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File ID 21-1020, 3-C

Action pertaining to budgeting American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds:

1. ***RESOLUTION - 30th Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Resolution (AAR) No. 2021-178 appropriating \$38,155,000 for citywide operational support that will be funded from first tranche of ARPA funds (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes)(Subject to Mayor's Veto)

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Amanda Martin

From: Karla Martinez <
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: File ID 21-1020 3-C and Unscheduled Public Comment
Attachments: Unscheduled Public Comment.pdf; Item 3C- ARPA Agenda Comment Letter - Google Docs.pdf

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments

Good Afternoon,

I have attached comments for Item 3C and have also attached comments for unscheduled public comments regarding housing issues in Fresno.

Best,

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Karla Martinez (she/her/ella)

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City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721
November 30, 2021

<sent via email>

Dear Council President Chavez and fellow City Councilmembers,

The undersigned organizations are a group of community-based organizations working hand-in-hand with community partners and leaders throughout the City of Fresno. We write to you in response to agenda item 3-A where Mayor Jerry Dyer will present on the partial allocation of the City's allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Before this City Council or the Mayor move forward with allocating these dollars, **we urge you all to implement a public process and allocate funding that is equitable, inclusive, and responsive to communities' needs who were most impacted by the pandemic.**

Attached you will find two letters previously shared with many of you providing best practices for how the City should meaningfully engage the public, and especially those most impacted by the crisis. Additionally, we have a letter with budget priorities directly influenced by community residents' needs and priorities.

We thank you for taking the time and consideration towards these documents and comments.

Sincerely,

Alex Alvarado
Faith in the Valley

Briana Zweifler
Fresno Barrios Unidos

Karla Martinez
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Marisa Moraza
Power California

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Root & Rebound

Appendix A



November 30, 2021

<sent via email>

Letter RE: 2021 American Rescue Plan Budget Priorities & Guiding Principles for a Just and Equitable Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Mayor Dyer and City Councilmembers,

The unforeseen pandemic has not only exacerbated existing problems but also spotlighted pervasive issues most prevalent in Fresno's low-income communities of color. We continue to consistently rank poorly in air quality, social and health outcomes, and quality of life for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities¹. Most recently, the State's updated CalEnviroScreen 4.0 has once again identified three of the top five most burdened census tracts are found in the 93706 zip code of Southwest Fresno. With the unanticipated allocation of \$171 million, this City and its leadership have the opportunity to change this reality by **funding and investing in equity-focused priorities driven by the very people who have borne the burden of discriminatory practices.**

We urge the city to adopt a transparent and inclusive process that's responsive to the community, especially those who have been disproportionately impacted most by COVID-19. Moreover, we provide the following community priorities below identified in partnership with resident and youth leaders. This is not a comprehensive list and again, recommend a participatory process to ensure robust meaningful community engagement.

¹<https://www.lung.org/research/sota/city-rankings/msas/fresno-madera-hanford-ca#pmann>

HOUSING STABILIZATION

- **Additional \$45 Million Allocation to Further Fund a Comprehensive Affordable Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF)**

The housing crisis in California was at its worst pre-pandemic and the situation has only worsened since 2020 for Fresno City residents as they face some of the hottest rental and home buying markets in the nation. “Affordable” rents and homes have attracted outsiders to our large city making it that much more difficult for existing residents to find and maintain stable and healthy housing. Fortunately, City leadership has worked on attempting to stabilize the current crisis by developing and implementing an Eviction Protection Program, a local eviction moratorium, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and a Local Housing Trust Fund. However, Unfortunately, this has only provided some relief for residents while they continue to struggle to find affordable healthy housing. To seriously address the current housing crisis, City leaders need to take urgent and comprehensive action to support protecting existing residents, produce diverse housing options for all, and prevent more residents from losing their housing.

The initial \$2.5 million allocation to create the Local Housing Trust Fund must be increased in order to expand the scope and scale of the housing programs. Additional programs include but are not limited to:

1. **Eviction Protection Program:**
 - a. With a recently approved resolution establishing an Eviction Protection Program and **the recent end to the national eviction moratorium**, we urge the City Council to follow suit and commit funding to this program for the next three years using American Rescue Plan dollars. This would allow the City time to identify a more comprehensive source of funding to sustainably support this program, meanwhile establishing a comprehensive program that supports tenants facing eviction, inhabitable living conditions, harassment, retaliation, and other problems.
2. **Housing Rehabilitation Programs:**
 - a. There should be funds available to tenants and homeowners who are interested in rehabilitating their homes, especially for low-income residents. This should also focus on energy efficiency and climate sustainability, such as weatherization and energy retrofit programs.
2. **First time home-owner assistance programs:**
 - a. This project can support with first-time home buyer forgivable loans, assistance with purchasing a home, amongst other community identified projects this includes low-interest loans or grants for mortgage assistance programs, down payment assistance programs
3. **Acquisition:**
 - a. This includes purchasing vacant or abandoned buildings and homes, transferring ownership to a citywide land trust to promote community ownership and fend off corporate speculators.
4. **Housing Rights Education and Eviction Protection Program:**

- a. Programs that include community outreach and education on tenant rights, investigation of rights violations, and landlord responsibilities. This program should work with Code Enforcement to resolve violations.

5. Shelters & Transitional Housing

- a. Fresno has approximately 4,000 unhoused residents and only approximately 1,200 shelter beds.² Many residents returning home from incarceration or recovering from substance use disorder also require temporary supportive housing, but there are far too few options available, especially for youth. Fresno rents have soared during the pandemic, and people getting back on their feet need free or low-cost options to help bridge the gap between crisis and stability.

