

CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission

Resolution #4184

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Merced, at its regular meeting of June 3, 2026, considered **Vacation #26-0002**, initiated by the City of Merced (City). This application involves the abandonment/vacation of an approximately 55-foot-wide area of the southern portion of Canal (L) Street situated between Block 185 and Block 186, north of W. 16th Street and east of M Street, as depicted on Attachment B of the associated Planning Commission Staff Report (Staff Report); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed vacation will retain all existing Public Utility Easements and City ownership; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2021, the City Council allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Bob Hart Square Expansion Project, now known as Bob Hart Plaza; and,

WHEREAS, the City is requesting to vacate this easement as part of the renovation of Bob Hart Square and Plaza; and,

WHEREAS, Site Plan Review No. 26-0021 was approved on April 2, 2026, to allow the operation of Bob Hart Square and Plaza as a Parks and Recreation Facility providing active and passive recreational opportunities for the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (General Plan) contains goals and policies including preservation and enhancement of existing neighborhoods and a distinguished downtown, pedestrian compatible neighborhoods, attractive neighborhoods and districts, and encourages a mixture of uses and activities that will maintain the vitality of the downtown area and solidifying the downtown area as the arts, entertainment and dining destination; and,

WHEREAS, Vacation #26-0002 directly advances and supports the General Plan's applicable policies, text and maps and is therefore consistent with the General Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Commission concurs with and adopts the Planning Commission Staff Report accompanying Vacation #26-0002.

SECTION 2. That Vacation #26-0002 is consistent with the City of Merced's Merced Vision 2030 General Plan.

SECTION 3. That the Commission recommends to the City Council of the City of

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Merced to set the time and place for public hearing and grant Vacation #26-0002.

Upon motion by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____,
and carried by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Adopted this 3rd day of June 2026.

Chairperson, Planning Commission of
the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:

Secretary