

## Briana Parra

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**From:** Tony Molina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:56 AM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** 1.-G. ID 22-873 Fwd: My statement for City Council meeting 8/18 re Vision Zero

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To the Clerk of the City of Fresno:

I have been asked to submit the following statement for the record on behalf of Diana Durham who is currently out of the country and unable to attend tomorrow's meeting re item 1.-G. ID 22-873.

Anthony Molina

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Diana Durham  
**Date:** August 3, 2022 at 8:14:36 PM PDT  
**To:**  
**Subject:** My statement for City Council meeting 8/18

Here it is:

Vision Zero

It is time for Fresno to embrace Vision Zero. Fresno has had far too many pedestrian and bicyclist deaths and these are preventable.

Planning and development in Fresno has focused on traffic and cars with no real thought on how safe it is for everyone not in a car. Fifty miles per hour traffic around Woodward Park has pedestrians and bicyclists trying to navigate on unsafe streets and intersections to get to and from the park.

I know all too well the cost of unsafe crosswalks in our town. My brother Paul Moore was killed on a bike in the crosswalk at Friant and Audubon January 12th. His death was totally preventable. Paul was the third crosswalk death in the last year going into or out of Woodward Park. There have been many more deaths in the city since our tragic loss.

February 10th, Mayor Dyer along with Councilmembers Bredefeld and Karbassi, announced some safety changes coming to the intersections by Woodward Park that began earlier this year. This is a start to improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in just one area in Fresno. During the press conference both Mayor Dyer and Councilmember Karbassi said they support Vision Zero for the City of Fresno.

Vision Zero is a global movement that I encourage Fresno to adopt now. It will take courage, and a systematic approach to address Fresno's safety needs around the city. Paul Moore was an amazing person, father, husband, son, brother, teacher, friend and accomplished cyclist. If a tragic collision could

happen to Paul, as experienced a rider as he was, it could happen to anyone. Fresno needs to more to protect our residents.

Thank you,

Diana Moore Durham

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**From:** Nicholas W Rafidi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:54 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Request to Speak Before the Fresno City Council

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**Name:** Nicholas W Rafidi

**Address**

**District** District 6

**Phone**

**Email**

**Date You Wish to  
Speak Before the  
City Council** August 18, 2022

**Topic/Subject** I would like to address the City Council's decision on funding for Planned Parenthood Miramonte at the upcoming meeting on Thursday August 18th. I have prepared a short letter of six paragraphs I believe is under 3 minutes I am including it below for review:

To our City Council, and members of the Fresno community. I am a constituent of Mr. Bredefeld, and a member of Bishop Brennan's parish. I spent my high school years at Holy Spirit under Father Eric. Recently, Mr. Bredefeld, Brennan, and some members of our faith community have spoken out against accepting money for Planned Parenthood Miramonte. In the words of Bishop Brennan "I don't want my tax dollars at work to fund Planned Parenthood. I don't think that you do either."

I want to say, as a member of his congregation, that I welcome my tax dollars being put to work to fund Planned Parenthood. My family is from the holy land, from Jerusalem, Ramallah, and in decades past Jaffa. We have been Christians since our lord walked among my ancestors and spoke God's truth to the powers that be. In his memory and his name, I would like to say I fully support those who seek all manner of health care from Planned Parenthood. When God came to Mary and asked her to hold in her womb his Son, Jesus Christ, he did not demand that of her. He asked. He gave her a choice. That is the God my family has known since the time of the Romans.

Concerning Mr. Bredefeld, I find his recent comments to be quite disconcerting. To quote "I am not saying that they probably don't provide those services. I am sure that they do. But the primary emphasis of what they do is heinous and evil. If they eliminated abortion services, I would fully support them."

Mr. Bredefeld has a pattern of sorely misenterpreting good from evil. I believe in years passed he's also made such statements as comparing road repairs in underfunded areas of town "reparations for slavery." I'm not quite sure how a man so shameful can hold his head high in public, but I'm certain his many friends all pull their weight. I'm saddened to see members of the clergy among them.

So to the Council, I ask that you accept this grant for Planned Parenthood. I believe many other Christians, Jews, and Muslims concerned with their sister's wellbeing feel the same way.

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**From:** christine Crossan Boogaert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** \$1,000,000 State Grant for PPMM

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Mayor Dyer,

Please support the state grant to PPMM for \$1,000,000 to help low income women and others. Improved health services in Fresno is a GOOD thing. I vote in every election.

Christine Crossan Boogaert

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**From:** Brandi Nuse-Villegas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** public comment, item 3-A

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I have some concerns and suggestions regarding the presentation.

The information is very helpful, and I will have more comments to submit, but there are a few initial comments.