6. Tenant Assistance and Temporary Housing:

- a. The Housing Trust Fund programs should focus on long-term solutions, not temporary relief. Even so, the Fund should include protected resources for emergency circumstances which may require financial assistance or temporary housing for tenants. These programs should include rental assistance or temporary relocation.

7. Community Oversight:

The LHTF must be community led and priorities identified by residents. Tenants should have decision making authority and oversight on all activities and programs related to housing trust fund.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$9 million for Youth and Community Resilience Centers**

If the pandemic has highlighted anything, it is that community gathering spaces are crucial for a community's quality of life. Communal spaces are critical to people's health and well-being, and have served to provide Fresnoans with COVID tests and vaccinations, food distribution centers, and other necessary resources. Youth especially need spaces to play, connect and socialize, in safe, enriching, and non-judgmental environments, and they need these spaces more than ever after a year and a half of disrupted social development. Now is the moment to expand access to youth and community resilience centers for low-income communities in Fresno that have failed to see critical investments in their neighborhoods. Access to quality community gathering spaces should not be a privilege only available to some.

The state has also recently allocated millions over the course of three years across the state to support investment in climate resilience centers. Allocation from ARPA into these spaces allows the City to more competitively apply for these funds and leverage local dollars. The University Medical Center campus the City is currently considering purchasing, for instance, would be an excellent site for a youth or community resilience center. We have the opportunity to invest deeply in youth and community well-being and should make these one-time investments in spaces that will serve Fresnoans for generations.

² <https://www.fresnobee.com/fresnoland/article255133397.html>

- **Funding for the Zero Fare Clean Air Act**

Earlier this year, the City passed a Zero Fare Act which made all FAX buses fare free for Fresno residents. This proposal has helped parents, students, and community members get to their destinations without worrying about the cost of taking multiple buses to get to the doctors office, the grocery store, or COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Now is the time for the City to allocate ARPA funding, while the City finds and plans a more sustainable, long-term funding and expenditure plan to extend the Act.

Additionally, there needs to be community conversations to discuss the needs and priorities of FAX riders including switching over to a long term funding source to keep Fresno transportation free, switching over from diesel to an 100% electric powered fleet, transit line extension, and increasing frequency in areas with low vehicle ownership.

- **\$15 million for Infrastructure Projects for Public Safety and Environmental Mitigation**

The City needs to invest in infrastructure improvements in neighborhoods that rank the highest on CalEnviroScreen for pollution and poor health outcomes. Relevant investments include urban greening to mitigate the environmental impacts created by sources of pollution. Additionally, substantial investments in adequate pedestrian and bike safety infrastructure are necessary to mitigate climate impacts. This includes but is not limited to complete streets, bike lanes, community youth centers maintenance, bike safety education, and vouchers for protective bicycle gear. As stated in the Treasury guidelines state necessary investments include **projects that are required to maintain a level of service that, at least, meets applicable health-based standards**, taking into account resilience to climate change **to unserved or underserved populations** to reach an adequate level to permit a household to work or attend school.

Below are community-identified infrastructure projects:

- Railway crossing barriers on Floradora Ave. between North 8th Street and North Barton Avenue. Residents here have consistently voiced concerns around the lack of a barrier between housing and the train tracks, especially when there is a middle school and local grocery store nearby, putting kids and community members at risk. (District 7)
- Complete streets along Floradora near Yosemite Middle School. Elderly folks and children find it difficult to get to and from school without appropriate sidewalks and many elderly folks have fallen or tripped due to this. (District 7)
- Proper street lighting near every bus stop to promote safer trips and visibility, especially for children, women, and folks who are elderly or disabled. Additionally, better bus stop infrastructure to cover riders from extreme weather conditions is needed. (All Districts)
- Complete sidewalks near the Addams elementary school community, specifically on Mckinley from Marks to the Golden State Hwy underpass. (District 3)
- Complete protected bike lanes beginning on NW Olive and Hughes and going along Hughes to Mckinley. This would be conducive for a safe biking path to Addams Elementary. (District 3)

- The communities of Central and Cherry Avenues, and Central and Orange Avenues need complete street, and water and wastewater infrastructure. The City has committed to seek funding for bike and pedestrian safety infrastructure and water/sewer connectivity to the city. Since the development of more industrial facilities, safely walking in this community has become difficult and dangerous with distribution trucks passing by at dangerous speeds. (District 3)
- Better transit systems for parents who have children who attend schools near low income areas such as: Sunnyside and Roosevelt High Schools (District 5), Edison High School (District 3), Gaston Middle School (District 3), Baird Middle School, and Patino High School (District 7). The majority of parents come from neighborhoods in Southeast and Southwest Fresno, so better connectivity from these areas to these schools needs to be sought out. This can look like protected bike lanes from Addams to Edison and Gaston, and Calwa to Roosevelt and Sunnyside; higher bus frequency with Route 35 that goes to Addams and Route 1 that goes to Sunnyside; and protected bike lanes that go along Cambridge starting from Blackstone to Clark.
- Street lights need to be placed throughout the community between Jensen/Church and Fruit/Walnut region and immediately around the Addams Elementary neighborhood to ensure safe and secure travel for residents, especially after dark. (District 3)
- West Jensen Ave from MLK Jr to West Fresno Regional Sports Complex that includes complete sidewalks, lighting and protected bike lanes so that West Fresno residents can actually walk or bike safely to the park without having to drive. (District 3)

HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Care NOT Cops**

We urge the City of Fresno to invest in systems of care and reject systems of harm. We create systems of care through concentrated community reinvestment—by investing into people, places, and equitable opportunities. The people of Fresno need generative strategies that lift us from the roots. We ask the Council and Mayor to not invest American Rescue Plan dollars in police, and to instead support real community safety by funding community health and well-being as outlined in the other sections of this letter.

