

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING A FORENSIC AUDIT  
OF COUNCIL DISTRICT AND MAYORAL OPERATING  
BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, each Council District receives an allocation of funds in the annual City budget; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2022, each Council District received a base operating budget of \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have an obligation to be good stewards of the public's money, and District funds should be spent in the interest of the public, and not for any personal or political use or gain; and

WHEREAS, the budgets of the Council and Mayor are generally not subject to an audit because the relatively low value of their budgets is at low risk for fraud, waste, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Council values transparency in its spending, and believes it is necessary and beneficial to the public to perform an audit of Council District expenditures.

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

1. The Administration shall hire an outside independent auditor to perform a forensic audit of all expenditures of City employees or officials who hold a credit card or receive reimbursement, including all Council and Mayoral expenditures for at least the last five years, and provide a public report to

the Council. The scope of the audit may be further refined during and as a result of the RFP process.

2. The outside independent auditor shall also perform a comparative analysis of all Council expenditures before and after the Council was issued credit cards.
3. The audit report shall include a cost-benefit analysis of the review.
4. This audit shall be funded in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the District 6 operating budget. Additional amounts shall be funded in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 from the District 2 budget. The Administration is directed to take such actions necessary to implement and formalize this appropriation.
5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katie Doerr Date  
Chief Assistant