

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO CREATE A VOUCHER
INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there exists within the City of Fresno (City) a shortage of safe, decent, and affordable housing such that it is adverse to the health, well-being, and prosperity of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, cost-burdened households have fewer financial resources to expend on other necessities such as healthy food, education, and medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, since 2019 vacancy rates have stagnated around 2-3%, which has driven up the price of rent by over 20% in the past year; and

WHEREAS, residents with lower household incomes are more likely to be impacted by this shortage, leading to difficulty in finding safe and affordable housing options within the City; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Housing is a public housing authority that administers several affordable housing programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program and an Emergency Housing Voucher program; and

WHEREAS, on average, approximately 1,000 low-income households who have been issued vouchers, are actively searching for affordable housing, and are unable to secure (lease-up) safe, affordable-housing; and

WHEREAS, two out of three voucher holders will never get the opportunity to use their housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for Fresno Housing to secure additional vouchers for

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residents while current vouchers are underutilized; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, the City presented its One Fresno Housing Strategy which outlined 47 priorities to address Fresno's three-year housing needs; and

WHEREAS, one of the 47 recommendations contained within the One Fresno Housing Strategy placed priority on establishing a landlord Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) by way of a one-time allocation from American Rescue Plan Act funding.

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

1. The Voucher Incentive Program shall be created and funded with a one-time allocation in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the City's American Rescue Plan Funds, to assist up to 600 low-income families by encouraging new landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program which will provide assistance to those struggling with housing barriers, like security deposits, bad credit or past evictions.
2. VIP will be administered by Fresno Housing subject to a future funding agreement.
3. This resolution is subject to all City rules and regulations.
4. 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

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

BY: _____
Tracy N. Parvanian Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney