

Argument Against Measure ___ - Charter Amendment 12

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Election Date: March 5, 2024

Measure I.D. (if any): _____

Jurisdiction: Fresno County

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This Measure will reverse the renaming of Squaw Valley to Yokuts Valley, which violates state law!

The first Native American Secretary of the Interior declared that the term "Sq___" was offensive and derogatory, and in 2023, the word "Sq___" was removed from nearly 650 places ACROSS AMERICA, including Fresno's "Sq___" Valley.

California's first Native American Assemblymember James Ramos authored AB 2022 to remove "Sq___" from all California place names by 2025. This state law passed with a unanimous vote of both houses of the legislature.

When Fresno County filed a lawsuit claiming that AB 2022 violated residents' rights, the Judge recognized that the term 'squaw' is considered to be racist, sexist, and offensive to many people," and so used "Sq___" instead.

We are deeply opposed to this Measure for many reasons:

- For decades, Native Americans have argued against the use of the word "Sq___", which perpetuates prejudice and disparages Native women.
- California has moved beyond the days when willful ignorance of native peoples prevailed. Words matter. Offensive slurs are not protected speech.
- The renaming of "Sq___ Valley" was decided by the rules we have in place, after two years of extensive local public input that prioritized local Native American opinions.
- The County now wants to ignore state law, which will result in costly and needless litigation that we will all pay for.

Vote NO. Honor and respect the opinions of the Native Americans who have lived in the Valley for generations.

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1. Anna Caballero, Senator, 11-27-23
2. Joaquin Arambula, Assemblymember
3. James C. Ramos, Assemblymember
4. League of Women Voters of Fresno, Co-President, 11/29/2023
5. Human Rights Coalition of the Central Valley, Co-Chair (Bernadette D. Vazquez), 11/29/23

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Table with 5 rows for author information. Row 1: Anna Caballero, Senator. Row 2: Joaquin Arambula, Assemblymember, signed 11/30/23. Row 3: James C. Ramos, Assemblymember, signed 11/29/2023. Row 4: League of Women Voters of Fresno. Row 5: Empty.

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B. The following information is submitted by the author(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens

- Bona Fide Association of Citizens (Group or organization has not been formed to support or oppose the measure)**

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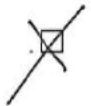
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Title: Co-President

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