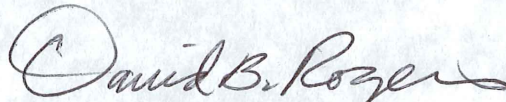


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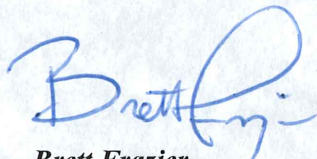
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- WHEREAS,** *The unincorporated town of Fairmead was originally settled next to the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1912 and had a population of 1,500; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *Fairmead was predicted to be the largest city between Stockton and Los Angeles, and once had a business district that included a 30-room hotel, post office, cheese factory, general store, four grocery stores, a barbershop, a garage, a three-room schoolhouse, an organized baseball team and the Fairmead Enterprise and Fairmead Herald newspapers; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *over the 103 years since, Fairmead has fallen to poverty after losing its business district to nearby cities; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *in 2007 Barbara Nelson, Nettie Amey, Lawyer Cooper and Annie Cooper formed the Fairmead Community and Friends in order to work toward making Fairmead a better place to live by advocating for health, justice, a safer environment and community resources; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *the Community Action Partnership, a social service agency of Madera County, helped the group by offering fiduciary support until the Fairmead Community and Friends received their official 501c3 nonprofit tax status; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *during the past eight years, Fairmead Community and Friends have held monthly meetings for residents, where they gave updates on projects and community improvements; acted as the voice of the community by attending Board of Supervisors meetings and working with the various County departments; provided annual Thanksgiving feasts, Christmas gatherings, toy giveaways and community fundraisers; sponsored community cleanup events with the help of Madera County staff; inspired Fairmead's residents to get involved in their community and collaborated with agencies and individuals to obtain grants; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *Fairmead Community and Friends continue to work toward changing lives, empowering people and building a better community for all of Fairmead's residents.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, does hereby congratulate Fairmead Community and Friends on the outstanding job of bringing together the residents and inspiring all of Madera County.



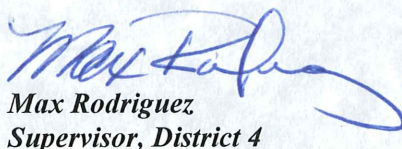
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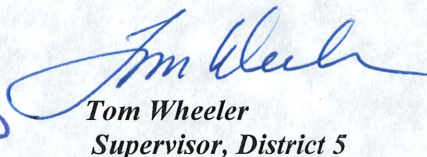
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