

Mary Quinn

From: Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:37 PM
To: Clerk Agendas
Cc: Clerk
Subject: FW: Recommend vote for Fresno Quality Project

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From: Vickie Klassen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2023 11:26 AM
To: Garry Bredefeld [REDACTED] District6 [REDACTED]; District2 <[REDACTED]>; Miguel Arias [REDACTED]; District1 <[REDACTED]>; Mike Karbassi [REDACTED] District3 <[REDACTED]>; Tyler Maxwell [REDACTED]; District4 [REDACTED]; Luis Chavez [REDACTED] District5 <[REDACTED]> Nelson Esparza [REDACTED] District7 <[REDACTED]> Clerk [REDACTED]
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To Mr. Bredefeld: District 6

As you know we are in desperate need of more quality affordable housing in our community. We need this in every pocket of our city. Where I live at the border between 93710 and 93704 there is a constant flow of individuals living on the street in need of safe and suitable housing.

I am excited to hear about the City and the State contributing money to the Fresno Quality project on Bullard and Fresno streets which is a partnership between UPholdings, RH Community Builders, and Fresno County Behavioral Health.

I highly recommend that you vote to accept the State dollars and keep the project moving forward.

I look forward to more projects like this and to your continued proactive leadership around housing!

Sincerely,

Vickie Klassen

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From: Mohammad F. Shaikh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2023 3:51 PM
To: Clerk [REDACTED]
Subject: Public comment, [item 1D, 1O]

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My name is Dr. Mohammad F. Shaikh, a community surgeon and resident of Fresno. I am writing to advocate for our unhoused neighbors, and to urge you to approve Items 1D, 1O. Having accompanied my UCSF Fresno colleagues at Mobile Heal events at the Poverello House, I cannot stress to you how vital this infrastructure (warming centers and family services) is to maintaining the dignity, health and well-being of human beings in our community. You have the power to help and I urge you to use it.

Gratefully,
Dr. Shaikh

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[REDACTED] Simon Biasell [REDACTED]
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Dear Council Member Bredefeld,

The Fresno Quality Project is critically needed in Fresno, meets all City planning, zoning and permitting requirements, you voted for the resolution to support the project in April 2023, it is a very high-quality project with proven reliable management of similar type projects, and has labored through a rigorous and expensive due process regimen with the City of Fresno over the past 9 months and should be approved at your Dec 7th City Council meeting. See chronology below. To do otherwise is bad business on the City's part and bad for businesses in Fresno trying to work closely with the City to improve our community and to solve shared problems.

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We encourage you to take the right, reasonable and responsible course of action and approve this 59-unit affordable project on December 7th so it can be built as soon as possible.

Thank you for your service to our City, businesses, institutions, and communities.



Keith Bergthold
RCI, CEO



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Dear Council Members,

I also wish to express my full support for the Fresno Quality Project. I deeply appreciate the dedication each of you has shown in advocating for quality, affordable housing for our Fresno community members. This Thursday, you have the opportunity to fulfill that commitment.

UpHoldings California boasts a proven track record, not only in constructing affordable housing but also in offering long-term tenant services. This project stands to become a tremendous asset to our city.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve the Fresno Quality Project.

Sincerely,

Rev. Simon Biasell Pastor The Big Red Church

On Dec 6, 2023, at 3:58 PM, Keith Bergthold [REDACTED] wrote:

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From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Clerk Agendas
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From: Rhonda Dueck [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Keith Bergthold [REDACTED]; Garry Bredefeld [REDACTED] District6
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December 7, 2023

Dear Fresno City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Fresno City Council to approve the proposed use of the former Quality Inn Hotel for renovation into permanent affordable housing.

For the last 10 years I have been an Associate Pastor at North Fresno Church and Lead Administrator at FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises), both of which are located just a short walk from the 6051 N. Thesta Street location in discussion. On a daily basis we have people contacting us inquiring if we know of any affordable housing in the area. Many of these people were hard working employed people who were struggling to support themselves and their family and are looking for safe consistent housing so their family can thrive. They desire for their children to be able to attend the same school consistently so they can grow academically rather than bouncing around to schools. Due to limited affordable housing options in Fresno with wait lists, we were often at a loss of where to send people.

