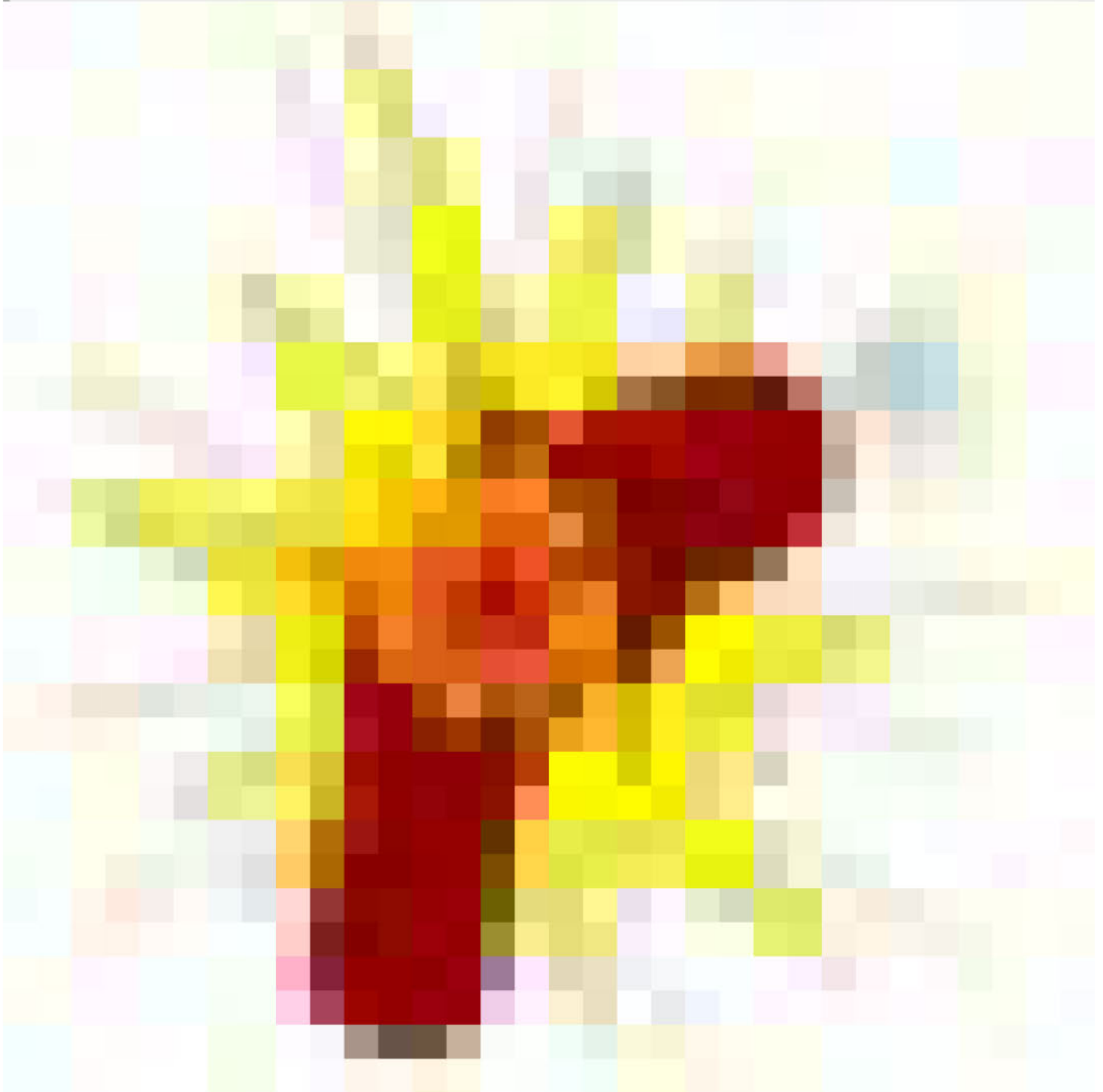


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From: Chaz Stevens [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 8:45 AM
To: Serratto, Matthew; Dupont, Darin; De Anda, Ronnie; Harris, Michael; Smith, Shane; Boyle, Sarah; Xiong, Fue; cityclerk
Subject: Request to Fly the Satanology Flag in Merced—Equal Treatment Under the Law

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To: Mayor Serratto, Council Members, and City Clerk

From: Dr. T. Chaz Stevens, Rev.

Dear Mayor Serratto, Council Members, and City Clerk:

Satan sends his greetings.

We noted with interest your recent decision to fly a Christian commemorative flag at Bob Hart Square to celebrate Easter ([Merced County Times, April 2025](#)).

Really? Well done!

At the Church of Satanology and Perpetual Soirée, we also have beloved holidays—such as [National Lost Sock Day](#). Unfortunately, unlike Jesus, our socks never seem to return days later. (*The boss and his earthbound team are particularly fond of chocolate bunnies—especially their tasty, bite-sized heads!*)

Under the Supreme Court’s ruling in [Shurtleff v. Boston \(2022\)](#), once a city opens its flagpole to religious expression, it must treat all viewpoints equally. Given Merced’s display of a religious commemorative flag, I respectfully request permission to fly our Church’s commemorative flag at the same location.

Our flag is professional, tasteful, and entirely non-profane, featuring neutral colors and the straightforward message: **"Satan Loves the First Amendment."** The goal is simply to affirm religious neutrality, constitutional equality, and freedoms protecting every belief—not just popular ones.

Like all my civic projects, this First Amendment-inspired initiative is publicly crowdfunded via my website: [Support our First Amendment Advocacy](#). There, I also provide [activist training](#) for those seeking meaningful political impact.

