

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF
FRESNO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

WHEREAS, women contribute significantly to the cultural, spiritual, economic and social fabric of our communities and families; and

WHEREAS, there is value in having a mechanism for women to have a voice in city affairs and issues relating to women and girls; and

WHEREAS, there are areas of special concern to women, such as domestic violence, equality of employment, education equality, women's empowerment, self-esteem, teen-dating abuse, women's health, unwed motherhood, parenting, childcare, social service resources available to women, and other issues of particular concern to women and families; and

WHEREAS, in order to build trust and establish credibility in the community, the City pledges to work in an open, collaborative, and culturally inclusive manner for the betterment of all women and girls who live, work or study in Fresno; to be respectful and sensitive to the City's many diverse cultures; and to acknowledge the services provided by existing agencies which support and assist women; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a Women's Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the City on issues related to women in the community of Fresno.

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

1. The Council hereby establishes the City of Fresno Women's Commission.

2. The Purpose of the Women's Commission is to advise the Council on the special needs and concerns of women of all ages, races, religions, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and economic and social circumstances. The commission shall have the following authority and duties:

a. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager with respect to issues affecting women and families in the City including but not limited to domestic violence, equality in employment, educational equality, women's empowerment, self-esteem, teen-dating abuse, women's health, unwed motherhood, parenting, childcare, social service resources available to women, and other issues of particular concern to women and families;

b. The Women's Commission shall submit a report to the City Council on the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the commission once a year or as requested by the Council.

3. The Commission shall consist of seven members; each member of the City Council shall recommend one member to the Commission from their District, and members shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Council. Members must be a woman over the age of eighteen at the time of appointment and reside in the District they represent. The term of office shall be 2 years. Members shall receive a stipend in the amount of \$50 per meeting attended, not to exceed a total stipend of \$500 per year, subject to available funding.

4. All meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the Brown Act. Commission members shall file Form 700.

5. The Commission shall schedule at least one meeting per quarter at a designated time and place. All members are required to attend every scheduled regular and special meeting. A simple majority of the entire body (four members) shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Commission.

6. 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: _____
Angela M. Karst Date
Deputy City Attorney