- **\$30 Million for a Recovery Fund**

Fresno is a city of stark inequities stemming from years of systemic discrimination and disinvestment. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these inequities. Residents of the City of Fresno urgently need access to emergency relief funds to pay for food, shelter, household items, hygiene supplies, baby care items, school supplies, child care, medical bills, and more. Many residents also need aid to help fill the gaps in existing support programs that have complex state or federal eligibility restrictions. Before the pandemic, Fresno was cited as having the highest concentrated poverty rate of any metro area in the US,³

³ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/economy/2018/04/23/cities-hit-hardest-extreme-poverty/528514002/>

with 1 in every 3.5 Fresno residents living in poverty.⁴ Low-income families have been hit hardest by the ongoing pandemic and need assistance now.

We urge the City of Fresno to establish a Recovery Fund of at least \$30 million for emergency cash assistance. This fund should be as low barrier as possible. To maximize accessibility, the aid should be accessible through a network of trusted community-based organizations. People with the highest need, such as young parents, undocumented residents, people released from incarceration during the pandemic, and unhoused people, should be prioritized for assistance.

- **\$3 Million for Mental Health Services and Community Wellness Programs**

Youth and community advocates have urged the City of Fresno to deepen investments in systems of care, and those calls have only grown more urgent throughout the pandemic. People everywhere have been hard hit by the social isolation of the last year and a half, and our youth have felt this pain most acutely. We urge the City of Fresno to make at least \$3 million available for services and programs such as clinical and non-clinical mental health services, community-based healing programs, substance use disorder treatment, violence prevention and intervention programs, domestic violence services, family supports, and enrichment activities for youth ages 0-26 to help repair the stress and trauma of the pandemic. We urge the City to partner with the community in identifying the needs of Fresno residents, and to work with a diverse network of community-based organizations to promote existing services and design a holistic and responsive set of services and programs to meet these needs.

- **Covid Mitigation and Prevention**

We cannot recover from the COVID-19 pandemic until we reduce the spread of this deadly virus. Currently, accessing a free COVID-19 test can require waiting days for an appointment. For our poorest residents who work long hours, this can mean simply going without a test and potentially putting off treatment until the infection worsens, or infecting others around them. Masks, especially the N95 masks that offer the best protection against COVID-19, are costly and can be hard to track down. We ask for an allocation of ARPA funds sufficient to provide free and on-demand rapid COVID-19 testing, vaccines, N95 masks, and other PPE to any Fresno residents who want them. Sufficient protective measures are critical for the health of our city, and especially for the BIPOC residents who have been most deeply impacted by COVID-related illness and death.

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Creating a better Fresno can only be accomplished via active and genuine collaboration between City leaders and community residents. The American Rescue Plan funding should be allocated through a transparent, meaningful, and responsive public process so as to ensure equitable investments for all Fresnoans regardless of zip code, income, race, gender, immigration status, and housing circumstance. The City of Fresno is at the forefront of the San Joaquin Valley. Continuing down this leadership path means implementing bold initiatives, policies, and investments addressing and correcting the years of systemic

⁴ <https://www.welfareinfo.org/poverty-rate/california/fresno>

oppression BIPOC communities have been subjected to, and prioritizing the voices of its most impacted residents.

Sincerely,

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Appendix B



November 9th, 2021

RE: City of Fresno ARPA Outreach & Engagement Plan

Dear Mayor Dyer, City Councilmembers, and City staff,

The undersigned organizations write to you to advocate for a public process that is equitable, inclusive, and responsive to disadvantaged communities' needs. We are a group of community-based organizations working hand-in-hand with community partners and leaders throughout the City of Fresno. The following recommendations are based on our experience to push for transformative community led and identified solutions.

The City of Fresno has long perpetuated the tale of two cities exacerbated by the global pandemic's disparate public health and socioeconomic impacts placed on Fresno's black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) populations. However, as City leaders, you all have the rare opportunity to meaningfully address these injustices by **aligning the \$171 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with community priorities**—especially those who have been historically excluded—**identified through a participatory budgeting process**. Participatory budgeting is not a new concept and has even been successfully implemented here through the Transformative Climate Community (TCC) process.

Moreover, the **Treasury Department urges governments to engage their constituents and communities in developing plans to use these payments**. As the fifth largest city in California, Fresno can lead once more, by enacting another participatory process and be a model on how to leverage ARPA funds to reduce racial health, educational, and wealth gaps.

Key Public Participation Recommendations:

- **Citywide remote and in-person listening sessions and meetings targeting communities most impacted by COVID-19.**

- *Recommendation: A 4-round process will take place where on average 3-4 meetings occur per round, prioritizing communities most impacted by COVID-19. In person meetings and virtual options will be made available.*
 - Round #1: Purpose is to provide context, and obtain general needs and projects which residents want to prioritize. Residents are encouraged to identify specific projects. Staff will then take back the information received, summarize, and identify projects that align with resident priorities and can be funded with ARPA funding.
 - Round #2: The City will come back to residents with a summary of minutes from Meeting #1 and list of projects that align with resident priorities and ARPA requirements. An initial vote prioritizing general themes will be taken to begin arranging priorities. Feedback from residents will help further refine this list.
 - Round #3 : A recap of meeting #1 and #2 will occur at the beginning. Voting on specific projects and priorities will take place at this meeting creating a near final list for Councilmembers and the Mayor to adopt.
 - Round #4: Council members and staff will come back with a final list of projects and funding amounts to present to residents.