My advocacy, even with it’s unconventional style, has a long, storied, well-documented track record of effectively challenging discriminatory practices. While some might argue Merced’s actions constitute government speech, we respectfully suggest otherwise—potentially prompting a [42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint](#). My recent pro se federal lawsuit ([Stevens v. School Board of Broward County, Case No. 24-61926](#)) resulted in a quiet yet significant policy reversal regarding religious banners at public school events.

I am fully committed to ensuring similar constitutional standards are upheld in Merced and look forward to your collaboration, hopefully avoiding unnecessary judicial oversight. Lawsuits are messy and expensive -- funds better spent elsewhere than teaching government agencies to avoid constitutional missteps.

Please provide Merced’s official flag-display policy and the necessary application steps within three (3) business days by emailing me at [REDACTED] I remain available for further discussion or to provide any additional information as needed.

Thank you for your prompt and constitutionally sound attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Dr. T. Chaz Stevens

Rev., Church of Satanology and Perpetual Soirée
Boca Raton, FL 33432

 | www.revolt.training

P.S. Curious how far this can go? Check out my advocacy in action:

- [Chaz Stevens Bible Ban Florida](#)
- [Chaz Stevens Ten Commandments Classroom Displays](#)

I play by the rules—and I know exactly how to leverage them.

Also, I've included artwork for your upcoming presser noting your city's love of the 1A.



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Religious flag pro

Support for Christianity means city must allow his flag too, activist says

By Sean Krofssik
Hartford Courant

Self-proclaimed “professional troublemaker” Dr. T. Chaz Stevens has set his sights on Hartford for what he calls a violation of church and state.

The activist inked a letter to Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam asking for permission to fly

Stevens’ Church of Satanology and Perpetual Soirée flag over Hartford City Hall after the Hartford City Council voted in favor of raising a Christian flag on April 14.

The Christian flag flew over Hartford City Hall on April 17.

“WHEREAS, the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford recognizes the contributions of the Christian community and the many organizations that continue to support and enhance the well-being of Hartford residents through acts of service, community engagement, and

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 12:05 PM
To: public, wks
Cc: Serratto, Matthew; Serratto, Matthew; cityclerk
Subject: Request for Trash Receptacles and Cleanup Support Near El Redondo Dr & Yosemite Ave

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Dear City of Merced Public Works Department,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to bring attention to a growing concern in our neighborhood near the intersection of El Redondo Dr, spanning from Yosemite Ave to Pacific Dr. This stretch includes cross streets such as Hermosa Dr, Jenner Dr, and Aurora Dr.

Since the recent opening of the new AMPM gas station at 1295 W Yosemite Ave, we've seen a significant increase in litter along the sidewalks, near the city bus stop at Jenner Dr, and continuing toward Merino Park. Items like food wrappers, cups, plastic bottles, and other packaging debris are now regularly found in these areas, as reflected in the attached photos.

While we understand that foot traffic has increased, we believe the issue can be addressed with the strategic placement of public trash receptacles. We respectfully request the installation of a few durable, non-branded trash cans—especially near the bus stop and along the walking paths. This is particularly important given that Merino Park also serves as a pickup location for high school students in the early morning.

These small improvements could go a long way in promoting responsible waste disposal, improving neighborhood cleanliness, and maintaining the welcoming image of our community.

Thank you for your attention and support. We look forward to hearing how the City can assist in keeping this area clean and safe for residents and visitors alike.

Warm regards,

Concerned Merced Resident

Near El Redondo & Jenner Dr

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From: Alicia Rivera [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:46 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Comment for Item 25-348
Attachments: Comment for Item 25-348 (1) (1).pdf

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Good afternoon,

I am submitting my comment for today's agenda item 25-348. Please find it attached to this email.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Alicia Rivera (she/ her)
Policy Advocate Merced County)
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
[REDACTED] | <https://leadershipcounsel.org>



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Comment for Item 25-348 - Study Session to Review the 2025/26 City Council Goals and Priorities

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Staff,

My name is Alicia Rivera and I work for Leadership Counsel. We appreciate the City initiating discussion on its priorities and goals for year 2025–26, but we are concerned critical community priorities are currently not included. While the document outlines many important initiatives, I was deeply concerned to see no mention of drinking water or wastewater infrastructure—especially considering the ongoing and long-standing fight by residents of South Merced who are still waiting to be fully connected to essential water and wastewater services.

This is not a new issue. It is one that residents in South Merced have raised for years, and yet the continued exclusion of water equity from the City’s central planning sends a troubling message about whose needs are being prioritized.

The omission is particularly troubling in light of the City’s own guiding documents. The Merced Climate Action Plan, specifically section 8.3.2, clearly states: *“Long-term growth and development in Merced depends on adequate clean water resources.”* The fact that this foundational requirement is being left out of our immediate priorities is not just a policy oversight—it’s a contradiction of the City’s own stated values.

Similarly, the Merced General Plan outlines the importance of protecting water and other natural resources. It acknowledges that:

“Numerous federal, state and regional agencies have recognized the need to protect soil, water, wildlife, air, energy and cultural resources,” and notes that water quality in the region has long been compromised, with contaminants such as DBCP, PCE, and TCE having been identified in the groundwater.

Residents in South Merced deserve clean, safe, and reliable water and wastewater infrastructure, just like every other neighborhood in this city. Not addressing water and wastewater infrastructure—especially in historically underserved areas—undermines both our environmental goals and our commitments to equity.

I strongly urge the Council to revise the 2025–26 goals to additionally prioritize drinking water and wastewater infrastructure—especially for South Merced. We are open to working with the City to ensure this is included as a goal and priority and we look forward to working with the city to ensure Access to clean, safe water and wastewater for all residents of Merced.

Thank you,

Alicia Rivera