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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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2-U (ID 24-500) ***RESOLUTION - Declaring Outdoor Warming Fires to be a Health and Safety Hazard and a Public Nuisance and Direct the City Manager to Cause Them to be Extinguished (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

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To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to state that I don't know all the ins and outs of this resolution or discussion but in a general sense, I would like to mention the lack of humanity and increase in criminality through this discussion. I want to encourage the council to remember that you serve the people of this city. And you are suppose to be our voice and advocate. Please remember that every time a solution to a problem is further removal of access, resources, and further criminalization of residents. Stop making survival the core issue for houses burning down, pollution, and unease in our city. As a city and as a society we should be looking at, pointing at, and blaming the actual bad actors at play in these issues.

Burnt down houses and buildings in disarray shouldn't be used to further isolate and deny basic survival rights to people. Why are houses vacant, boarded and in disuse? The bad actors are negligent landlords and potentially a city that doesn't follow their own code and upkeep of their streets.

Pollution research and data has shown that as individuals we don't create pollution nor help decrease pollution substantially. Factories, industries and large businesses contribute to the pollution of our cities, states, countries and planet we live on. Instead of looking to further punish individuals why not look at the bigger groups who have real impact and no accountability in this equation?

People shouldn't be punished at every turn of their life. Stop and think about the trajectory of the life for the individual sitting in a house, in an alley, or on the street using a fire/stove/makeshift item to keep warm or cook? When we continually punish and criminalize people their ability to undo that fate becomes less plausible.

As a resident of Fresno, I would like to see the council be more people oriented. For the council to show more humanity to the most isolated, marginalized residents and take action to serve and advocate for us.

Best regards,

Samai Munoz