- **Alternative Methods of Participation Will be Available**

- Interactive Mapping Tool: The City should develop an interactive mapping tool where folks can place markers on a map with projects, comments, and transportation projects throughout the city such as [Norfolk, VA](#) has done.
- Online Survey: The City should also develop a survey for folks to fill out. The survey will allow folks to describe their COVID-19 impacts, such as loss of job, wages, housing, etc. The survey will then help the city identify programs and projects that will most impact affected communities and will help better understand the short-term and structural challenges that they faced over the course of the pandemic.

- **Best Practices**

- [Cities throughout the United States](#) have already begun engaging their constituents for the use of these funds. More closely, the City of Merced has been promoting their public process for ARPA funding through radio broadcasts, mailers, hearings, and mass texting for a survey on budget priorities which received 300+ responses.
- Translation Services should be provided at all meetings. Options should include at least Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi.
- Meetings should be scheduled both during the evening and the morning in order to give the most residents an opportunity to participate.

- Hybrid options for participation should be available virtually and in person.
- Recovery efforts should be centered around racial and geographic equity. We cannot allow ourselves to perpetuate a tale between two cities.
- Partnering with trusted community groups is essential to ensure robust engagement from the hardest to reach communities.

Participatory budgeting is needed for the \$171 million dollars going to the City of Fresno. This funding is meant for the economic recovery of those most impacted by COVID-19 and they must guide the way in which these dollars are spent. Fresnoans deserve the opportunity to voice how they want these dollars spent and the city should make a diligent, good faith effort to listen to those needs. Participation and decisions for these funds should not be available only to a select few and needs to be guided by the residents of Fresno. Programs, projects, and priorities should not be solely guided by elected officials and community participation is critical to equitable use of American Rescue Plan funds. These recommendations are not exhaustive of the various modes, formats, and mediums to engage the public, however, have been demonstrated to be best practices approaches. We welcome the opportunity to further discuss any of our recommendations and ongoing partnership with City Staff.

Sincerely,

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My name is _____ and I live in District _____. I demand that the City Council act NOW and implement safe, affordable housing policies that are long overdue. Specifically, City Councilmembers need to adopt:

10. Rent Stabilization or Rent Control

11. Just Cause Eviction Protections

12. Expanded Right to Counsel Program.

Rents in Fresno are too high and housing needs to be safe, affordable, and habitable. I support the policies mentioned above.

Signature

Albert Dozier

Date

12-6-21

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Date 12/6 _____

America Monroy

Mi nombre es _____ y vivo en el Distrito _____. Exijo que el Concejo Municipal actúe AHORA e implemente pólizas de vivienda segura y asequible que se debieron hacer desde hace mucho tiempo. Específicamente, los Concejales de la Ciudad deben adoptar:

1. Estabilización de rentas o control de rentas
2. Protecciones de desalojo por causa justa
3. Programa ampliado de Derecho a Asesoramiento.

Las rentas en Fresno son demasiado altas y las viviendas deben ser seguras, asequibles y habitables. Apoyo las pólizas mencionadas anteriormente.

Firma _____

Fecha 12/6

Alberta Aquivino

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x Paul Botello

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Signature *David B. Brown* Date 12-3-21

My name is Alexander Villalobos and I live in District 1.

Comment: I would support this 100%
due to my parents being elderly
and being evicted of their home

Sandra Millscott

My name is _____ and I live in District 4. I demand that the City Council act NOW and implement safe, affordable housing policies that are long overdue. Specifically, City Councilmembers need to adopt:

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Signature _____

Date 12/8/21

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Signature _____

Date 12/16

Lidia Vega

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Signature _____ Date _____

x Harley Hutchings

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Signature _____ Date _____

from phone banking! Wants
to leave comment

* Joanna Robles

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X Virginia Muñoz

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x Francisco Maldonado

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Date 12/16

Aurora Cruz

Amanda Martin

From: Matthew M.
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Matthew Maokosy and I am a Fresno community member in district 4. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

We have the opportunity to address the ongoing housing crisis and fund systems of care by directing ARPA funding going to the city to address community needs. We need to create an inclusive, accessible and transparent public input process to direct the \$171 million in ARPA funding. I recommend the city use a 4 round process where each round has multiple meetings to provide context, gather project priorities from community members, allow community members to vote on their priorities, and then report back to the community what was gathered.

Fresno leaders shouldn't repeat the mistakes of the past. Decision makers can choose another path so that Fresno emerges out of this crisis stronger, healthier and more united.

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Ernesto Saavedra
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Ernesto and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes Park and I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

\$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks.

Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to:

Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM.
Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM.

Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Saavedra

Amanda Martin

From: Alexandros R. Acedo-Papadopoulos
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Alexandros Acedo and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I mostly frequent Figarden Neighborhood park, Orchid Park, Oso de Oro Park, and Woodward Park.

I think than to use \$10,000,000 on police and only \$50,000 on PARCS is a travesty of justice and decency.

I am urging you to fund Care, Relief, & Recovery, instead of the police apparatus.

I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds.

Parks are centers of community and bastions of public health that need to be as accessible and well-maintained as possible.

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Sincerely,

Alexandros Acedo
Fresno resident, voter, & taxpayer

Amanda Martin

From: Daniel Farfan Ayala
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Daniel Farfan Ayala and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user most of parks in Fresno. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Amanda Martin

From: Bryant Contreras
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Bryant contreras and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Victoria neighborhood park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Bryant contreras

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Tony Quezada
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers, My name is Tony Quezada and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Victoria Park (Clinton & Brawley). I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to: Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM. Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Tony

Amanda Martin

From: Abby Ramirez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Abigail Ramirez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Victoria Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Abigail Ramirez

Amanda Martin

From: Giovanni Ramirez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Giovanni Ramirez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Victoria Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Giovanni Ramirez

Amanda Martin

From: caieb duarte
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:42 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Mayor; Clerk
Subject: Keep the Lights on at Fresno Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is **Caleb Duarte, professor at Fresno City College**, and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of the city's parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Caleb Duarte

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Caleb (Kaleb) Duarte
Artist and Professor of Sculpture Fresno City College
Founder **EDELO** Where the United Nations Used to Be
www.calebduarte.org
www.edelo.org

Pronouns: he/him/his
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Amanda Martin

From: Jessie Kanter <
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Jessie and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Dicky Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,
Jessie

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From: MANUEL Hernandez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Manuel Hernandez

Amanda Martin

From: Brandon Powell
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Clerk
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Amanda Martin

From: Erika Fuller
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Erika and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Erika Fuller
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Nate Wathen, and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of a variety of parks in the area, especially Jaswant Singh Khalra Neighborhood Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Nate Wathen

Amanda Martin

From: Daisy Guzman
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Daisy Guzman and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Calwa & Cary park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to:

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Sincerely, Daisy Guzmán

Amanda Martin

From: Joel Moreno
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Joel Moreno and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Vinland Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Joel Moreno

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Vicente Chavez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Michelle Kazoua Yang
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

Kazoua Yang

Amanda Martin

From: Sergio Klassen
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Sergio and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Jaswant Singh Khalsa Neighborhood Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sergio Klassen

Amanda Martin

From: Imelda Cruz <
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Imelda Cruz and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes and Romain Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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From: Luis Miranda
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Luis and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Highway City Community Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Luis

Amanda Martin

From: Jonah Bassman ·
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers, My name is Jonah and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of many of our parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks.

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Sincerely,

Jonah

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Amanda Martin

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Amanda Martin

From: Luie Gee
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Clerk
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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Luis A Garcia and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Lions Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Luis A Garcia

Amanda Martin

From: Kacie Massoudi
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Kacie and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of local parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Kacie

Amanda Martin

From: Jasmin Guzman <jasminguzman2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Jasmin Guzman, and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes Park and Calwa Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Jasmin Guzman

Amanda Martin

From: Victor Galvan <galvanv@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: jonathan ramirez <jona8730@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is [Jonathan Ramirez] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [lions park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

[Jonathan Ramirez]

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Amanda Martin

From: Anthony Asencio <asasencio18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:47 AM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Anthony and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Lions Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Anthony Asencio

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: G Breezy <niner015@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: G Breezy
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is [Gabriel Guerrero] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [Lions Park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

[Gabriel Guerrero]

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Amanda Martin

From: Felipe Maciel <flpmaciel10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Felipe Maciel and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,
Felipe Maciel

Amanda Martin

From: Manu Ramirez <manuram68@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Jorge Ramirez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Jorge Ramírez

Amanda Martin

From: Oscar Sandoval <oscarmsandoval@mail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Oscar Sandoval and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of many of our local parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Oscar Sandoval

Amanda Martin

From: Anna Wells <anna.whatthehealth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Clerk; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Mayor
Subject: Keep the Lights on at Fresno Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Anna Wells and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Dicky Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Anna Wells

Amanda Martin

From: Luis Sandoval ·
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:03 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Luis Sandoval and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Cary park and other parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to: Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM. Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Luis Sandoval,

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Irene Serrano
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Irene Serrano and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Pilibos Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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PROVIDE ENGAGING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO PARTAKE IN. ACTIVITIES LIKE SPORTS LEAGUES, LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ALL AGES, FREE HEALTH CLASSES, REGULAR BLOCK PARTIES...

HIRE STAFF TO ORGANIZE SPORTS LEAGUES LIKE THE OLD CHICANO YOUTH CENTER WHEN ALFONSO HERNANDEZ WAS THERE. ALFONSO BELIEVED IN YOU BACK THEN JERRY DYER. I WAS ONE OF HIS STAFF AND WE USED TO DO AMAZING WORK UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP! WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR ROOTS!

Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Irene Serrano

Amanda Martin

From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: LISA FLORES
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Lisa Flores and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Roeding Park. I urge you to add funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, lack of adequate lighting at dusk and in the evening hours is a safety issue and needs to be addressed, especially during this global pandemic.

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Sincerely,
Lisa Y Flores

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: IVAN LEON <ivan.leon@cityofpresno.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers, My name is Jay leon and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of almost all neighborhood parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to: Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM. Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks. Sincerely, jay leon.

Amanda Martin

From: karla martinez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Karla Martinez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Carozza Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Karla Martínez

Amanda Martin

From: Sean Felten <[\[redacted\]](#)>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Sean Patrick Felten and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Lion's Skate Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Sean Patrick Felten
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Amanda Martin

From: Cole Alt
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

Cole Alt

Amanda Martin

From: F DLG <f.dlg@fresno.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Samantha Johnson
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Francisco Delagarza and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Todd Beamer park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Francisco Delagarza

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: vicente chavez <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Jose E Rodriguez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is [Jose Rodriguez] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

[Jose E Rodriguez]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Daniel Mora
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Daniel Mora and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Jaswant Singh, Koligian and Todd Beamer Parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Daniel Mora

Amanda Martin

From: Alyssa Lopez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Alyssa Gonzalez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Granite Park, Fresno High, Lots of Clovis Schools, and Fowler High. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Alyssa Gonzalez

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Melina Navarro
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Melina Navarro, I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Lyons Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Melina Navarro

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Lindsay Bents
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 8:02 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Lindsay Betita and I am a Fresno community member in district 2. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sincerely,
Lindsay Betita

Amanda Martin

From: Amanda Martin
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 6:44 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Kendra and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Robinson park and other parks throughout the city. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,
Kendra Staub

Amanda Martin

From: Araceli Rendon
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:01 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: public comment

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Hi my name is Araceli Rendon and I am currently a student at Fresno State and live in District 4 in Fresno City since Fresno has now become my second home due to moving out here for my education. I am thankful and fortunate that my parents and my family were able to afford our house and continue to live in our house for 18 years and continues for more years but besides my life in housing, I am here to support and acknowledge the community with rent control, due to eviction protections, and Right-to-Counsel because I believe it is important to prioritize the safety and affordable housing for all residents will enhance the quality of life for everyone and our community in the city. I am asking you, Fresno City Council to support the Rent Control, Just Cause Eviction Protections, and Right-to-Counsel because all together these housing policies will help increase the overall amount of affordable housing in Fresno, help with the prevention from more people in our community from losing their housing, and with the decrease number of individuals experiencing homelessness.
Thank you

Amanda Martin

From: Laurie Flores
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is [insert your name] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Marcos Jauregui
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

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[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: Megan Quinn ·
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Megan Quinn and I am a Fresno community member in district 4 I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Amanda Martin

From: Citlalli Santiago
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Better Housing Policies for Fresno

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My name is Citlalli Santiago. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent stabilization. It's difficult enough to pay \$1,200 meanwhile the owner maintains the home. Renters are paying much of the landlord's mortgage. We need affordable housing for all residents to improve the quality of life and everyone in the city. Families are suffering from homelessness. During the pandemic, I was kicked out of the place I was renting because my landlord sold the house. My nephew was born on the day we were kicked out. We were trying to look for a place to rent. The rents are so high that I wasn't able to find a place. As a woman with higher education, I can't afford rent. RENT IS TOO HIGH.

Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

-----Original Message-----

From: Isaac Morales
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:21 PM
To:
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Isaax and I am a Fresno community member in district 14. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

From: Dakari Cleveland
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:04 PM
To:
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Dakari Cleveland and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of the Hinton Center. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Dakari Cleveland

Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: Better Housing Policies For Fresno

From: Asher Ki
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: Better Housing Policies For Fresno

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My name is Asher Garcia , I'm a youth organizer with Californians for justice a nonprofit organization in Fresno as well as a social justice advocate and a student at Fresno State University. I'm encouraging the City Council to take action and support policies that will ultimately provide support and stability for renters like rent stabilization programs, just cause eviction protections and right to counsel because I'm honestly tired of owners of property and property managements not maintaining homes and choosing to accommodate renters whenever it's convenient for them. I currently live in an apartment where I'm paying \$1,025 and forced to live in an uncomfortable situation. I mean the place is literally falling apart. I Find myself constantly having to deal with a lot of maintenance issues, unlevelled floors, discolored water leaking from the faucets- in which the property claims to be a "city issue" whatever that means because they have yet to send anyone out to fix, dirty grout in the kitchen/ on the floors that won't let up no matter how much you clean it, a leaking sink in the kitchen, and a huge roach issue that I feel the property isn't taking seriously. When I voiced my concerns and explained how ridiculous it was for me to be paying over \$1,000 for an apartment that is clearly unsanitary, unsafe and simply scum, they responded with "We spoke to the owner. They do not want you to be unhappy in the unit, and are willing to allow you to break the lease with a 30-Day Notice. They need to know by the end of the month if you would like to mutually end the Lease Agreement with no penalty. If we do not hear back from you by the end of the month (11/30/2021), the owner's will assume you do not wish to end the Lease Agreement and the offer will no longer be available. At that point, if you would like, you can end the agreement at the end of the original terms agreed to (8/31/2022)". Which put us in a difficult/tight situation seeing as we had a limited amount of time to find another place and on top of having limited time, we would need to come up with enough money to be able to put down another deposit on another place which wasn't feasible. So, at this time we are forced to endure these horrible living conditions and the possibility of a rent increase because owners choose profit over people. To make matters worse, I believe that I am the only one in the area who is paying over \$1000 while my neighbors are paying considerably less , which is unfair but according to the owners, he's well within his rights. I'll end with two questions, when will tenants and renters be treated with respect? And what are you, city council, willing to do to prioritize the voice of the people? If folks were unsure of where to start, might I suggest the implementation of rent stabilization programs, just cause eviction protection and right to counsel.

Thank you.

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Asher Ki
Organizer
He/Him
(C) 559-240-6889

"When man discovered the mirror, he began to lose his soul"- Emile Durkheim

Amanda Martin

From: Monica Jacinto
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Better Housing Policies for Fresno

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Hi my name is Monica and I live in District 4 in Fresno City. I want the city Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent stabilization, eviction protections, and right to counsel. I'm aware of the precarious conditions other residents are experiencing and I fully support them. I believe prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

Amanda Martin

From: Ashley Macias
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Better Housing Policies for Fresno

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My name is Ashley and I live in Fresno County. I want the city council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, eviction protections and Right to Counsel because it's difficult enough to pay \$1,200 meanwhile the owner does not maintain the home. And I believe that prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city. As a latina woman born and raised in Fresno I speak for my dear friend whose rent goes up yearly being that she lived in the same home for 25 years, and has maintained the home. I stand here today to ask the city counsels to make a difference by doing something about housing.

