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Councilmember Soria Denounces Hate At Tower District Peaceful Protests

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FRESNO, CA – As a Councilmember representing the Tower District, where tension has existed over the issue surrounding the historical theater, I am saddened by the division and hate it has brought to our community. While, I defend everyone’s right to free speech under the First Amendment, I denounce all hate organizations espousing homophobia, misogyny, xenophobia and racism.

The continued presence and actions of the Proud Boys, a known far-right extremist and white nationalist group has been intimidating at recent peaceful protests and at times verging on violence. Violence and hate will not be tolerated in our Tower Community.

I am working with Police Chief Balderrama and community members to ensure the Tower District continues to be a safe place where people can hold peaceful protests without fear of harassment or threat of violence.

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