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From: Linda Amparano
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To: Clerk
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Dear City Clerk,

Attached you will find a letter of support for the proposed Valley Health Team Clinic in Pinedale from the Pinedale Elementary Principal Debra Bolls.

The Clinic is scheduled to go before City Council on June 29, 2023.

Thank you.

Consumed by the call,

Linda Amparano

Pinedale Elementary School

Debra Bolls
Principal

Megan Corrao
Guidance Instructional Specialist

Vince Rodriguez
Guidance Instructional Specialist

June 26, 2023

To: Fresno City Council

Re: Valley Health Clinic

As principal at Pinedale Elementary, I would like to express our excitement at the possibility of Valley Health Team opening a clinic near our school site. As you are aware, our school-based health clinic was closed by our district over six years ago. This clinic served our families through providing immunizations, well baby visits, sick visits, and prescriptions, as well as sports physicals and health screenings. Since that time, it has been a struggle for the families in my community to access our only school-based health clinic at Sierra Vista Elementary in downtown Clovis. This is mainly due to transportation and bus routes not being compatible to the location. Many of our families seek treatment through Valley Children's hospital instead. Since Valley Health Team's newest location will be near our school, this will provide many benefits to my families who are seeking medical services.

In partnering with Valley Health Team, I could see many services provided to our students and families such as sports physicals, TB tests, immunizations, flu clinics, first grade physicals, and many other services. The convenience of being right inside of our community will also allow our families a place to seek their own healthcare. I cannot express enough the need we have for healthcare in Pinedale. As I have stated at a previous council meeting where I voiced concern over the passing of cannabis dispensaries in Pinedale, we need the city's help in uplifting our community with positive benefits. As a school staff we hope that the Fresno City Council also sees the benefit to our community and moves this project forward. If I can be of additional help, please contact me at (5559)327-7700. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Principal





June 28, 2023

City of Fresno

Ref: Valley Health Team

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I thoroughly support this health care facility. I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Vega

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Re:Valley Health Team Clinic

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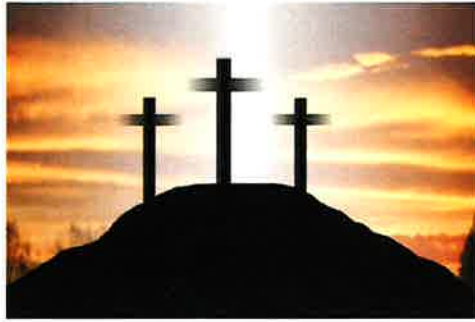
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Pinedale Community Fellowship A.G.

Mailing address:

Office # 1

Pastor Richard J. Amparano

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Re:Valley Health Team Clinic

My name is Richard Amparano and I have served as Senior Pastor of Pinedale Community Fellowship for 23 years. I have also been a resident of Pinedale for over 50 years and am a current homeowner and voter. Having heard of Valley Health Team wanting to establish a health clinic in Pinedale, and knowing of the great need of one here, it gets my full support to garner a zoning change in order to build. I strongly recommend approval of a zoning change.

Sincerely,

Richard Amparano
Pastor



To: Fresno City Council
RE: Letter of Support of Medical Facility in Pinedale
From: Lori Garcia
Date: June 5, 2023

Greetings City Council Members,

My name is Lori Garcia. I am a former Pinedale resident, and current Board Secretary of the Pinedale Community Association. I am writing today in support of a zoning change that would enable the proposed medical facility to be built in my beloved hometown of Pinedale.

Although I no longer reside in Pinedale, I have 32 years of teaching at Pinedale Elementary School. With that I experience, I can tell you firsthand, there is a critical need for a medical care in the neighborhood.

For various reasons, many students attend school while ill. Often parents lack the means for a full day visit to the doctor's office. Whether it be due to transportation issues, many residents are not able to seek medical facilities outside the community. In addition, parents often do not have the flexibility in their work schedules to take additional time off for these visits. Having a clinic would be a benefit to due to proximity from home or school.

Years ago, when my children were young, I would utilize the Clovis Unified clinic on the Pinedale School campus. I cannot emphasize enough how convenient that was for me, a single working mother, to have access to a local clinic. Since the CUSD clinic moved to a location outside of Pinedale, thousands of children have missed opportunities for health care. With the opening of the new facility, both residents, as well as the Pinedale Staff, would have access to local and convenient health care.

One only needs to read the daily news to recognize the urgent need for mental health care services. This is necessary for many adults, but especially our children who would greatly benefit by having behavior intervention at a young, impressionable age. As citizens, it is our duty to care for our kids and provide the services they require to have healthy lives. We have an opportunity not only to change the trajectory of lives, but literally to save lives.

The Pinedale Community has been disenfranchised for decades. It is time to build something that benefits our families, especially children. They deserve access to quality health care. What better time than now? Thank you for your consideration in rezoning to build the medical clinic.

Respectfully yours

Lori Garcia
Retired Educator
Pinedale Elementary