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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO CREATE A VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there exists within the City of Fresno a shortage of safe, decent, and affordable housing such that it is adverse to the health, well-being, and prosperity of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, cost-burdened households have fewer financial resources to expend on other necessities such as healthy food, education, and medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, since 2019 vacancy rates have stagnated around 2-3%, which has driven up the price of rent; and

WHEREAS, residents with lower household incomes are more likely to be impacted by this shortage, leading to difficulty in finding safe and affordable housing options within Fresno; and

WHEREAS, on average, approximately 1,000 low-income households who have been issued vouchers, are actively searching for affordable housing, and are unable to secure (lease-up) safe, affordable-housing; and

WHEREAS, one of the 47 recommendations contained within the One Fresno Housing Strategy placed priority on establishing a Voucher Incentive Program by way of a one-time allocation from American Rescue Plan Act funding; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Housing Authority is a public housing authority responsible for the administration of other affordable housing programs, including the Housing

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Choice Voucher program and an Emergency Housing Voucher program and has significant experience in these types of programs.

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

- 1. The Voucher Incentive Program shall be funded with a one-time allocation of \$1,000,000 from the City of Fresno's American Rescue Plan Act funding, Fund #22080, pursuant to a Grant Agreement between the City and Fresno Housing Authority.
  - 2. This resolution is subject to all City rules and regulations.
  - 3. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss. CITY OF FRESNO I, TODD STERMER, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2022. AYES NOES ABSENT **ABSTAIN:** Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 TODD STERMER, CMC City Clerk By: Deputy Date APPROVED AS TO FORM: RINA M. GONZALES Interim City Attorney By: Taylor W. Rhoan Date Deputy City Attorney