

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO OPPOSE PROPOSED
PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 930 IDENTIFYING THE
CITY OF FRESNO AS A QUALIFIED CITY ELIGIBLE FOR
THE SB 930 PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 930 Alcoholic Beverages: Hours of Sale (SB 930) was introduced on February 2, 2022 by California State Senator Wiener; and

WHEREAS, SB 930 proposes to amend the California Business and Professions Code to require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct a pilot program that would authorize the department to issue an additional hours license to an on-sale licensee located in a qualified city that would authorize, with or without conditions, the selling, giving, or purchasing of alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., upon completion of specified requirements by the qualified city in which the licensee is located; and

WHEREAS, SB 930 currently identifies Fresno as a qualified city that is eligible to participate in the pilot program (SB 90 Pilot Program); and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, SB 930 was re-referred to committee and is currently pending in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, over 10,800 lives are lost each year to alcohol use, the equivalent of one death *every hour* due to alcohol consumption in California; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have estimated that alcohol-related problems cost Californians \$35 billion annually, including costs for alcohol-related illness and injury, criminal justice, lost productivity, as well as

impacts on the welfare system, trauma and emergency care systems, and the foster care system, among other costs; and

WHEREAS, reckless alcohol use drains California's state and county governments of approximately \$14.5 billion annually in increased health care costs, criminal justice costs, and lost tax base; and

WHEREAS, according to Fresno County Department of Public Health, 6 of the 10 leading causes of death in the county were potentially alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the Fresno Bee, last year police made 1680 arrests for driving under the influence that works out to 4.6 arrests every day for a year; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the Fresno Bee, according to a study by byautoinsurance.com Fresno is ninth on the top 10 list of American cities for worst drunken driving. The study noted that Fresno averages 648 DUI arrests per 100,000 residents, and 1148 arrests per year; and

WHEREAS, a 4 a.m. bar closing time adds cost and resource needs to local police and state highway patrol for tracking DUI's, breaking up fights, investigating violent alcohol-related crimes, and cleaning up bloody highway collisions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Fresno believes it is against the interests of the City to participate in the SB 930 Pilot Program and that participation would be detrimental to public health and safety.

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

1. The Council of the City of Fresno formally opposes proposed provisions of SB 930 including both the expansion of sales hours for on-sale license holders and the inclusion of Fresno as a qualified city for the pilot program.

2. The Council formally requests the City of Fresno be removed from the list of qualified cities for the purposes of the pilot program.

3. 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 :

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RINA M. GONZALES
Interim City Attorney

By: _____
Talía Kolluri Date
Assistant City Attorney