

Agenda date: May 14, 2020

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



eComment Report



The Following Items were Commented On:

File ID 20-00545 (1-L) -Approve the Department of Transportation federally mandated Title VI Service Equity Analysis that was conducted to evaluate future proposed service changes FAX is considering to implement, and it was determined changes do not result in disparate impacts on minority or low-income populations

Total number of eComment(s): 2

File ID 20-00580 – Bill (for introduction) adding California Building Code Title 24 Appendix 0104 to Section 11-102 of the Fresno Municipal Code relating to Amendments to the California Building Code regarding Emergency Sleeping Cabins.

Total number of eComment(s): 3

File ID 20-00609 (4-B) Actions pertaining to emergency relief related to COVID-19:

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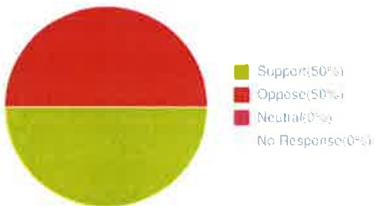
City Council on 2020-05-14 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting
05-14-20 09:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1-I ID 20-00545 Approve the Department of Transportation federally-mandated Title VI Service Equity Analysis that was conducted to evaluate future proposed service changes FAX is considering to implement, and it was determined changes do not result in disparate impacts on minority or low-income populations	2	1	1	0
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

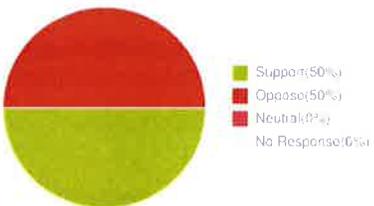
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Overall Sentiment



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Overall Sentiment



Rick steitz

Location: 93711, Fresno
Submitted At: 4:46am 05-14-20

I and Jesse Gonzalez request to speak to the issue of line 28 which is contained in the staff report. We are not quite sure how to be included in the form of verbal statements. we will attempt to call in at 9:00AM. We are requesting that Item 1-I be removed from the consent calendar. Mr. Gonzalez and I are representing the riding public, ATU and CFPEA. Line 28 change is a mistake. Discuss the reasons why and present a better way to improve service.

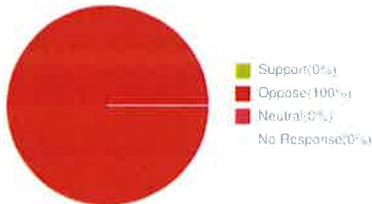
Matthew Woodward

Location:
Submitted At: 6:58am 05-13-20

While budget cuts for FAX could happen, I argue that it is important regardless that the following route changes should be implemented. Essential retail workers will be able to take the bus to their jobs at the El Paseo Shopping center, the Fresno County Social Services Campus, and Saint Agnes Medical Center.

On top of that, it's a new service pattern that could help bring riders back to FAX once COVID-19 is no longer an issue.

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Overall Sentiment**Pavin J**

Location:
Submitted At: 3:58pm 05-14-20

My name is Dennis Miles I am a member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and an organizer with Cancel the Rents campaign. If passed, Item 3B would endanger the lives of many houseless people looking for shelter in the middle of a pandemic. Cramming people into 100 square foot rooms of 4 is inhumane and only makes it easier for the virus to spread endangering lives. There are hundreds of empty houses and hotel rooms in Fresno where people can be quartered for a more respectful and safe place to live, but as of now these houses and hotel rooms are kept vacant solely for the profit of a few. This is a sad state of affairs and actively harms the health of the most vulnerable Fresno residents. Houseless or not everyone should be entitled to free and quality housing as a human right. Furthermore if we are truly interested in ultimately curbing houselessness in Fresno we must cancel rents and mortgage payments for rentiers, homeowners and small businesses. Finally PSL Fresno would also like to express our solidarity with councilman Arias and his family after they endured a right wing and white supremacist attempt to intimidate them by coming to their home after numerous threats where articulated at councilman Arias online. This Klan-like violence is unacceptable and must be opposed and our hearts go out to those affected.

Steven M

Location:

Submitted At: 3:54pm 05-14-20

We should not be lessening emergency housing standards during a crisis! Lives and livelihoods are on the line.

Christian B

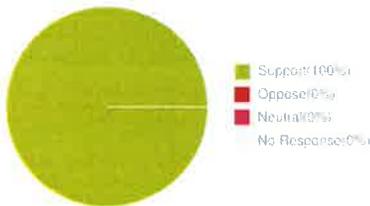
Location: 93721, Fresno
Submitted At: 3:41pm 05-14-20

I am an organizer with Cancel the Rents. This proposal is a death sentence for the homeless. The proposed shelters create the ideal scenario for the rapid spread of COVID-19. If implemented, it is almost certain that more people will contract the virus. Under no circumstances should regulations for housing the homeless be loosened, especially during a global pandemic. If the city council moves forward with this proposal, your decision could very likely result in the death of another human being. The fact that this vote is even being held is deeply shameful. During this global pandemic all rents should be cancelled, all mortgages for homeowners and small businesses should be cancelled, and everyone in our community should be provided safe, adequate housing to ensure the safety and economic well being of our community.

