



CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber
Merced Civic Center
2nd Floor
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes

City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Special Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Special Meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Sarah Boyle, Council Member Darin Dupont, Council Member Michael Harris, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

Absent: 0

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Felipe ROJAS-FLORES, Merced - spoke on the history of a District System and encouraged Council to appoint someone who lives in District 2.

Isabel SANCHEZ, Merced - spoke on wanting the person appointed to live in the community and ask that they prioritize the needs of the south side.

Maria VARGAS, Merced - spoke on wanting the person appointed to live in the community and the issues in the district.

Ana CINTRON, Merced - spoke on wanting a representative that will represent south side Merced.

Maria CALDERON, Merced - spoke on wanting the person appointed to live in south Merced and the needs in south Merced.

Ashley MARIE SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on the importance of public input when considering the appointment.

D. ACTION ITEMS

D.1. **SUBJECT: District Two Candidate Presentations/Q&A with City Council/Closing Remarks**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Qualified District Two Candidates will present oral presentations regarding their application for appointment to the current District Two Council Seat Vacancy followed by a Q&A period with City Council members and then closing remarks by Candidates.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion appointing a qualified elector of the City of Merced to the District Two Council seat vacancy to serve until the first Tuesday following the next General Municipal Election and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Mayor SERRATTO gave an opening statement and discussed the process of the interview.

District 2 applicants answered a series of interview questions relating to the District 2 position, the needs of District 2, and what the Candidate's favorite thing about the district posed by Council.

District 2 applicants in attendance:

Jody GEORGE, Dina GONZALEZ, Gloria KEENE, Yang THAO, and Tommy TRAN.

Council took a recess at 7:07 PM and reconvened at 7:25 PM.

Council thanked the applicants for attending and answering questions and deliberated on their decision.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Yang Thao as the District 2 representative. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0