The HART team response: When the HOPE team officers services, most times, they aren't offering shelter, because the sehlters have largely been full. I think it's important that the public knows that and that it's not that they come, the people refuse, and then must be moved. Also, in many instances, the HOPE team comes out the same day as the HART police. The treatment of the unhoused by the HART is unacceptable and seeing how other jurisdiction handle it, it is more than time for there to be accountable for the officer. People are reporting to you that they aren't being given time to move, they don't have assistance in most cases to move, and people have reported that they have been threatened to be arrested or have been arrested if they try to hold onto belongings, which have included irreplaceable valuables.

We need funding in 1-F to go towards including outreach during this time.

It also says that the HART police "resolves" the situation, but it's not resolved. People are forced to move without a place to go. And breaking up camps and displacing people is putting women in danger who might be in camps of people they trust, but are forced to be isolated.

Alsol there are two "wake up" sites where people are told to go (which is unsafe for many. What is the difference between this and a safe camp, except that in the case of a safe camp, there would be monitoring to keep people safe.

Also, other entities and efforts need to be acknowledged. In the HOPE team numbers for getting into shelters, you have included Don Ronquilo. The occupants were only offered sheltered because advocates and the unhoused themselves protested until the city relented and found rooms for them. They were not going to be offered shelter otherwise and it is disingenuous to omit this fact.

Regarding the showers, I am grateful and it would be helpful to post locations.

## Diane Longoria

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**From:** Aly Geller  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2022 8:02 AM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Public comment: Item 1-G: Vision Zero Action Plan

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Dear Council Members,

As Manager of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Families for Safe Streets, I'm expressing strong support for pursuit of grant funding for a Fresno Vision Zero ACTION Plan project.

I have worked with Fresno pedestrian and bike safety advocate Joe Martinez on California speed slowing legislation over the past two years, presented to the Fresno BPAC, and attended the Woodward Park memorial and press conference marking the crash that killed cyclist Paul Moore.

Vision Zero is a proven strategy to address the preventable epidemic of rising crash fatalities and severe injuries in Fresno. With Fresno recently earning the distinction as the 10th most dangerous city in the US for pedestrians, and new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding becoming available to cities, there is no better time for Fresno to commit to the safety of this community.

Thank you,  
Aly Geller

Vision Zero Engagement Manager  
Walk San Francisco

**Diane Longoria**

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**From:** Jason Horsman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:59 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment 8/18/2022 meeting

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Jason Horsman, 93711

Expanding access to health care should not be political if there is to be one Fresno. I support the Fresno City Council approving the state allocation to local community nonprofits. Planned Parenthood Mar Monte will use the much-needed State funding for health center renovations to improve access to health care in the Central Valley community. We urge an aye vote to support the State's investment in expanding community services in Fresno.

Please vote to support the funding to local nonprofits.



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**From:** Talisha Brantley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:08 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 8/18/22

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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment in regards to state funding going to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. I would like for the council to vote in favor of \$1million in state funds to be sent to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte as this is money that is needed for this location to continue to provide medical care to lower income families and individuals. Planned Parenthood provides more than just abortions, which is legal in the state of California, and withholding funds based on ones personal religious beliefs undermines separation between church and state. This also forces others with different religious views to lose access to services they require access to in their faith, such as those who are Jewish.

This clinic provides a range of reproductive and primary health services including birth control, pregnancy testing and options counseling, STD testing and treatment, HIV testing, breast and cervical cancer screening, abortion, pediatrics and adult primary health care. To deny these funds is to deny the most vulnerable Fresnoans access to the medical care that they need.

I urge the council to vote to allow the fund to go to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and if they Mayor vetoes, I urge the council to override the veto.

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**From:** Ginny Barnes  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Public comment: 1-O

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My name is Ginny Barnes, and I am a Fresno community resident in district 3.

Pass the 1-O budget amendment to allow for these state funds to support public health. These funds would allow Planned Parenthood Mar Monte to purchase cancer screening equipment that could help save lives. This should not be a political issue.

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Ginny Barnes  
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**From:** Alexa S.  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment 8/18/2022

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Fresno, CA shows me time and time again that it does not care about whether or not I have a place to stay. Now, the right wing extremist lobbyists fighting hard to persuade the city's funding allocation is trying to show me that Fresno will not care about my right to choice or my right to my own body. Several people today in the public comments mentioned cancer. If someone has been diagnosed and is immunocompromised like me, what are we going to do if pregnancy might kill us? What if there are so many other complications (which unfortunately happen abundantly)? What if someone has been assaulted and is now left pregnant from an extremely traumatic event?

As a Christian, it's INSANE if we try to mandate what other people can do with their bodies. The Lord doesn't want me to block a uterus-having person's right to choose. We are put here to love, not oppress.

FUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD!