

City Council Regular Meeting

April 4, 2024

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

2-O (ID 24-444) ***RESOLUTION - Declaring Outdoor Warming Fires to be a Health and Safety Hazard and a Public Nuisance and Direct the City Manager to Cause Them to be Extinguished (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

Contents of Supplement: Public Comment email

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From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Clerk Agendas; '
Subject: FW: Public comment, item 2-O

From: Corina M Garza ✓
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment, item 2-O

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Correction: resolution NOT ORDINENCE

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024, 8:41 AM Corina M Garza < > wrote:

Hello my name is corina garza and I am commenting and advocating for myself and others who do not have a voice:

Regarding the issue at hand. I ask a simple question and if the answer is none then I believe that it should be no on the supposed ordinance regarding the homeless and outdoor fires being banned.

My question is what is the difference regarding backyard bbqing or tail gating vs. Homeless fires?

Now if the short answer is nothing or maybe your answer pertains to the homeless/unhoused fires pose an environmental risk or an unsafe risk then, the resolution should be, and this is only for that NO ONE IN THE CITY OF FRESNO SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF outdoor fires in and around the city FOR FEAR OF CAUSING PERSONAL HARM, ENVIRONMENTAL HARM, AND HARM TO THOSE AROUND THEM!

IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE BAN ON FIRES REGARDING THE HOMELESS THEN, OPEN UP THE WARMING CENTERS 5 DAYS A WEEK WITH PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AND NOT UTILIZE SMALL BUILDINGS FOR THESE WARMING CENTERS THAT WILL ONLY HOLD LESS THAN 30 PEOPLE AND THE HOMELESS LIKE MYSELF WOULD NOT HAVE TO CREATE THESE FIRES TO STAY WARM AT NIGHT.

MY NEXT QUESTION IS
HOW DO YOU ALL EXPECT US HOMELESS TO EAT. WE HAVE NO ACCESS TO A KITCHEN, OR EVEN A STOVE! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO EAT A HOT MEAL ON A COLD WINTER NIGHT?? WE LIKE HOT SOUP AND HOT FOOD TOO. SANDWICHES, AND FOOD THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE COOKED DOESN'T REALLY GIVE US, AND I MEAN US "FELLOW HUMANS" MUCH OF A VARIETY OF FOOD THAT WE CAN EAT.

From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:15 AM
To: Clerk Agendas; Susan Mac
Cc: Clerk
Subject: FW: Public Comment; Item 2-O

From: Tonya Peden
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 11:52 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: Public Comment; Item 2-O

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To The Fresno City Counsel,

I ask that the Fresno City Counsel vote No on the Outdoor Fire Resolution by Arias.

We have an unprecedented amount of Citizens who are unhoused in our community and the shelters, housing, cooling/heating centers, and other support services are unable to provide proper and timely assistance. This resolution is a violation of Basic Human Rights, especially the Right to Life and Liberty. These Rights belong to everyone not just Citizens with houses or jobs. This Right means the government should take appropriate action to protect you, this applies to Cities as well. Not being able to cook or to warm themselves places the Unhoused Citizen's health and life in danger. We have already had several Citizens lose their lives because they have nowhere to go and are forced to camp out on sidewalks where they have been hit by cars. Now you want to further decrease their chances of survival, to further place their lives at risk.

A warming fire or a grill fire does not create any more pollution than a car driving around Fresno. How many of you have fireplaces or bar-b-q grills? Arias states that he is concerned for safety, what measures has he taken to educate the Unhoused Citizens on creating safe warming fires? Has he attempted to fix some of the bar-b-q grills in the parks so that they can be used safely? Many of them are rot through. Before you deny a Citizen their Basic Human Rights you have to show that you did everything you could to help that Citizen. What has the City Counsel done? The warming centers were only open 3 days this last winter. If you pass this resolution you are infringing on Basic Human Rights of the Citizens you have sworn to serve and protect.

Sincerely,
Tonya Peden