Amanda Martin

From: Michael Gonzalez
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Item 3-C

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Hello,

I am writing to bring forward my concern about the structure of the first two questions in Fresno's [American Rescue Community Survey](#). In question 1, it is misleading and problematic to have multiple issues in one item (i.e., public health, public safety, and housing insecurity are all separate issues lumped into one item. What if I feel housing security is most important and public safety should be last? What if I feel fire is important but not police?

Also, it has been difficult to understand why there is one question for "general preferences" and another for "specific preferences" - especially because there are issues that are not reflected in both questions. Because of this, I have a hard time trusting that decision-makers won't cherry pick the question with the data that best fits their agenda. In the future, it makes sense to just have one question with specific items for the public to vote on.

Thank you,
MG

Amanda Martin

From: Jourdain Solis ·
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:59 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Jourdain Solis and I am a Fresno community member in district 2. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Amanda Martin

From: Guillermina Leon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Buenos días ,mi nombre es Guillermina leon

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Vivo en el distrito 3 en la ciudad de fresno quisiera que el consejo de la ciudad de fresno apoye el control de renta , protección contra el desalojo y tener derecho de tener un abogado priorizar viviendas seguras y asequibles para todas las personas en la ciudad de fresno pero principalmente para las personas de Bajos ingresos y adultos mayores porque las rentas están subiendo como espuma entonces si tuviera reglamentos más detallados apoyando a los inquilinos ,para mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes de fresno

Amanda Martin

From: Maricela Gutierrez
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Maricela Gutiérrez and I am the Executive Director of Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN). And I am a member in district 7 . I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sincerely,
Maricela Gutiérrez
Executive Director
SIREN

Amanda Martin

From: Jose Eduardo Servin Banda
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public Comment Regarding ARPA Funding

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jose Servin and I am the Advocacy and Communications Director of the Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN). We serve the immigrant community of Fresno, and I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sincerely,



Jose Servin (He/him/his)

Director of Advocacy & Communications
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)

Phone 714-728-2520

Web [https://smex-](https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=www.sirenimmigrantrights.org&umid=05a6ecdf-605d-4453-aaa1-e95928d71793&auth=bd71e6c939979e60652ec75970888760ea1bee0d-40485590983364e35b70efbe5f01dd8bfc12c783)

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Email jose@sirenimmigrantrights.org

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Amanda Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:40 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Stacy Williams and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Jaswant Singh Khalra . I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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From: Michael Y
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:39 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Michael Yamamura and I'm a Fresno community member and a local High school student in district 22. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. The people of Fresno are working so hard, and yet still can't make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Amanda Martin

From: Sheyla Castillo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public Comment on Federal Budget Spending

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My name is Sheyla Castillo and I am the Immigration Program Associate of Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN). I am a member in district 7 . I want the City Council to act and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sheyla Castillo

Immigration Program Associate

SIREN Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network

2904 N Blackstone Ave, Suite 202

Fresno CA, 93703

PHONE: (559)840-0005

FAX: (408)453-3019

www.sirenimmigrantrights.org

Amanda Martin

From: Cecilia Ruesta
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Cecilia Ruesta. I am a Fresno community member in district 5. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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In addition, access and funding to mental health services for all, are beyond overdue.

Amanda Martin

From: Maricela Gutierrez <
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: Maricela Gutierrez
Subject: ARP 171 million funding

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My name is Maricela Gutiérrez and I am the Executive Director of Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN). And I am a member in district 7 . I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sincerely,
Maricela Gutiérrez
Executive Director
SIREN
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Amanda Martin

From: Maya Kratzer
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:57 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public comment for unscheduled communication

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My name is Maya Kratzer and I live in District 6 in Fresno City. I urge the City Council to take action and support rent control, just cause eviction protections, and right to counsel. We are a city of renters and lives are on the line. It's unconscionable that in this unprecedented moment of funding from CARES and ARPA, you are choosing to turn your backs on renters and our unhoused neighbors. I'm speaking up along with many other community members to say we need action now- implement all of the 46 policy recommendations in the Here to Stay report- starting with the following three: Rent Caps, Just Cause for Evictions, and Right to Counsel.

Sincerely,
Maya Kratzer
Resident of Fresno City Council District 6

Amanda Martin

From: Emily Brandt ·
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers, My name is [insert your name] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to: Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM. Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks. Sincerely, [Your Name]

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Salut!

Amanda Martin

From: Cynthia Coronado Pineda <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: Janet Corza-Lara
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Janet C. and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of multiple parks throughout Fresno. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Janet C.L.

Amanda Martin

From: Sirley Carballo
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of my family who live in District 3 in the City of Fresno. They are taxpayers and frequent user of Jaswant Singh Khalsa Neighborhood Park on Clinton/Brawley. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds.

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Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. It does not make sense to keep the park open yet provide NO light. My brother and his soccer team cannot practice or play after about 5 pm. That is ridiculous and makes no sense.

Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM.

Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Sirley Carballo and the Carballo family

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Amanda Martin

From: adam harrison
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:58 PM
To: Mayor; Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers, My name is Adam Harrison and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of woodwark. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic. \$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks. Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to: Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM. Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM. Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks. Sincerely, Adam harrison

Amanda Martin

From: Susan Good ·
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Miguel Arias; Tvler Maxwell; Esmeralda Soria; Garry Bredefeld; Nelson Esparza; ·
erk; Jerry Dyer
Subject: Public Comment Regarding ARPA Funding to be considered at the 12/9/21 Fresno City Council Meeting

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Dear Council Members and Mayor Dyer,

Please accept this email outlining my comments regarding where ARPA funding should be allocated going forward.

