



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Create Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for Ragsdale Neighborhood

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider creating an Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for the Ragsdale Neighborhood in Central Merced.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2017- 45**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Ragsdale Subdivision honorary neighborhood residential historic district designation.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

### DISCUSSION

The Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association is requesting that the City Council create an Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for the Ragsdale Neighborhood. The Merced DNA believes it would serve to recognize the historic character of the neighborhood, and call attention to the rich history of the homes and the past and present homeowners.

The designation would not require any zoning changes or place any land use restrictions on property owners within the district, and it does not impose any kinds of restrictions on the homeowners, nor does it prevent any future changes or modifications to the structures. There would be no changes in

property taxes. Any signage to reflect the designation would be paid for by the residents after the design was approved by City staff.

The Merced DNA has held a community meeting to discuss the designation with Ragsdale residents and approximately 45 people attended and supported the idea. In addition, there is a petition with 78 signatures from residents in support of the designation.

Representatives of the Merced DNA and the Ragsdale neighborhood plan to present to the City Council their proposal and discuss the merits of the designation.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Report from the Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association
2. Resolution 2017-45