RESOLUTION NO. 2509

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER
CALLING UPON THE 2020 CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO
RECOGNIZE AND PRESERVE THE CITY OF FOWLER AND SURROUNDING AREA AS A
UNIFIED COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

WHEREAS, for almost 140 years, Fowler has been home to families and individuals from all
walks of life who live together, work together, send their children to school together, share traditions
and values, and are united by the place they call home and the community to which they belong: Fowler; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fowler (“City”) was incorporated in 1908 and today is home to more
than 6,000 residents within the City limits and nearly 7,000 residents within the City’s sphere of
influence (“SOI”); and

WHEREAS, in November 2008, California voters passed the Voters FIRST Act, authorizing
the creation of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw new district lines, taking
the job out of the hands of the California Legislature and transferring it to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) is tasked
with drawing district boundaries for U.S. Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State
Board of Equalization district lines; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision d, of Section 2, of Article XXI, of the California Constitution
requires the Commission, when drawing the redistricting lines, to respect “[t]he geographic integrity of
any city . . . local neighborhood, or local community of interest” and provides that “[a] community of
interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be
included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the residents of the City of Fowler and those
residing in the City’s SOI and surrounding areas make up a unified community of interest that should
be recognized and preserved as a singular body politic for representation in the U.S. Congress, State
Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER RESOLVES AS
FOLLOWS:

1. The residents of the City of Fowler and those residing in the City’s SOI and surrounding areas
   are a unified community of interest for purposes of the Commission’s redistricting.

2. The City Council calls upon the Commission to recognize the City of Fowler and surrounding
   areas as a unified community of interest for purposes of redistricting and preserve that community by
drawing district lines for the U.S. Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of
Equalization that maintain the entire community, including the City, SOI, and surrounding areas,
within the same respective district for U.S. Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of
Equalization.
3. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Commission to be made part of the public record.

The foregoing resolution of the City of Fowler was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Fowler at a regular meeting held on August 3, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Cardenas, Rodriguez, Parra, Kazarian, & Mejia
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

APPROVED:

[Signature]
David Cardenas, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Angela Vasquez, Deputy City Clerk