It is my strong feeling that we need to desperately help those Fresno residents for whom the pandemic has adversely affected the most. These are clearly our residents who are poor, it is our residents who are disenfranchised, it is our communities of color, and it is our farmworkers and the working poor.

Please allocate ARPA funds to help them and also to plan now for the implementation of preventative measures that will ensure our entire community is better prepared for whatever the next emergency will be—whether it be fire, flood or COVID variant. And, let's consider funding programs that combat crime before it happens.

Through my volunteer service with the Fresno Elks Lodge, we have been fortunate to work with continuation high school students to help them rediscover their community and, through hands-on mentoring, we have helped them create charity projects to help others and to reconnect to the community they left behind. It is programs like these that cost less than \$6,000 annually that best prevent crime and turn people's lives around much faster, more economically and, best of all, permanently rather than pouring temporary, non-sustainable monetary infusions into additional policing, arrests and incarceration.

Another example is to tackle homelessness before it happens by helping fund more low-income housing that promotes home ownership and gives residents the opportunity to gain the generational wealth afforded by the equity realized over time in their primary residence. We talk about rental assistance a lot. What about providing supplemental funding for families to purchase their own Accessory Dwelling Unit or apartment in higher density developments and provide incentives to nonprofit developers of low-income housing like Self-Help or Habitat for Humanity?

Finally, help those nonprofits like the Fresno Madera Black Chamber of Commerce, the Jakarta Movement and other organizations that are trusted, proven and have provided successful direct services and programs to residents in a more effective way than we have in the past.

Amanda Martin

From: Brenda Quispe >
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Brenda Quispe and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of the Inspiration and Lions neighborhood parks. I write to urge you to please add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds.

As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

Currently, I am graduate student and a mother of three children under the age of 6. By the time I get off work, many of our local parks are no longer safe with the lights being shut off early. I volunteered with my sons to help clean our Lions Park under the Beautify Fresno initiative. We collected 3 bags full of trash and counted 122 cigarettes buds in just spending a few hours there. We are about our parks and would like all parks to be open until at least 10pm. This will give us the opportunity to enjoy our time there!

My second graders and their families have similar struggles with their local parks closing early.

All children and students in Fresno need to have a safe playground to play so they can practice their grow and gross motor skills. Plus, they have the opportunity to gain and strengthen their social skills.

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Sincerely,

Brenda Quispe

Amanda Martin

From: Maya Z
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:23 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Sincerely,
Maya Flores

Amanda Martin

From: Lacie Cruz
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:53 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Mayor; Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 – Keep the Lights on at Fresno Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is **Lacie Cruz** and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of **Holme's park**. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Lacie Cruz

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Amanda Martin

From: Jonathan Navarro
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:09 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Navarro

Amanda Martin

From: Ramiro Lara ·
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Ramiro Lara and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of lions park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Ramiro Lara

Amanda Martin

From: Oscar Gutierrez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Oscar Gutierrez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Vinland park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely

Oscar Gutierrez

Amanda Martin

From: Luis Yanez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: luisyanez1995@yahoo.com
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: Cristian Gonzalez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Cristian Gonzalez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of local neighborhood parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Cristian Gonzalez

Amanda Martin

From: Arturo Hernandez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: Pedro Hernandez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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[Your Name]

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Amanda Martin

From: AGUSTIN GOMEZ
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:49 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Mayor; Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 – Keep the Lights on at Fresno Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Council Members,

My name is **Agustin Gomez** and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of **all parks in South East Fresno-Sunnyside**. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Respectfully,

Agustin Gomez

Amanda Martin

From: Andreina Hernandez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Clerk
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Amanda Martin

From: arelis elenes [mailto:arelis@fresno.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Arelis Elenes and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Amanda Martin

From: Fernando Ruiz
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:15 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Fernando Ruiz and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Vinland Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Amanda Martin

From: Playboi. Lek
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:19 PM
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Amanda Martin

From: David Duarte < >
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Clerk
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Amanda Martin

From: Alicia Olivarez
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Alicia and I am a Fresno community member in district 3. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

We have the opportunity to address the ongoing housing crisis and fund systems of care by directing ARPA funding going to the city to address community needs. We need to create an inclusive, accessible and transparent public input process to direct the \$171 million in ARPA funding. I recommend the city use a 4 round process where each round has multiple meetings to provide context, gather project priorities from community members, allow community members to vote on their priorities, and then report back to the community what was gathered.

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Thank you,
Alicia Olivarez
Senior Political Director, Power California

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[Alicia K. Olivarez](#)
Senior Political Director,
[PowerCA Action](#)
[LinkedIn](#)

Amanda Martin

From: Hector Vega
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Hector Vega and I am a Fresno community member in district three (3). I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

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Sent from my iPhone

Amanda Martin

From: Veronica DQR
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:39 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Veronica Romani and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of all Fresno parks. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to:

Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM.
Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM.

Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Veronica Romani

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From: Shauna -
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:01 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District6; District7; Mayor; Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Shauna Fleuridor and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Bob Belcher, Vinland, Inspiration, Todd Beamer, and Cary Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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From: Michelle Ochoa
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:50 PM
To: Clerk
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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Michelle Ochoa Thompson and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Inspiration Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Ochoa Thompson

Regards,
Michelle

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Amanda Martin

From: john russel Laforteza
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:54 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!
Attachments: Image

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Russel and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of our parks here at Fresno. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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JohnRussel O. Laforteza

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