in a Food Dessert because we have no quality grocery stores and not enough community gardens. We don't need farmers markets to be set up in a paved parking lot when we have the fertile land that can be its own organized market.</p>	6/16/2017	
14	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	3	Land Use	N/A	Concerned that the plan has not worked closely with school districts [Washington Unified] to determine placement of new schools.	6/8/2017	
15	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	3	Land Use	N/A	Resident was concerned about how proposed zoning changes might affect existing properties. What happens to properties that weren't built legally? What are the rules for grandfathering? What about illegal additions? Or businesses?	6/8/2017	
16	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	3 - B	Southwest Fresno Specific Plan Land Uses	3-4	This Figure 3-2 illustrates the land use plan for the Specific Plan area. The land on the south side of Whitesbridge Ave. between Marks Ave. and Hughes Ave is currently designated for "Residential Medium Low" uses and is zoned "RS-4". We are concerned that this significant (approximately 40 acres) property, designated and zoned as shown on this exhibit, would remain vacant for a very long period of time "waiting for the market". We would prefer to have the property designated and zoned as it exists today ("Residential Medium Low Density" / "RS-4") or we would entertain a "Dual Use Designation" that would leave the Commercial/Multi Family designations in place for a period of time. If the higher intensity uses did not materialize as envisioned by the plan, then we would have the ability to develop the property as per the current land use designation / zoning. This needs to be discussed.	6/16/2017	
17	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	3 - B	Southwest Fresno Specific Plan Land Uses	3-5	This exhibit (3-3) incorrectly indicates that the "Dual Land Use" for the southwest corner of Hughes and California is "Corridor Mixed Use". The correct land use designation is "Residential Medium Low Density" and this graphic needs to be corrected.	6/16/2017	
18	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	4 - C	Kearney Boulevard Historic Corridor Overlay	4-5	There is an error on the first paragraph. It says that Kearney Blvd. continues "east" and makes a dramatic s-curve...This should read "west".	6/16/2017	
19	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	4 - C	Kearney Boulevard Historic Corridor Overlay	4-6	Regarding the Kearney Blvd. development and design standards, it is apparent that the text suggests to continue the same historic development pattern with 100' of the street ROW. This may be difficult or impossible to achieve on Kearney Blvd. between Hughes Ave. and Marks Ave. due to the existing FID canal structures. This issue should be discussed further.	6/16/2017	
20	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	4 - C	Kearney Boulevard Historic Corridor Overlay	4-7	the "Regional Retail Magnet" at Marks and Whitesbridge Ave. should be modified to reflect the existing land use designation and zoning discussed in Item 3 -1 (above)	6/16/2017	
21	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	5	Transportation	N/A	As noted in the Plan, we strongly support the expansions of transit lines, bus frequency, and hours in operation, however this language is contradictory to language in the Downtown Community Neighborhoods Plan that shows withdrawal of services to areas West of the 99. If services were to be decreased rather than expanded, this would clearly create a disparate impact on this predominantly community of color that uses transit services as a lifeline to jobs, health appointments, etc. Figure 5-4 in Chapter 5: Transportation shows what could potentially be a life line for residents to access better jobs, educational opportunities, and medical care while development occurs in the Plan Area; and once development initiates, these new lines could be a source for other residents to come into this community to take advantage of the community's new resources. We expect to see these potential lines vetted first before community on various occasions before adoption to ensure what is proposed is consistent with the majority of the community's wishes. If lines are found to not work with community needs, the City and FAX must be willing to alter their proposed routes to create a viable bus service for Southwest Fresno.	6/16/2017	

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22	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	5	Transportation	N/A	To further reduce our emissions and simultaneously reach California's ambitious climate goals, a policy should be added to promote and incentivize zero emission buses come into West Fresno.	6/16/2017	
23	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	5	Transportation	N/A	[T]he plan must ensure that focusing on corridors with intensive land uses does not result in failure to provide efficient services to neighborhoods not along corridors and look at alternative first and last mile solutions to allow all residents benefit from these services.	6/16/2017	
24	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	5	Transportation	N/A	We applaud staff for rerouting truck traffic on California Avenue, part of Jensen Avenue, and North Avenue, however more must be changed. Specifically, the existing truck traffic on Church Avenue which passes through homes and three schools, should be eliminated. This route can be moved to the already recommended truck route along Central Avenue to ensure it reaches its facilities on Church and West avenues. Additionally, traffic on Elm Avenue north of Jensen as there is no need for this route since the facilities located on Elm south of Jensen are accessible by Highway 99.	6/16/2017	
25	Francisco Mendez	5	Transportation	N/A	Southwest Fresno needs more buses and sidewalks. I live near near Jensen and Fruit and there is no sidewalk to connect me to a bus stop. Need development incentives. Plan needs to move forward	6/12/2017	
26	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	5	Transportation	N/A	Concerned that property will be taken over to widen roads and build bikes and trails that are being proposed in the plan.	6/12/2017	
27	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	5	Transportation	N/A	We should build streets into Fresno, and perhaps an entrance to the freeway.	6/12/2017	
28	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	5	Transportation	N/A	We need to encourage businesses into the area, we should have a better bus system for the community.	6/12/2017	
29	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - B	Transportation Improvements	5-9	This Figure (5-5) indicates that Hughes Ave. south of Whitesbridge Ave. may need to be a 6 lane facility due to the Regional Retail Corridor. Looking at the comment 3-1 (above), it would seem that a 4 lane future ROW would be more than sufficient.	6/16/2017	

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30	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-14	The text discusses and illustrates (Figure 5-7) three new "Zones" ("Throughway", "Curb", and "Frontage") This appears to be something different than the rest of the City and will most likely create confusion among the "development community". We would suggest that these new definitions are unnecessary	6/16/2017	
31	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-17	Under Streetscape Amenities, the text states that "Pedestrian Lights should be installed every 20 to 30 feet". This seems excessive and is not consistent with the balance of the City.	6/16/2017	
32	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-18	Is the Street Tree spacing requirement (20 to 30 feet apart) consistent with the rest of the City?	6/16/2017	
33	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-19	Is the City planning on maintaining the "Biofiltration Features" or will Flood Control take on this task? How deep does the City envision the "trenches" and would they need to be fenced?	6/16/2017	
34	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-21	The text identifies a new term, "Sharrow". Is this a term that is used anywhere else in the General Plan of the City of Fresno?	6/16/2017	
35	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - C	Complete Streets Design Guidelines	5-22	The text mentions that bike racks "should be located at each FAX bus stop". We don't recall ever seeing this as a requirement. Who will pay for the bike racks and who will maintain them?	6/16/2017	
36	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - D	Goals and Policies	5-23	The term "new wide sidewalks" in Policy T-1.4 needs to be defined (how wide in new development areas?)	6/16/2017	
37	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - D	Goals and Policies	5-24	Policy T-3.3 makes a statement about "limiting driveways along sidewalks by consolidating driveways and minimizing driveways". This does not seem like a Policy that can be achieved.	6/16/2017	
38	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - D	Goals and Policies	5-24	Policy T-4.5 discusses bicycle racks, lockers at a variety of locations. Who will pay for these facilities and who will maintain them?	6/16/2017	
39	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	5 - D	Goals and Policies	5-27	The text lists three Policies designed to deal with storm water "quality". Has the FMFCD commented on these Policies? (T-12.1, T-12.2, T-12.3) Before these policies are memorialized in a Specific Plan, the Flood Control District needs to be consulted.	6/16/2017	
40	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	N/A	[Chapter 6 Section B] finds that "existing parks listed meets and even exceeds the general Plan's parkland standard of 3 acres per 1,000 residents at a ratio of 3.45 acres per 1,000 residents" Though the section goes into further discussion acknowledging that ponding basins and ponding basin parks, Hyde Park, and the Regional Sports Complex are consistently identified by residents as unhealthy and unusable park space, the previous paragraph along with Table 601 diminishes the existing conditions where Southwest Fresno does not have adequate park space. This table rebuts the lengthy conversations the Steering Committee had and comments made by residents that state those are not adequate park spaces. Table 6-1 accurately reflect the reality Southwest Fresno residents face and that is that unhealthy and inadequate greenspace should not be identified as available park space. Those spaces include parks on or surrounding landfills like the Regional Sports Complex and Hyde park; ponding basins and ponding basin parks; and parks with no amenities or just benches. If all the previous mentioned were removed, usable parkland would decrease to 20.06 acres, or 1.61 acres per 1,000 residents. A new table should be created to reflect this reality.	6/16/2017	
41	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	N/A	The Plan recommends certain mitigations to improve parkland in Southwest Fresno it should prioritize the addition of quality acres, amenities to parks with no existing structures or amenities, and the replacement of older and unsafe equipment. Parks old park equipment should be replaced, priorities those parks with the oldest structures first.	6/16/2017	

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42	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	6-4	Improving access and amenities at ponding basin parks is listed as a mitigation effort, however we often hear from residents that they do not wish this to be prioritized. We understand the ease in these parks adding greenspace, however, it is pointless to invest in these ponding basins as they will not fulfill the needs of the community for healthy, aesthetic green space that is available for use year-round. Furthermore, we commend staff for noting that acreage should be limited to the upper and/or middle levels so as to make the actual acreage much more realistic and look forward to seeing the changes as implemented.	6/16/2017	
43	Aline Reed	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	General	I do not have a clear vision as to where new parks/green spaces will be located in SW Fresno. Having recently visited Inspiration Park on Polk & Gettysburg, I think it behooves the City if Fresno to put a similar facility in SW Fresno. I hope it is located in an easy access location and on a bus route. I hope that Hyde Park is permanently closed and its history posted. West Fresnoans deserve a wonderful recreation park! Help our community heal from the brutal assaults that it has endured. If you want the SW community it trust the City - Stop and put our needs first. But, you have to ASK us what we want. Please, please do your jobs! We need excellent Parks! (Plural)	6/12/2017	
44	Ivanka Saunders-Hunt	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	General	Southwest Fresno has the most available open space within the City of Fresno, but the least amount of open green space designated to public parks. The Parks Master Plan and the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan need to be reviewed and implemented simultaneously. The research and analysis of the state of our parks has already been completed so use that information.	6/16/2017	
45	Ivanka Saunders-Hunt	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	General	Also, incoming housing developers should be required by the City of Fresno to include accessible green space and parks within their development plans. There should also be stipulations on the light industrial warehouse developments to be environmentally responsible and ethically aware that they are still building/situated next to a community. For example: South Elm/North where light industrial but large building structures are continually being established, should be required to maintain tree lined streets and pocket parks.	6/16/2017	
46	Disability Advisory Commission June 13	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	General	Would like to see the plan address Parks for All (accessible parks)	6/13/2017	
47	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	6-1	The last paragraph on the page refers to the "San Joaquin River Parkway". This is probably an error.	6/16/2017	
48	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	6-3	The Parkland Ratio of 3.45 acres /1000 persons exceeds the City Ratio. Removing the ponding basins listed on Table 6-1 still results in a ratio of 3.01 acres/1000 persons. The text states that the park ratio is 1.74 acres/1000. This issue needs to be discussed further.	6/16/2017	
49	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	6-5	Figure 6-1 illustrates a ½ mile radius around parks. It appears as though the entire plan area is within a short walking distance of an existing or planned park site. This issue needs further discussion with the item above.	6/16/2017	
50	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	6-7	The Table 6-2 recommends water features in parks. Will the City accept all liability for a water feature(s)?	6/16/2017	
51	N/A	6 - B	Parks and Open Space	N/A	Hyde Park?? Really?? Is there even a water faucet there??? Pride Park?? Really? A park? No, it's a section of land that is smaller than my backyard! There isn't not even spaces for kids to run!!!	5/17/2017	
52	Darren Miller	6-C	Education	N/A	More time & detail must be paid to the ACTUAL K-12 site within the plan. Fresno Unified is land locked in the plan. Washington Unified & Central Unified are the districts which will receive most of the growth. They both MUST BE part of ALL future discussions regarding the plan. Developers should not come without engaging these K-12 districts directly. For more than 30 years, the SWSP area has been educationally deficient. This SWSP provides an opportunity to impact & change this debilitating factor.	5/17/2017	

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53	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	6 - D	Goals and Policies	6-11	Policy PF -2.4 refers to "parkland less than 40 acres". Is the 40 acre size a "standard" City "standard" or is this unique to the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan?	6/16/2017	
54	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	7 - B	Wet Utilities Needs Analysis and Improvements	7-9	Figure 7-3 illustrates recycled water improvements but does not illustrate how the treated effluent is transported to those distribution lines. Can this figure be supplemented with that additional information?	6/16/2017	
55	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	7 - E	Goals and Policies	7-13	Policy U-1.6 should be expanded to develop a recycled water distribution layout for the Specific Plan area.	6/16/2017	
56	Ivanka Saunders-Hunt	8	Implementation	General	<p>While A Lot of work has already gone into the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan, it is still too general and does not include enough details. If this plan is to get off the shelf and into implementation stage, it needs to be as complete as any other specific plan that the City has worked on. Lay this plan out on a table, side by side the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan and how different does it look in the details of completeness.</p> <p>There are no financial estimations included in the plan that gives any idea of how much specific projects will cost. For example: what is going to be the estimate cost in street infrastructure at the designated Magnet Cores?</p>	6/16/2017	
57	Ivanka Saunders-Hunt	8	Implementation	General	<p>When asked to give a numerical priority to which topics should be implemented first, they are all a priority and should be implemented at the same time.</p> <p>Parks: Developing a new park and rehabilitating an existing park: These are still priority for the Parks and Rec and Parks Master Plan departments of the City of Fresno.</p> <p>Employment and Job Opportunities and Skills Training and Youth Development and a Community College Satellite Campus: These should be the priority for the Economical Development and Educational departments of the City of Fresno and State College Community District.</p> <p>Transportation (truck routes, streets and sidewalks and bicycle lanes and bus services: These should be the priorities for our Public Works/ Transportation Departments of the City of Fresno.</p> <p>Don't try to put the responsibility of prioritization onto the citizens of Southwest Fresno when the Departments of the City of Fresno know well what its priorities should be and what its functions are for each of these Departments. When it comes to the rest of the areas of the City of Fresno, the Departments don't need community engagement to decide what their job function and responsibilities are to the communities, so don't act as if this is something new. This is just one of the many ways, that the City of Fresno can later state that they tried to help poor Southwest Fresno, but the community just couldn't decide what was needed or important. And therefore, you will always hear the complaint from Southwest Fresno residents stating that the City of Fresno neglects and ignores their community</p>	6/16/2017	
58	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	Though the current draft does include certain general projects with general funding sources listed and a number of workshops, there are few detailed physical projects. Southwest Fresno's plan does not contain the specificity one would expect and require a specific plan to have. There should be multiple tables addressing transportation, infrastructure, sustainability, building, and other topics. Within these tables one can then find a project name and short description; which entity or sector's responsibility it is to implement -for instance, is it private or public, City Council or DARM, etc.; a timeframe of project initiation; a cost estimate; and potential funding sources from the various sources available of public, private, other government and others.	6/16/2017	
59	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	In developing the second draft of the SWSP, the City should look at the level of specificity and detail laid out in the [Fresno Corridor Specific Plan] for inspiration. Additionally, the FCSP includes Table 8.4A in Chapter 8: Public Realm which is a Street Tree Planting List complete with a map of the Fulton Corridor identifying where the tree(s) will be planted, the type of tree planted, and the spacing. Having additional shade when walking or biking and to also help the severe contamination in the neighborhood, residents have mentioned time and time again the importance of having more streets. Though the SWSP Draft does acknowledge this need, it does not go into the same level of detail as the FCSP, which would greatly help the implementation process as the City moves forward on this Plan in years to come.	6/16/2017	

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60	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	There should be a map, table, and plan addressing the numerous industrial sites in Southwest Fresno by creating green buffer zones around these facilities to reduce the direct contact surrounding homes, park, and schools have to the pollution from these industrial factories. This was something that was constantly discussed amongst community and Steering Committee members that is not clearly laid out in the Draft Plan.	6/16/2017	
61	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	8	Implementation	General	The SWFSP is weak and lacks specifics which other plans have, like estimates of how much improvements will cost.	6/12/2017	
62	Keeza McCoy	8 - B	GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY- PRINCIPLES	8-2	The Southwest Specific plan gives no protection for homeowners and current residents that will guarantee that their homes & private owned property will remain and eminent domain will not and cannot be an option. Also the acquisition and easement of private property for the expansion or input of sidewalks and bikelanes should not be an option as well.	6/12/2017	
63	Alejandra Mendez	8 - B	GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY- PRINCIPLES	8-2	I would not like the City to come and exercise the Eminent Domain to take away my property. I'm all for improvements to our area, but not when it involves the taking away of our properties.	6/3/2017	
64	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	8 - B	General Implementation Strategy	8-2	The Principles on this page state that "the City will not subsidize new development" and "the City should incentivize infill development". These principles seem to be in conflict. The City should consider incentivizing all development.	6/16/2017	
65	Keeza McCoy	8 - B	GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY- PRINCIPLES	8-2	Hello I'm a resident of west Fresno 93706. My concern is eminent domain. Stated in the plan page 8-2 it states 'however sometimes eminent domain may be used as a last resort to widen a street or acquire a school site, for example' & this is concerning. Suggested in the plan is a possible college campus across from Gaston Middle School which will require the surrounding streets to be widen. Also what other examples that can lead to eminent domain being implemented that is not stated? I'm against any plans that will resort to using eminent domain. The plan needs to be changed that will result in the language being that eminent domain Will Not occur.	5/18/2017	
66	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	8 - C	Funding and Financing Tools	8-3	The text states that "the City may prohibit other development under the plan until the project applicant has paid the required infrastructure cost repayment fee". This issue needs to be clarified. (does this mean development anywhere in the City?)	6/16/2017	
67	Diane Smith	8 - C	Funding and Financing Tools	8-5	Do Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts allow taxation without resident consultation or input?	6/12/2017	
68	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	8 - D	Economic Development Strategies	8-13	Under the heading " Mayors Office for Economic Development" (MOED), there are several items that could be "expanded" to help developers make decisions about doing business in the Specific Plan area. The MOED could develop a map of infill opportunity areas and a map of all City owned properties.	6/16/2017	
69	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8 - E	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	We acknowledge the Staff's efforts in identifying four priorities that can be implemented or started at around the time of the Plan's adoption. These priorities include: an implementation oversight committee, employment skills and training workshop, sidewalk demonstration project, and a new park project. To the committee priority, the SWFSP should include a commitment to ensure that community members are informed of every step involving in creation of the committee, including how they can participate in the committee as members or the public. This process should be transparent and inclusive of residents on the committee and not solely stakeholders.	6/16/2017	

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71	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8 - E	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	The [employment skills and training workshop] should be well publicized at strategic locations including schools, libraries, community centers, and high traffic pedestrian intersections.	6/16/2017	
72	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8 - E	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	Given the priority parks are for the community, City Staff should develop the new park on Elm and Gove alongside community.	6/16/2017	
73	Building Healthy Communities, Central Valley Air Quality, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Centro La Familia, CNC Education Fund, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	8 - E	Implementation Action Plan	N/A	To further increase opportunity for employment with relatively better wages, West Fresno residents should be notified of employment opportunities as development of the Plan Area commences. Whether it be in commercial zoning, office spaces or the reverse triangle where industrial development is planned for, surrounding community should have priority access to these jobs.	6/16/2017	
74	Jeff Roberts Granville Homes	8 - E	Implementation Action Plan	8-25	On Table 8-6, under Goal PF-2, the text states that funding for a Park Master Plan (for each quarter section) will come from "Developers". The text should be expanded to include a reference to "Park Fee Credit". The plan, the land, and the construction costs of the parks should be eligible for credit against the fee obligations.	6/16/2017	
75	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community	Chapter 8, 4, and	N/A	N/A	Proposed use of eminent domain as a last resort. However, through out the Specific Plan many of the streets or roads are to be widen. Eminent domain can be used to accomplish this part of the plan, thus resulting in the loss of property. In addition the acquiring of private property easements to put in sidewalks, curbs and gutters in areas where they don't exist will result in the loss of property. Some of this has already occurred without notifying the impacted property owners or the community at large.	6/15/2017	

