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To: Clerk; [Amanda Martin](#); [Briana Parra](#)
Subject: New eComment for City Council on 2022-05-26 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting
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Michaela Bennett submitted a new eComment.

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Item: ID 22-819 Proclamation for "Affordable Housing Month"

eComment: I'd appreciate it if Fresno got with the times. 74% of homeless people are NOT substance abusers but have had a major destabilizing event (medical prob, job loss, disabled, waitlisted for affordable housing). The orgs involved are NOT stabilizing people. We need cargo container apts and Safe Parking Lots' Program like LifeMoves in Mountain View, CA (see on YouTube). Thank you.

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From: Michaela Bennett

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Public Comment:/Fresno City Council Homelessness Housing c/0 Brandi V.

Comment: I'm concerned by Fresno's continued wrong-headed, unaudited, untrained, no client feedback/survey approach to homelessness.

According to research, 74% of homeless people are NOT substance abusers but have have had a major destabilizing event such as a medical problem, job loss, housing loss, waitlisted for affordable housing, disabled, or domestic violence victims.

26% of homeless people are substance abusers. Child abuse/trauma puts them at risk for this.

Fresno needs to stop scaring the heck out of law-abiding homeless people, putting them in with gang members and other dangerous people. A Lepers' Colony mentality that needs to go.

We need a Safe Parking Lots' Program like Santa Barbara, CA's years old program. We also need cargo container apts like Mountain View, Ca's LifeMoves as seen on YouTube.

I'm on yr 4 of being unhoused, age 60, former paralegal, due ONLY to problems from life-long epilepsy. No drugs, drink, crimes. A's college.

Expand our solutions for people like me.

Thank you.

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Brandi Nuse-Villegas submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 3.-A. ID 22-728 Actions pertaining to COVID-19 emergency: 1. ***RESOLUTION - Confirming the termination of the local emergency related to COVID-19 (Subject to Mayor's Veto) 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting Administrative Order on COVID-19 applicable to City Council and City Council staff, the City Attorney and City Attorney staff, and the City Clerk and City Clerk staff (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

eComment: Council, We have been getting reports on the rates of COVID rising. We need to continue this emergency order both symbolically because to assert that CVOID is not done with our community, but also to provide whatever protection that may serve our community. The Fresno City Council has been a leader in standing for COVID1-9 protections and I greatly appreciate that and ask that you continue to act to protect our community

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Item: 1.-U. ID 22-809 Approve a \$2.7 million HOME Investment Partnerships Program Agreement with Fresno 1101 Parkway, LP for the proposed Sun Lodge project which consists of the rehabilitation of the former Days Inn Motel and the introduction of new construction to the site, to create a 64-unit affordable housing project in west central Fresno (District 3).

eComment: Council. There are a few concerns with the implementation of this project. If not mistaken, the motels were to be used for emergency shelter for two years, which would be February. This would not be a concern except that we do not have other alternatives for shelter, thus 1. We will have less shelter space available for our unhoused community members. This is a issue when the city has been doing daily encampment sweeps with no option for shelter. Yesterday, I came upon a sweep. The people were distraught and didn't know where they would go. I have recorded a man saying he would gladly take shelter if available. He is 61 and tired of this. I have confirmation that there is no room anywhere. We will have a greater issue if we have 65 less rooms. 2. The people who are currently taking shelter there are being told to leave with accommodations. They will go back onto the streets with no shelter. How can we as a city do this? We need a better plan to ensure that the continuum of care leads to housing and to stop displacement.

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Brandi Nuse-Villegas submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1.-LL. ID 22-854 Actions pertaining to proposed renewal of Measure C: 1. RESOLUTION - Calling on the Fresno Transportation Authority and Fresno Council of Governments of the Measure C Renewal Effort for Placement on the Ballot in 2024

eComment: I applaud this resolution and the recognition of the needs within our community that aren't being met as well as a plan to ensure they are met. We need to ensure Measure C funds go where they are most needed. I support the list of directives and ask that in addition to these, a detailed plan is created and invested in, with the partnership of community groups, to ensure that the community has access and is thoroughly reached to have meaningful engagement in sharing their needs.

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Item: ID 22-749 Actions pertaining to the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan: 1. HEARING to obtain public comments regarding the Draft 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan; and 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan; approving submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for application of \$6,839,072 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$3,625,073 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), \$603,908 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and \$875,943 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) program funds; providing for subrecipient agreements; and Authorizing the City Manager to sign all implementing documents required by HUD as approved to form by the City Attorney (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

eComment: In January, we had workshops for the community to give input on needs. While I see some of the needs addressed, I don't see the comments I have heard reflected, especially pertaining to homeless services in this plan. The community had asked for mobile medical services and highlighted the need for mental health services and those trained in mental health, among other needs, and more resources out on the streets. The county has such service providers as Kings View that does outreach and has those trained in mental health. This is extremely important in working with a population that has been traumatized and dealing with the affects of simply having to survived unhoused, as well as those who have become unhoused because of mental health issues. It becomes extremely important when assisting in services. We should be doing outreach wiithout law enforcement and stop sweeps and other law enforcement and focus on help, but when LEs are on site, there should also be outreach with mental health professionals present to ensure humane and effective contact. This is where we need to invest. We need resources like providing wifi at shelters to aid in moving forward and focus on job readiness, training, and job center, but also bringing recruiters to the shelters. We need more cooling and warming centers and investment in keeping these open through hot and cold months