

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CA, IN SUPPORT OF A FUTURE CITY CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AMONG FORMERLY HOMELESS RESIDENTS TEMPORARILY SHELTERED IN MOTELS ACQUIRED BY THE FRESNO HOUSING AUTHORITY THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S HOMEKEY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has declared there to be a shelter emergency among those experiencing homelessness residing in Fresno, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is operating under the California Governor's March 2020 emergency order addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is a full partner in the communitywide COVID-19 Homeless Response in the greater Fresno community, and

WHEREAS the State of California's HomeKey Program utilizes a portion of the State's Federal CARES Act Funding to allow communities to acquire motels, use them initially as a part of their community's COVID-19 Homeless Response, then convert them to permanent affordable housing, and

WHEREAS the Fresno Housing Authority, with the written support of Fresno Mayor Lee Brand, has applied for approximately \$22,000,000 in HomeKey funding for the acquisition of four hotels—Day's Inn, Motel 99, Parkside Inn and Welcome Inn--for a total of 321 doors, and

WHEREAS these four motels are all located along the Parkway Drive Corridor, an area of Fresno along Highway 99, with a history of being the epicenter of human trafficking, gangs, and drugs and his project, and their acquisition and use as shelter and housing in combination with several other proposed efforts would begin a significant transformation of this neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno's future commitment of funds for the operations and services provided to those sheltered at these hotels is critical to the State's approval of HomeKey funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Council, in the furtherance of its commitment to address homelessness and present the spread of COVID-19 among those experiencing homelessness, hereby agrees to:

1. Declare the Council’s conceptual support of a future contribution of up to \$6,842,138 over a period of up to five years for operational and support services to prevent COVID-19 among residents temporarily sheltered in four motels to be acquired by the Fresno Housing Authority (FHA) through the State of California’s HomeKey Program; and
2. The City of Fresno’s future commitment of these dollars would allow the Fresno Housing Authority’s applications to the State to move forward, resulting in over \$22,000,000 in acquisition funding for the purchase of Day’s Inn, Motel 99, Parkside Inn and Welcome Inn for a total of 321 doors; and
3. Although this resolution is non-binding and a firm commitment by the City to provide funding or other support shall require future Council action, and nothing in today’s action will bind the City to any future legislative act, including approval of a funding commitment, the City Council authorizes the City Manager and her staff to work with the Fresno Housing Authority to identify the appropriate funding sources to support these HomeKey Projects with the level of operational and service support required by the State; and
4. The City Manager is authorized and directed to bring back to the City Council for its consideration a contract with the appropriate disbursement mechanisms for the timely release of funds to approved providers to assure continuity of shelter, care and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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 _____, 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2020
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2020
Mayor Veto: _____, 2020
Council Override Vote: _____, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Brandon M. Collet Date
Deputy City Attorney

