

Agenda date: June 11, 2020

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



eComment Report

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The Following Budget Items were Commented On:

1-A ID 20-00702 Approval of Minutes for the May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting and May 21, 2020 Special Emergency Closed Session Meeting, and June 4, 2020 Special Closed and Open Session Meeting.

Total number of eComment(s): 2

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ID 20-00734 Planning and Development Department

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File ID 20-00752 (10:30 A.M.) – Workshop- Building Community Trust and Accountability while protecting Social Justice, Presented by Fresno State and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

File ID 20-00687 (5-A) – Conference with Labor Negotiators

City Council on 2020-06-11 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

Meeting Time: 06-11-20 09:00

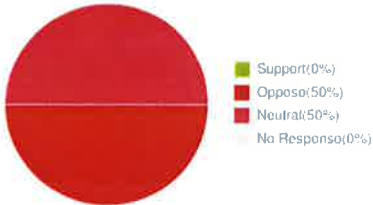
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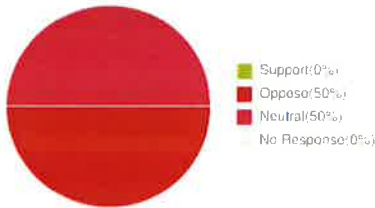
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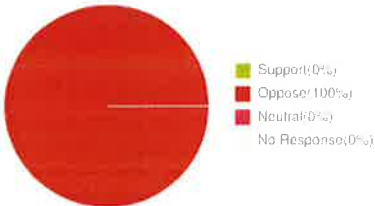
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Kassandre Clayton

Location: 93710, Fresno
 Submitted At: 10:31pm 06-10-20

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Samantha Gonzalez

Location: 93706, Fresno
Submitted At: 8:42pm 06-09-20

Dear Fresno City Council members,

As budget hearings are being placed, a growing number of citizens are filled with concerns and I am going to share mine.

My first concern is how a continuing resolution is not optimal nor up to date for Fresno City.

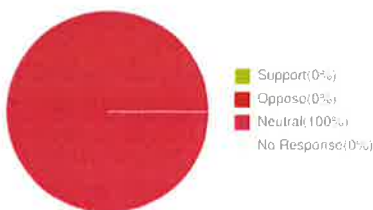
My second concern is surrounding our police force. Fresno State NAACAP has a list of demands that has been cultivated with the help of our community. We demand justice for Isiah Murrietta-Golding. We demand that members of the police force who break moral and ethical code are held to a higher standard and held accountable. If this is not achieved, we will demand the defunding the police as it proves to not serve the community. Eliminate qualified immunity and put our community first.

Sincerely,
Samantha Gonzalez (a deeply concerned citizen)

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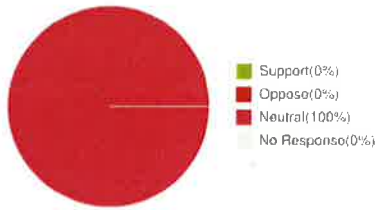
Matthew Woodward

Location:
Submitted At: 3:33am 06-10-20

This program sounds great, my question is, has anyone in the city reached out the business owners in Chinatown to see if they would be interested in a program like this. They are already being hit hard by High-Speed Rail construction nearby, COVID-19 is having an even larger impact. If this is a relatively cheap program, why not do it in Chinatown?

If anyone hasn't, but wants to, the email address of the Chinatown Fresno Foundation is chinatown93706@gmail.com .

