

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO ADOPT PRIORITIES
ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF FRESNO AND THE GREATER FRESNO
COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Council has taken multiple steps at the local level to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is charged with the preservation of public safety and quality of life in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno seeks to establish a firm basis from which to address homelessness citywide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has, with over 70 other stakeholders, developed a comprehensive framework for addressing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno finds that pursuant to the 2019 Point-in-Time Count, approximately 1,486 persons within the City of Fresno are homeless with 1,152 living without shelter representing a 16% increase over 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2018, the City of Fresno declared an emergency shelter crisis in the City of Fresno pursuant to California Government Code, section 8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes that homelessness is a communitywide issue requiring partnership with the County of Fresno and the community at large.

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Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval:



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Council that the following list of priorities will serve as the basis for city action and future multi-sector collaboration in the greater Fresno community:

1. Address jurisdictional overlaps (local, State, Federal, and private) collaboratively.
2. Increase transportation to outpatient programs and regular prenatal/medical care for pregnant and parenting women and children who are homeless.
3. Roving formalized coordinated community outreach and in conjunction with law enforcement, through Fresno Madera Continuum of Care or otherwise, to ensure that efforts are aligned and data is tracked.
4. Assistance to build housing stock, increasing safe overnight housing (24-48 hours), and a centralized approach to single room occupancy units.
5. Priority access to emergency housing for pregnant and parenting women and their children also families with children with significant medical issues as it is difficult to manage the continuum of care when the family is homeless).
6. Real time accurate number of shelter beds available and increase the number of non-faith based shelters.
7. Additional “wet” shelters that do not require the person to participate in a program, person can be high or drunk to use the facility and not be turned away.

8. Education regarding available services and shareable system to track linkages
9. Improved data on the homeless such as length of homelessness (acute vs chronic), cause of the homelessness, is it a family, individual, minor without family support.
10. A formalized assessment of housing and shelter needs in rural communities.
11. Strong centralized structure for homeless funding and service decisions and expanded distribution of funding opportunities.
12. Comprehensive case management for homeless clients and improved access to primary healthcare and medication for chronic diseases; perhaps partnering with Federally Qualified Health Clinic or UC San Francisco.
13. Increased substance use disorder services and mental health services throughout county.
14. Enforce ordinances that address hazardous or unsanitary conditions, which constitute fire, health, and/or safety risks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said list is a living document, to be updated as necessary based on data-driven outcomes or at least once a calendar year.

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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 _____, 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2019
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2019
Mayor Veto: _____, 2019
Council Override Vote: _____, 2019

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ [Date]
Laurie Avedisian-Favini
Assistant City Attorney