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76	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community)	Development of the Plan	N/A	N/A	The plan being presented as an original plan actually has been around for many years. Some of the plan was part of the old Redevelopment Agency's agenda which is now known as the Successor Agency, both under the leadership of the Fresno City Council then and now. Some of the plan seems to have taken many of the ideas that Terence Frazier developed in 2008. A review of DARM documents (old & new) reflects that the only difference is that these plans were not codified by the City Council.	6/15/2017	
77	Aline Reed	General	General	N/A	Since the SW Specific Plan and the Edison Neighborhood Plan SPLITS SW Fresno into PARTS - a detailed explanation of both plans should be taking place at the same time. Sophia stated residents requested inclusion in the Edison Plan. I NEVER received a notice about the Edison Plan. The City of Fresno is not telling residents the truth about what High Speed Rail will do to SW Fresno!	5/24/2017	
78	Brunette Harris (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community)	General	General	N/A	There have been several plans that are similar to this one. Residents have given input in those plans, but it has not been heard and our wishes have not materialized.	6/8/2017	
79	Cathy Holmes	General	General	N/A	Improve Sewer infrastructure along Church St. and neighborhood to [the] North and South in Southwest Fresno.	5/17/2017	
80	Cathy Holmes	General	General	N/A	Need cameras + surveillance in neighborhood around Gaston Middle School	5/17/2017	
81	Cathy Holmes	General	General	N/A	Spray for insects around Gaston Middle School Neighborhood	5/17/2017	
82	Cathy Holmes	General	General	N/A	Hyde Park [is] not a park, landfill site w/out amenities	5/17/2017	
83	Disability Advisory Commission June 13	General	General	N/A	Would like to see the plan address people with disabilities and job creation	6/13/2017	
84	Hester Hensley	General	General	N/A	Asking that you would please Help the side. West side of Fresno. We would like to see retail stores on This side of Town. The same as the north side. We would like a Wal-mart, WinCo, Home Depot, J.C. Penny's, etc. Come visit the West side and see For your self. We have not one Wal-mart. Going north you can count at least seven. We all Live in This Town Together. We should be Treat The Same. Just Do The Right Thing Please! Thank you.	6/15/2017	
85	Moniqka Ricks	General	N/A	N/A	It's sad that we have to drive all the way across town to go grocery shopping. It's not that mant stores on this side of town like Wal-Mart, Target, and other stores. All we have is a Food Maxx. I feel that it should be more stores than that. I've been raised on the Westside and everything that was built never last. Have to waste so much gas to go to the Northside to get good gas, go grocery shopping, go to the mall and etc. We need a change and we need it now.		
86	Pamela Jones	General	General	N/A	I feel that we should have more stores on this side of town. Promote more jobs for those in need of a job. Should have a Taco Bell over here also. If you have to go to Wal-mart, you have to go on the Northside or the Eastside. Just barely got a Family Dollar and that's on Jensen. How long will we have to wait to get more stores on Southwest Fresno area. To get good gas you have to drive across town to get it, clothing stores Northwest Fresno, Movie Theaters Northwest Fresno. We have to do better in Southwest Fresno as a Community. We need more jobs on this side of town. Thank you for your time.	6/15/2017	
87	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	General	General	N/A	Concerned about the potential use of eminent domain to take property	6/12/2017	
88	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	General	General	N/A	The community must unify if we want to see changes. Hopes that grandkids will have decent places to shop at.	6/12/2017	
89	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	General	General	N/A	The Transformative Climate Funds meeting is coming up. Fearful that these funds will go to other communities, specifically communities in the Downtown Plan area.	6/12/2017	
90	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	General	General	N/A	Concerned that residents were not properly notified about the City-wide zoning change that just occurred.	6/8/2017	
91	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	General	General	N/A	If residents feel that their property was unfairly rezoned, who should they contact and what is the process to remedy this?	6/8/2017	

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92	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	General	General	N/A	Will they be expanding Chandler Airport? If so will surrounding properties be affected?	6/8/2017	
93	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	General	General	N/A	I have been contacted by people who are interested in buying my house. I am concerned that this plan will push people out of the neighborhood.	6/8/2017	
94	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	General	General	N/A	Higher Education is important for this community	6/8/2017	
95	Chris Foxen	Process	Plan Process	N/A	There were a considerable amount of meetings between just the committee members. At the minimum there should have been meeting agendas and minutes for the public to review. There should have also been voting records kept for every land designation. People have a right to know what is being said about their properties, neighboring properties, and who is voting to change or not change about their property	5/18/2017	
96	Chris Foxen	Process	Plan Process	N/A	2) I have heard the same complaint from people at every meeting. They didn't know about the specific plan, meetings, etc. I don't understand why the City of Fresno doesn't use certified mail for these notifications. a. I am not sure if this is already being done but mailers should go out to address of property and tax billing address of property. Tax billing address would help notify landlords of the upcoming changes.	5/18/2017	
97	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community)	Process	N/A	N/A	The City of Fresno is still not complying with HUD Guidelines in respect to Community input/involvement. A) The Specific Plan Draft was released on Friday, May 12, 2017 for review and the first community meeting being held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. This was not enough time to read such a large document and formulate questions to be asked regarding the Specific Plan. See HUD Guidelines regarding public notice, page 9. B) City failed to inform residents and business owners of the SW Specific Plan prior to the draft being developed. C) A majority of the residents in attendance indicated that they were not aware of the Southwest Specific Plan and/or the meetings and became aware by word of mouth. D) However, City staff at said meetings indicated that mailers were sent to residents residing in the Specific Plan boundaries, flyers were placed in local churches/ community centers and announcements on the Hmong and Spanish radio stations.	6/15/2017	
98	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community)	Process	N/A	N/A	Property in the Specific Plan boundaries was rezoned without proper notification of the property owner, home owners or businesses. They were not informed that they could contact their Council Member to object to the rezoning of their property. A) Whites bridge and Marks area slated to become a retail corridor. When questioned about what would happen to the existing businesses in the area at a community meeting, Sophia Pagoulatos stated that the businesses would be "grandfathered in". This seems to be an unrealistic statement based on the type of businesses that already exist and the retail businesses being proposed. This would result in a situation similar to the Darling fiasco, minus the smell.	6/15/2017	
99	Keeza McCoy	Process	N/A	N/A	The Southwest Specific Plan is not in compliance with federal guidelines in regards to effective community participation and is comprised of plans from the redevelopment agency and private developers from the past that did not involve community engagement.	6/12/2017	
100	N/A	Process	Community Notices	N/A	Better communication - Your own does say...when rezoning, notices need to be sent to the property owners, not just published in paper or current tenant. Notices in Spanish not very useful to detail what is going own language level to high for many to even understand -- say it in plain language not this big words	5/17/2017	
101	Public Comment June 12 Meeting	Process	Plan Process	N/A	Citizens are not being notified of current projects (like the Dollar General) that are going up in our community.	6/12/2017	
102	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	Process	Plan Process	N/A	The Steering Committee are making decisions for the community. How many Steering Committee members live in the plan area?	6/8/2017	
103	Public Comment June 8 Meeting	Process	Adoption	N/A	This plan is different from plans that have come before because it will be adopted and become law.	6/8/2017	

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104	Diane B. Smith (on Behalf of the members of H.E.A.T for SW Fresno Community)	Process	Steering Committee	N/A	<p>The Steering Committee members were selected by Council Member Oliver Baines, who represents District Three. The Steering Committee was appointed at the beginning of the planning process and played an advisory role. Definition of advisory from English Oxford Dictionary: "Having or consisting in the power to make recommendations but not to take action enforcing them".</p> <p>A) Other residents and stakeholders were not given the opportunity to apply or request to be on the Steering Committee.</p> <p>B) The Steering Committee was in place for over 1 year before many residents were aware of the existence of the committee.</p> <p>C) The Steering Committee did not hold meetings in the community prior to starting the process of developing the plan, the community meetings were generated by City staff.</p> <p>D) There are a number of issues regarding at least three (3) members of Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One member is also on the Housing and Community Development Committee, who will ultimately review and vote on, the plan before it is forwarded to the City Council for a vote. 2) The other two members own property within the boundaries of the plan and will benefit financially if this plan is adopted. <p>E) The City Council made changes to a portion of the plan area on North Ave and when the Committee questioned this at a meeting was informed that the Council decision could not be changed.</p>	6/15/2017	