

Regular Council Meeting

June 17, 2025

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

C. (ID 25-828)

***RESOLUTION - Adopt the FY 2026 Annual Appropriation Resolution (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Contents of Supplement: Public Comment Received

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Esteemed Members of the Fresno City Council,

On behalf of the BLACK Wellness & Prosperity Center (BWPC), I write to strongly advocate for the City's \$350,000 budget allocation in support of our maternal health initiatives and community infrastructure development efforts.

This funding represents life-saving resources for mothers and families in Fresno—families who have historically been underserved, underrepresented, and disproportionately affected by preventable maternal health outcomes.

Our Impact Is Real, Measurable, and Growing

In the past year alone, BWPC has:

- Provided direct maternal support and culturally centered care coordination to over 700 women, infants, their families, and pregnant persons in Fresno
- Offered community-based childbirth education, doula support, case management, and wellness services
- Provided thought leadership to city departments, and partnered with hospitals and educational institutions to build Fresno's capacity to deliver equitable care through workforce training and healthcare systems change
- Transformed our center into a trusted anchor institution where wellness, advocacy, and access converge

Your support enables us to sustain and expand this work—particularly in neighborhoods most impacted by health disparities.

We Are Building City Infrastructure, Not Just Programs

The \$350,000 allocation is an investment in:

- **Workforce development:** training the next generation of maternal health professionals
- **Direct services:** providing pregnant women, infants, and families with the social supports they need to thrive
- **Public-private collaboration:** aligning city and county systems with grassroots solutions
- **Built infrastructure:** creating safe, accessible, and culturally-rooted spaces for maternal care delivery

- **Emergency readiness:** ensuring maternal health resilience and preparedness in the face of crises like COVID-19, contaminated water, extreme heat, and wildfires

This is capacity-building at its most strategic and impactful.

Eliminating this allocation would:

- Jeopardize continuity of care for hundreds of mothers and infants
- Disrupt essential partnerships within public health and the safety net infrastructure
- Undermine our shared goals on prosperity

We respectfully urge you to retain the \$350,000 allocation as a clear signal of your commitment and investment to create a thriving Fresno for all families.

We welcome further dialogue and remain a ready and committed partner in advancing the city's prosperity agenda.

In partnership,

[Redacted Signature]

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

[Redacted Contact Information]

From: [REDACTED] behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: 5/10/25 Vote on Budget Motions
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:24:36 AM

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Dear Fresno City Council Members,

I'm writing to urge the Fresno City Council to pass an equitable budget that prioritizes and supports vulnerable communities.

As a resident in the City of Fresno, the high cost of living and expensive rent/ housing are affecting working families like mine. I ask city council members to prioritize our community and increase funds for the Eviction Protection Program to \$2.5 million, include \$3 million for Mobile Home Rehabilitation, and \$1 million to start the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA).

As the cost of living keeps rising, we also need to pass policies like a city-wide rent cap that will stop the growing power imbalance between corporate landlords and renters.

Our community is experiencing a housing and economic crisis. Investing in these programs and services now will prevent evictions and keep people housed in the City of Fresno. I strongly urge the council to pass the above community demands.

Sincerely,
Juana Garcia
Fresno, CA 93727
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: 5/10/25 Vote on Budget Motions
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:08:28 AM

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Sincerely,
Katherine Lee
Fresno, CA 93727
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [Clerk](#)
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Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 10:55:04 AM

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Sincerely,
Rubi Gutierrez
Fresno, CA 93730
[REDACTED]