

Merced County Indian Chambers of Commerce

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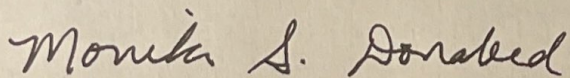
Dear Council Members,

The Merced County Indian Chambers of Commerce formally requests the Merced City Council to formally adopt a resolution expressing solidarity with Indian farmers protesting the passage of farming bills in India and in support of affected members of Merced's South Asian Community. Over 250,000 farmers have been peacefully protesting the bills since November. These peaceful protesters have experienced tear gas, water cannons, barricades, baton attacks, and other violence. The protests have spread worldwide. Many Californians of South Asian descent, including those residing in Merced, have been personally impacted by and/or have joined the international movement of solidarity supporting the farmers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monika S. Donabed



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