Overall Sentiment



James Sponsler

Location: 93701, Fresno

Submitted At: 3:53pm 06-10-20

The City of Fresno has long neglected its history in favor of development in the city's core neighborhoods. Most recently we had two historic structures located near M Street and CA 41 set ablaze due to the city's callous and unresponsive approach to securing history especially items that are city assets. This fire was yet another example of the city ignoring what makes it a unique place and the home to many cultures. The homes are part of the Armenian Town that grew in the early 20th Century as thousands of Armenians fled here to escape the Armenian Genocide. The city spent millions in taxpayer dollars to move these buildings and then did little to make sure they were safe. This shows the lack of caring we have for what the Armenians did to build and grow our city. This is not the first example but the latest. Time and again the city has ignored and attempted to shirk responsibility for other city historical assets such as the Water Tower, Kearney Blvd, and Memorial Auditorium. In addition, the city seems unconcerned when private assets are threatened until after the damage is complete. In this budget I ask the city to take a more proactive approach to historic preservation or turn over all historic preservation aspects to outside sources. This way we can know for sure where the city stands on maintaining its history; this will serve as a monument to show if the city cares to know its past or wants to forget it.

Marco Martinez-Velasquez

From: Shantay Davies-Balch <shantay@black-enterprises.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Esmeralda Soria; Mike Karbassi; Miguel Arias; Caprioglio@fresno.gov; Chavez@fresno.gov; Esparza@fresno.gov; Tim Orman; Lee Brand; Yvonne Spence; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Clerk
Subject: Targeted AA COVID 19 Letter of Support: June 11, 2020 CC Meeting
Attachments: CityofFresnoAA_COVIDProposal.pdf

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Hello,

Please find an attached signatory list of supporters to the submitted AA COVID 19 Proposal, scheduled to appear following the Fresno State NAACP workshop, on June 11, 2020 at 10:30am.

Best Regards,
~Shantay

Shantay R. Davies-Balch, MBA, CLE, Doula
President and CEO



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"BLACK Wellness & Prosperity Center is the first Black Maternal Child Health CBO in Fresno County established to unapologetically serve the unmet needs of African American women and babies."



June 10, 2020

City Council President Miguel Arias and Council Members
Fresno City Council
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear City Council President Arias:

This proposal is submitted on behalf of the leads: Southwest Fresno Community Development Corporation and Sts. Rest Economic Community Development Corporation for the following COVID-19 proposal, and on behalf of the attached list of African American Signatories and community leaders.

PROBLEM

COVID-19 and Comorbidity Disease Burden

Black residents experience the highest disparities across every measurement of health and economic wellbeing indicators in Fresno, including burden rates of concentrated poverty, documented experiences of racial discrimination, and rates of respiratory disease, such as asthma, hypertension and diabetes that far exceed disease rates of all other racial and ethnic groups in Fresno.

COVID-19 is a respiratory predator, which flourishes in the bodies of the most vulnerable populations—those suffering chronic disease, pregnant Black women, Black babies born prematurely, who have a rate of IM comparable of rates in developing regions of Africa. Community health is compromised and represents a disproportionate number of Black residents in Fresno, concentrated in sw Fresno.

To date, more than 30% of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the County of Fresno reported diabetes and hypertension as an existing underlying cause of mortality. While diabetes is disproportionately high among all people of color, Black residents carry a disproportionate burden of disease. Nearly 40% of Black residents carry the burden of diabetes compared to just 25% for white residents. While Black residents make up just 5.8% of the population, Fresno African Americans account for 40% of lab confirmed COVID-19 hospitalized patients compared to 20% of lab confirmed white hospitalized patients. What's more, Black residents experience an infection rate of 100 per 100,000 cases, which is four times higher than the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) community spread prevention guidelines of 25 per 100,000 residents over 14 days, which equates to approximately 10% of the Black population while African Americans only comprise 5.8% of the overall population.

To provide food, housing stabilization such as a mortgage and rental assistance, household relief funds for essential needs, such as healthcare costs and utilities. To provide specialized support for higher risk groups within the Black community, such as unemployed/unhoused 4-year university students, immunocompromised, the elderly, COVID-19 positive residents, residents under investigation and pregnant persons; and for services such as meal delivery and transportation. To provide small business support to Black businesses serving the Black community. In Fresno, whites make up just under fifty percent of population, but operate almost a third of small businesses with paid employees, while Black-owned businesses account for only 2% of businesses with paid employees, despite Black residents representing nearly triple the share of the overall Black population. Of the 1,000 small business grants the City of Fresno awarded, only three were Black-owned.*

Recommendation 3: Increase Access to Culturally Concordant Healthcare Services

Work with county of Fresno and CBOs to secure a free ongoing permanent testing site centrally located in Southwest Fresno with access to public transport and where the highest concentration of comorbidity exists.

