

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CA, AUTHORIZING COORDINATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS THROUGH STREET2HOME FRESNO COUNTY AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE ALIGNMENT OF SPENDING PLANS THAT SUPPORT A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is charged with the preservation of public safety and quality of life in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno seeks to join with others to establish a firm basis from which to address homelessness countywide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has, with over 70 other stakeholders, developed a comprehensive framework for addressing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno finds that pursuant to the 2019 Point-in-Time Count, approximately 1,486 persons within the City of Fresno are homeless with 1,152 living without shelter representing a 16% increase over 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2018, the City of Fresno declared an emergency shelter crisis in the City of Fresno pursuant to California Government Code, section 8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes that homelessness is a communitywide issue requiring partnership with the County of Fresno, the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care, the Fresno Housing Authority, other stakeholders and the

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community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Council, through Resolution No. 2019-123, adopted Homelessness Priorities for Calendar Year 2019 on June 20, 2019, establishing a basis/plan to address homelessness countywide; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Priorities were created using the input provided by representatives of the incorporated cities within the County of Fresno and the County's Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments and the fifteen incorporated cities within the County of Fresno adopted resolutions in support of the Homelessness Priorities of Calendar Year 2019 during the months of June and July 2019; and

WHEREAS, through regional collaboration, public health and public safety will be preserved countywide; and

WHEREAS, Street2Home Fresno County will serve as the countywide collective impact initiative focusing on the adopted countywide homelessness priorities and the duties will include coordination of separately adopted but aligned spending plans, marketing, fund development, and communications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno commits to coordinate with the County of Fresno, Fresno Madera Continuum of Care, and Fresno Housing Authority, and where possible, adopt separate but aligned spending plans that support a continuum of services, rather than a siloed approach; coordination would develop homelessness reduction strategies that include homelessness prevention, housing and diversion services through Street2Home utilizing the adopted Homelessness Priorities as the basis to address homelessness countywide; resulting strategies would be reviewed and approved by

each coordinating entity; the main goal being to address homelessness-related issues in solidarity rather than by jurisdiction, with prevention strategies at the center; and

WHEREAS, the Street2Home Fresno County's structure will include:

1. Fresno County Board of Supervisors member;
2. Mayor of the City of Fresno;
3. Fresno City Council member;
4. Madera County Board of Supervisors member;
5. Fresno County Superintendent of Schools or designee;
6. Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Chair;
7. Fresno Housing Authority Executive Director; and,
8. Fresno County rural city representative (other than the Cities of Fresno

and Clovis) designated by Fresno Council of Governments.

In addition, the following would be selected by the foregoing:

9. A representative of philanthropy;
10. A representative of corporate/business/developer; and,
11. A representative of the hospital system.

Supported by County of Fresno and City of Fresno administrative staff with a data/community engagement component. In addition, an honorary committee including elected local, State, and Federal representatives; a community service organization committee; and an education committee may serve in advisory capacities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Council, in the furtherance of collaboration to address homelessness countywide, that the City of Fresno agrees to:

1. Coordinate with the designated incorporated Fresno County city representatives, the County of Fresno, the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care, and the Fresno Housing Authority to focus on the development of homeless reduction strategies

that include prevention, housing, and diversion services through Street2Home Fresno County; and,

2. Where possible, coordinate with the County of Fresno, the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care, the Fresno Housing Authority and other stakeholders to develop aligned spending plans that support a continuum of services.

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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 _____, 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2019
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2019
Mayor Veto: _____, 2019
Council Override Vote: _____, 2019

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

BY: _____
Laurie Avedisian-Favini Date
Assistant City Attorney