I have recently transitioned to a new position as the Executive Director of the Jackson Community Development Corporation, and it continues to be evident that affordable housing availability in Fresno continues to be at the forefront of need in our city.

I urge you to vote in favor of accepting the state money and keep moving this project forward so we can continue the progress towards providing housing options for all.

~ Rhonda

Rhonda Dueck
Executive Director
Jackson Community Development Corporation



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Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Clerk Agendas
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From: OCC Customer Service [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2023 4:20 PM
To: Clerk [REDACTED] District4 [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Not given a chance to speak

See email below.

From: Mohsin Khan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:25 AM
To: OCC Customer Service [REDACTED]
Subject: Not given a chance to speak

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First Name	Mohsin
Last Name	Khan
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Subject	Not given a chance to speak
Message	Good morning. I took my lunch early and patiently waited to be selected by the city council to speak at the meeting this morning. I was not selected. I demand an apology.
IP Address	[REDACTED]
User-Agent (Browser/OS)	[REDACTED] Android

Referrer

<https://www.fresno.gov/contact/>

Memo

**Accepted by Presiding Officer
Pursuant to Rule 11(c)
*Distributed***

Date: December 2, 2023

To: Councilmembers

From: Hugo Morales, Executive Director
Radio Bilingüe, Inc.

RE: Recommended Changes to Measure P Guidelines for the
"Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Fund"
Up for approval on November 2, 2023

I am herewith reiterating a request made in writing on October 3, 2023 and reiterated subsequently. This request asks that information about an applicant's current audience be included in the application and review process in order to enable the Fresno Arts Council to track the impact of Measure P.

Included below is the current version of the narrative application followed by a version with the recommended changes highlighted in red and yellow (starting on page 3 below).

Two additional changes are recommended: 1) Emerging Organizations applicants should answer all questions on the application and 2) Applicants must choose between General Support Funding and Project Specific funding but should not be eligible for both.

CURRENT VERSION

On pages 12 and 13 of the Guidelines (on General Operating Support Guidelines and Project Specific Grants) approved on October 16, 2023 it currently reads:

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

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Emerging Organizations should only answer questions 1, 4, 5, and 6

1. Organization Description

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- a. What is your mission?
- b. How does your work align with the Cultural Plan?
- c. Describe how your organization evaluates the quality and success of your programs.
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- e. How does your organization intend to make use of General Operating Support funds if awarded?

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2. Programming

Share what the review panel should know about the organization's arts and cultural programs.

Consider the following questions to help shape your narrative:

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4. Organizational Challenges

- a. What do you identify as your greatest challenges?
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- c. Describe how these grant funds would be used to help address these challenges.
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From Page 8 - 9 of the Guidelines, with recommended changes in yellow.

TYPES OF GRANTS GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT

General Operating Support was called out in the Ordinance to support organizational stability for arts and cultural organizations that reflect the cultural, geographic, and demographic diversity of the City of Fresno; and reflect the proportion of each grantee's overall operations that serves residents within, or visitors to, the City of Fresno's sphere of influence. Grants shall prioritize organizations and programs that support and expand diverse public or youth engagement and equity.

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General Operating Support Grants are intended to provide core support to Cultural Arts Organizations to sustain and increase community access to a broad and diverse range of opportunities in the arts. The General Operating Support grant provides direct funding for ongoing operations. This grant contributes to a robust and diverse arts workforce and infrastructure. Funds may be used to support any eligible expenses associated with the general operations of Cultural Arts Organizations, including but not limited to rent, utilities, and staff salaries.

Eliminate: "Applying for this grant does not restrict an organization from applying for other project-based grants". Change to: "General Support Grant recipients are not eligible for project specific grants."

General Operating Support grants are intended to support the applicant organization in carrying out its mission. Funding is *not* intended to support a specific project. Emerging Arts and Culture Organization Support Grants may be awarded to Operating Support Grant applicants who meet the following criteria: Applicants are limited to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with annual revenue less than

\$50,000, regardless of years of operation; such organizations may apply for support of up to 100% of their annual revenue. Emerging Arts and Culture Organizations are encouraged to apply for Operating Support Grants that build capacity and expand their ability to reach and serve residents and visitors in the City of Fresno. Emerging Arts and Culture Organization Support Grants prioritize investment reflective of the cultural, demographic, and geographic diversity of Fresno.