While Black residents represent just 5.8% of the population, they disproportionately represent 60% of confirmed community spread COVID-19 cases, indicating that permanent and ongoing testing are key interventions for the overall recovery of the city at-large. Thus far, a mere 60 free community tests targeted to the Black community have been performed. An additional 250 tests are planned amongst a congregation of 2,000 persons, which severely underrepresents the level of testing needed to quickly identify, quarantine and isolate confirmed cases. What's more, a free, permanent and ongoing testing site housed at a trusted neighborhood site with credible messengers will aid to address the historical mistrust of the healthcare system, and is critical to ensuring Black residents initiate testing and comply with quarantine and isolation recommendations.

In addition, Black residents need access to culturally respectful and responsive mental health services and social support. A culturally responsive Black paraprofessional health workforce to provide COVID-19 contact tracing and surveillance as well as provide community health worker support for chronic disease prevention, support home visitation, and increase access to the specific clinical care needs of high-risk Black pregnant persons and premature babies is critical to reducing comorbidity and mortality. Provide education and case management, and address violence prevention and mitigation through innovative community-based, Black informed models that address the specific needs of the African American community.

Recommendation 4: Make an initial NEW CAPITAL investment to increase healthcare infrastructure and capacity in the west Fresno region.

We strongly urge you to invest in soft costs, such as permitting, brokers' fees, environmental assessments, site hazard assessment, architectural fees and inspections to support current efforts to open new healthcare facilities in sw Fresno. To achieve overall health and wellbeing, Black residents need access to quality and culturally concordant and respectful preventative healthcare services. Medical facilities that operate under Black targeted, but universal systems of care are critical to address the unique experiences and healthcare needs of the Black community.

In closing, the City of Fresno has an obligation to ensure funds are invested in the AA community, to systematically correct for the generational disinvestment, and to account for the disproportionate ways in which the African American community is carrying chronic disease and COVID-19 burdens.

At-Large

Preston Prince, CEO | Fresno Housing Authority

Artie Padilla, Executive Director | Every Neighborhood Partnership

Lee Ann Eager, President/CEO | Fresno County EDC

Dr. Janine Nkosi, Lecturer of Sociology, Fresno State, and Regional Advisor, Faith in the Valley

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

To: Fresno City Council & Mayor Brand

From: Kassandre Clayton, LCSW

**RE: June 11th Agenda Item ID-20-00687 5-A Labor Negotiations &
Fresno Police Department's FY 2021 Budget**

Thank you to the City Council for affording me time to express concerns regarding the Fresno Police Department. I request that Fresno's Council and Mayor Brand review and consider reducing the Fresno Police Department's budget for FY 2021.

The Fresno Police Department's FY 2020 budget represents the majority, of allocated funds among all City Departments except Utilities. Most concerning is the amount of "Overtime/Voluntary Overtime," "Worker's Compensation," and "Liability Self-Injury Insurance," which are categorically the highest portions of the budget, minus Salaries, Fleet Lease, and Pension. There is a relationship between stretched Personnel working overtime, increased work-related injuries, stress, which is unhealthy both fiscally and for the capacity of Officers to fulfill their duties professionally and ethically.

Policing can be reduced in Fresno. Less policing services is a result of COVID-19 restrictions that support social distancing, e.g. education delivery via on-line for K-12 colleges, canceled large venue entertainment. Cost containment is critical for any organization during economic downturns, and a reduction in the workforce is unavoidable.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public Comment-June 11th Agenda Item ID-20-00687 5-A Labor Negotiations
*Fresno Police Department's FY 2021 Budget
Attachments: City Council Letter Budget June 11.pdf

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Good Day,

Please distribute copies of my public comment to the Fresno City Council Members for the June 11, 2020 Council Meeting. Thank you.

Kassandre Clayton
(559) 593-5577

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