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Jessica Ramirez

Location: 93702, fresno
Submitted At: 3:46pm 05-14-20

I am a Fresno resident who is affected by Covid-19. I am one of many that are speaking out for help. I am a renter of a family of seven. I love my children. I will do anything to protect them. It has been really hard trying to protect my children during this statewide emergency. I am being forced to move out by my landlord and we have no place to go. I continue to pay rent, but my lease ended and now we are living in fear on a month-to-month contract. I was served with a notice to vacate, for no reason, right at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our landlord wants us to put our children's lives at risk and he is refusing our rent. I should not be asked to violate the shelter in place orders and the CDC guidelines and put my children at risk.

Ashley Rojas

Location: 93702, Fresno
Submitted At: 2:45pm 05-14-20

We support the passing of the Housing Retention Grant Program. We applaud the 1.5 million dollars initiative to keep Fresnans housed. We implore the Council to lead with innovation and morality to advance a robust economy that works for all Fresnans, not just special interest groups or corporations. Before the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, Fresno ranked 55th out of 59 cities in economic health, 59th in economic inclusion, 59th in racial inclusion, and 59th in overall inclusion. Fresno is also one of the youngest, most diverse, and fastest-growing US cities. Community must be centered in our movement; our Black and Brown, the undocumented, the

houseless or marginally housed, the jobless or underemployed, the over-policed and under-protected, our essential workers, our elders, and our YOUTH! We could expedite cannabis licenses, equity applicants 1st, as a new revenue stream. We could modify our current budget to maximize the federal CARES relief monies and reallocate any funds that cannot be utilized as planned due to COVID-19 impacts. We must hold accountable the Fresno Economic Recovery taskforce to include community most impacted by our historic and current unprecedented economic crisis. We invite everyone to view our "Care for Us" press conference tomorrow, FRIDAY 11am on Facebook Live to hear directly from folks who have historically and are currently absorbing the most acute impacts of COVID-19.

Karla Arana

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24am 05-14-20

I am a Community Organizer with Faith in the Valley. We want to lift up the real stories of those most vulnerable and it is time to start focusing on what really matters, the real needs of Fresno residents who always, long before COVID-19 are always left to fight their fights along. This Housing Retention Program should only be the beginning of a continuation of trying to help families that are always being impacted by housing. Many haven't even fully recovered from the last recession, so it is time for the City of Fresno to really think about these questions, "Who do you love?" "Why did you ran for office?" Use the platform that you have to focus on the root cause of the issues. May God bless you all members of the council.

Briana Parra

From: CityManager
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Briana Parra
Subject: FW: Contact City Manager Form submitted on City Manager

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From: Webmaster <webmaster@fresno.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:03 PM
To: CityManager <CityManager@fresno.gov>
Subject: Contact City Manager Form submitted on City Manager

First Name	Stacy
Last Name	Williams
Email	Stacyw616@yahoo.com
Phone Number	(559) 430-7098
Subject	City Building Code Amendment Item
Message	<p>There is a building code amendment on Thursday city council meeting. I am writing as a local community advocate asking you to drop that amendment. That is a public health risk, inhumane and unethical. Prison cells have more square footage per person than this code? I look forward to you getting public comment and community involvement before moving forward with this amendment. This is the wrong direction, why if in November 2019, just 6 months ago it was fine? and now it isn't. We as the community see what has transpired since November and why you are now trying to change direction. We request that this item is not moved forward, the treatment of our most vulnerable community is at stake and you are proposing treating them worse than animals and criminals.</p>
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FRESNO STONEWALL DEMOCRATS

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May 14, 2020

Dear Mayor Brandt and Council-members,

Fresno Stonewall Democrats supports the leadership that you and the majority of the Fresno City Council have exhibited during the Covid 19 crises. You have demonstrated compassion, common sense, followed science, exhibited strong leadership and made personal sacrifices to help all of our community.

We are horrified that there are organized protestors who have threatened violence and disobedience to you and City Council members, deliberately disregarded state and federal orders and laws and risked the safety of themselves and others by going against CDC guidelines and safe practices. The threat of people going to your homes is intolerable. The citations that Miguel Arias received are ridiculous and should immediately be dismissed!

Although Council member Bredefeld has stated he does not support the actions taken by protestors, we feel his words have inflamed them and he shares responsibility. He has encouraged anti-social behaviors without forethought of individual citizens and community consequences. Such language and sensationalism reflects poor judgment and lack of leadership of an individual holding his office. Racism and privilege are underlying roots to the motivation of the protestors and tragically, we fear that further violence will be the outcome. Bredefeld will be held accountable for his actions by the voters.

We applaud the city's \$5,000 small business loan program and believe it will help. We have complete compassion for the business owners and employees that are suffering, those who have lost their jobs, fear they will lose their business and are eager to get back to work. Many of our members are in this situation, the LGBTQ+ community is hit hard during this crises, but ignoring science, pandering to business will only prolong the crisis, cost more lives and prolong the economic recovery time.

We will continue to watch the actions of the Fresno City Council and Mayor's Office and hope to be able to continue to support your leadership.

The Fresno Rainbow Pride Festival and Parade scheduled June 6, 2020, has been cancelled but will be a day of service for the LGBTQ+ community.

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If there are community service projects that you are sponsoring that you believe FSD could assist with we have members willing to serve. Several of our members are already contributing to the community during this crises with coordinated mask making.

Thank you for caring about the health and safety of all of the community not just specific interests.

In Equality,

Marsha Conant
she/her/hers
President FSD
559-709-8016

cc: Council-members; Esmerelda Soria, Mike Karbassi, Miguel Arias, Paul Caprioglio, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza