

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE __**

This measure would amend the Charter of the County of Fresno ("County") by adding a new subsection (f) to Section 12 of the County Charter.

Section 12 of the County Charter currently provides that the County Board of Supervisors ("Board") has various powers and duties, including the appointment of certain County officers and providing for the compensation of County officers and employees.

If approved, this measure would amend Section 12 of the County Charter to state that it is also the duty of the Board to establish or change geographic feature or place names within the unincorporated portions of the County that are not privately-owned or subject to the jurisdiction of the federal government, the State of California, or another local government. The term "geographic feature" is defined in the measure as any location or publicly owned structure in the unincorporated County, including navigable waters, parks, local roads, bridges, and publicly owned buildings. The term "place" is defined in the measure as any natural geographic feature or street, ally, or other road within the County. In general, local public entities such as the County, have authority to name geographic features or place names within the public entities' jurisdictions, subject to controlling State or Federal law.

California law permits the voters of the County to amend the County Charter if a majority of the voters voting on the measure approve the amendment. This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board. Future changes to the County Charter, including this measure if adopted, must be submitted to the voters of the County for approval.

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