

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE ALLOTMENT OF COVID-19 IMMUNIZATIONS TO FRESNO COUNTY

WHEREAS, as of January 28, 2021, there have been 86,866 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fresno County and 1,137 deaths related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, according to a report in the October 23, 2020, edition of the Centers for Disease Control's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, poverty is a higher social vulnerability which makes communities with higher poverty rates to have more adverse outcomes from public health events; and

WHEREAS, according to the United State Census Bureau, Fresno County has a poverty rate of 20.5% which is among the highest of California's counties and nearly double the State of California's average and the national average; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, Fresno's seniors, and residents with severed underlying medical conditions including heart or lung disease, obesity, and diabetes are at higher risk of more severe symptoms of COVID-19 which can lead to death; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 remains a serious threat to frontline healthcare workers, farmers and farm workers, public safety personnel, Public Utilities staff, Code Enforcement and other municipal personnel continuing to provide Fresno's residents with essential services; and

WHEREAS for the week of January 24, 2021, the Fresno County Department of Public Health requested from the State of California 38,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and only received 8,000 doses; and

WHEREAS, the vaccination rate in Fresno County remains at one-half the State of California's average; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Public Health Department and its community partners have the capacity to administer 40,000 COVID-19 immunizations per week, and that number is growing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Fresno City Council act in solidarity in order to protect our vulnerable populations, request the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, the Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, and Health and Human Services nominee Xavier Beccera to intercede in this vital matter and ensure the State of California dramatically increases the allotment of COVID-19 immunizations to Fresno County.

2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2021.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant