

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO REALLOCATE FUNDING PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE DARLING RELOCATION TO EFFORTS TO COMBAT COVID-19 AND UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS IN WEST FRESNO THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT ACROSS WEST FRESNO NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Court entered a Stipulation and Order for Settlement and Permanent Injunction related to the Darling Plant relocation, which requires Darling to shut down its meat rendering operation in West Fresno and decommission the plant by December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City's FY2020 Budget allocated \$1 million to the Darling relocation project; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor declared a State of Emergency in the City related to the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with orders at the State and Federal level; and

WHEREAS, the West Fresno population is particularly vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the historic environmental conditions have disproportionately affected West Fresno and specifically the African American community and continue to reveal itself, most recently with COVID-19, with the prevalence of high rates of asthma, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, In the 93706 zip code, infant mortality rates and preterm birth rates are 11.4% and 13.3%, respectively compared to rates of 7.1% and 9.6% for Fresno

County. Further, infant mortality rates have increased 87% among African Americans residents, where despite representing just 4.7% of the Fresno County population, they account for 8.3% of preterm births, and 14.3% of infant deaths; and

WHEREAS, now that the \$1 million allocation is not needed for the Darling relocation project, the Council wishes to reallocate those funds to efforts to combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in West Fresno by addressing systemic health and environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council President will collaborate with West Fresno leaders to develop an action plan to implement the Development Across West Fresno Neighborhoods Initiative for the Fresno City Council's consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The \$1 million in funding previously allocated to the Darling relocation project shall be reallocated to the Development Across West Fresno Neighborhoods Initiative.
2. Staff shall take all necessary efforts to effect this resolution.

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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 Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant City Attorney