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NO ON SEDA

More than 330 people crowded into Fresno City Hall for a marathon 7-hour Dec. 18 meeting for the anticipated City Council vote on the Southeast Development Project (SEDA). But in the end, no Council member except Mike Karbassi expressed their unqualified support, and the project was sent back to the Mayor and city planners for revision.

The result was a tremendous victory for the No on SEDA coalition, twenty organizations and neighborhood associations from across the city. The City of Fresno's population is

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forecast to level off over the next four decades, and unless the City invests in our existing residents, even middle-class property values will drop as our neighborhoods slide into disrepair.

If only shiny new developments on the City's periphery receive funding, then more water and sewer lines will break, more streetlights will go dark, and middle-class property values in existing neighborhoods will decline.

We want <u>SMART GROWTH</u>, not <u>DUMB</u> GROWTH. As our City and County continue to chase quick-buck solutions, developers profit and our existing neighborhoods starve for infrastructure investment.

The proposed Southeast Development Area (SEDA) carries a potential \$3 billion funding gap for its infrastructure costs, which will ultimately be burdened by Fresno taxpayers and lead to the neglect of existing city neighborhoods. The clock is ticking.

Even Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer has acknowledged it: for decades, we've been subsidizing developers. It's past time for Fresno to invest in the needs of our residents and existing neighborhoods: Just Say No to SEDA!





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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE Western Flyer: Living Legend, Global Legacy

Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 PM, on Zoom

The Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club will host Sherry Flumerfelt, Executive Director of the Western Flyer Foundation, who will talk about programs that unite art, science, and education aboard the historic Western Flyer, now docked in Monterey Bay. Eighty-five years ago, author John Steinbeck and marine biologist Ed Ricketts set out aboard the fishing vessel Western Flyer on the journey that inspired The Log from the Sea of Cortez. This presentation will feature archival images, insider stories, and highlights from the remarkable rebirth of this local legend with a global legacy.

To receive the Zoom link and watch the presentation, go to **sierraclub**. **org/tehipite** and **REGISTER IN ADVANCE**. The Zoom link will be sent the afternoon of January 15 to those who have pre-registered. Questions? Contact **ecuagirl45@yahoo.com**.



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