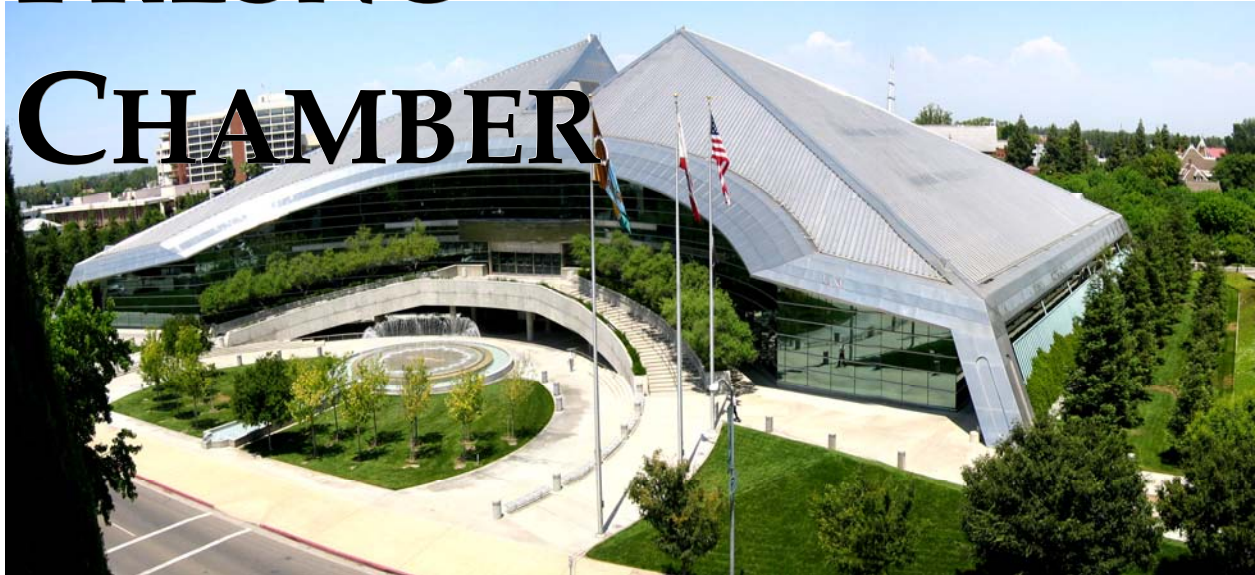


FRESNO

CHAMBER



2009 FRESNO CITY COUNCIL REPORT CARD

VOTING WITH THE CHAMBER

BLONG XIONG	100%
ANDREAS BORGEAS	100%
CYNTHIA STERLING	100%
WESTERLUND/CAPRIOGLIO	92%
MIKE DAGES	75%
LEE BRAND	100%
HENRY T. PEREA	77%



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A Membership Benefit of the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce



A Message from the CEO

Each year, the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce tracks the votes of our City Council Members on issues that affect local businesses and our community's quality of life.

This year, the Chamber took a more active role in issues that were presented to the Council for consideration. Those issues are itemized on this year's "Chamber Report Card". They include supporting the effort to establish a Property-based Business Improvement District for downtown business owners, changing the City Council meeting days to Thursdays to allow for more public input and amending the local preference ordinance to include a small business component.

While the Chamber focuses on issues that will directly affect the business community, we also track issues that are important to our community's quality of life in the greater Fresno area. These are issues that the Chamber is passionate and quite vocal about, issues like downtown revitalization, public safety integration and supporting a renegotiated lease agreement with the Fresno Grizzlies. While these issues seem costly on the forefront we believe that investing now will lead to a safer, more vibrant community for everyone.

Whenever we release this report to the business community, we always send a copy to the elected officials, so they may have the opportunity to respond. Their responses, if any, will be detailed in future Chamber publications.

Our hope is that this information will be helpful to you as you evaluate the performance of our elected officials as it relates to issues important to the business community.

Al Smith,
President and CEO,
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce

How did the Fresno City Council Vote in Support of Business?

The Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce 2009 City Council Report Card

	Chamber	Xiong District 1	Borgeas District 2	Sterling District 3	Westerlund/ Caprioglio District 4	Dages District 5	Brand District 6	Perea District 7	City Council
Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID)	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Absent	Passed
Changing Council Meetings to Thursdays	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Absent	Passed
Independent Police Auditor	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Passed
Small Business Preference Ordinance	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Better Business Act	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Downtown Specific Plan	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Passed
Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Plan	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Redevelopment Improvement Act	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Water Conservation Policies	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Absent	Passed
Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Restaurants, Bars and Taverns	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Taxpayer Protection Act	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Passed
Fresno Grizzlies Lease	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Passed

*Please note: City Council Member Larry Westerlund was on active duty for part of the year and temporarily replaced by Paul Caprioglio

	Xiong	Borgeas	Sterling	Westerlund Caprioglio	Dages	Brand	Perea
Voting with the Chamber	12	12	12	11	9	12	7
Voting Against the Chamber	0	0	0	1	3	0	2
Absent/Abstaining							3

ANALYSIS

PROPERTY-BASED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID)

**Department of Downtown and Community Revitalization
March 17, 2009**

The City Council approved a \$56,139 increase in funding so a consultant could continue work on the formation of a downtown property-based improvement district. The money was needed in order for the PBID process to move forward and allow for a vote of downtown property owners.

MOVING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THURSDAY

**Council Member Andreas Borgeas
March 17, 2009**

The City Council approved moving the day of their regular meeting from Tuesday to Thursday to allow for more public input on issues and review of agenda items by City Council Members.

INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

**Mayor Ashley Swearingin
March 24, 2009**

The City Council approved the hiring of an Independent Police Auditor to provide civilian oversight of the Fresno Police Department and review internal affairs investigations of police incidents.

SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE ORDINANCE

**General Services Division—
Purchasing Department
March 31, 2009**

The City Council agreed to include a small business component in its local preference ordinance to make it easier for small business to bid on city contracts.

BETTER BUSINESS ACT RESOLUTION

**City Council Member Lee Brand
May 21, 2009**

This resolution provides the city with a more stringent evaluation process when considering projects to receive city financing. The purpose of this resolution is to improve the city of Fresno's business practices and fiscal management through specific due diligence and oversight policies regarding requests for direct/indirect assistance exceeding \$1,000,000.

DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

**Department of Downtown and Community Revitalization
June 23, 2009**

As part of the 2009-10 budget, the City Council approved spending \$900,000 to pay for a specific plan for the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods, including the Lowell-Jefferson areas north of downtown.

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES PLAN

**City Council Members Lee Brand and Henry T. Perea
July 30, 2009**

A request for the state of California to pass legislation authorizing the city of Fresno to create a Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Plan to provide for and encourage the use of zero-emissions vehicles.

REDEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

**City Council Member Lee Brand
August 20, 2009**

Similar to the Better Business Act, this resolution provides the Redevelopment Agency with a more stringent evaluation process when considering projects to receive RDA financing.

WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES

**City Council Member Andreas Borgeas in coordination with the Water Task Force
August 27, 2009**

Three policy recommendations for water conservation, planning and technology, including the implementation of a Central Area "Downtown" Water Fixture Conservation Program, implementing a High Efficiency Commercial Water Fixture Rebate Program into the existing Residential Rebate Program and creating a plan to implement new graywater reuse standards

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CONCERNING RESTAURANTS, TAVERNS AND NIGHTCLUBS

**Department of Planning and Development
October 22, 2009**

Amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance that eases some of the current restrictions placed on restaurants that sell alcohol, taverns and nightclubs to provide for more uniform rules throughout the city.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT

**City Council Member Lee Brand
December 3, 2009**

Establishes a formal debt policy for the city by establishing parameters for issuing debt and managing a debt portfolio

FRESNO GRIZZLIES LEASE

**City Administration
December 17, 2009**

Rewrites the terms of the lease agreement between the city of Fresno and the Fresno Baseball Club, owner of the Fresno Grizzlies. The lease was extended to 35 years, includes profit-sharing for the city, allows the team to benefit from parking revenues and ensures the team will remain a viable enterprise in the future.