

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S \$250 MILLION  
DOWNTOWN FRESNO INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is among the fastest growing regions in California with over 750,000 residents in the metropolitan area and over 1 million residents in the County; and

WHEREAS, Fresno has a poverty rate of approximately 23%, twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Downtown District is a vital economic and cultural hub for the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, vibrant and successful cities have great downtowns; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Downtown District has aging infrastructure dating back to the late nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Region requires additional availability of affordable housing for working families and is already pre-zoned for more than 75,000 housing units; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom recognizes the importance of revitalizing Downtown Fresno in his 2023 May-revise budget by recommending the allocation of \$250 million to fund new sewer systems, drains, sidewalks, green space, transit center, and new parking structures; and

WHEREAS, this plan will potentially create 9,000 mixed-income housing units in five years, create 25,000 public infrastructure and housing construction jobs over three

years, 2,200 permanent jobs, \$3.5 billion in additional public and private investment, \$78.7 billion in additional local tax revenue over the next 30 years, and a 48% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions when compared to housing on Fresno's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the infusion of these funds will accelerate new affordable housing construction in the area; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the Fresno community supports additional funding for Downtown Fresno including the region's state representatives, over 70 businesses, community organizations, and local government officials.

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

1. California Governor Gavin Newsom's recommended \$250 million Downtown Fresno Infrastructure Plan has the full support of the Fresno City Council.
2. The Fresno City Council calls on California's State Legislature to approve the Downtown Fresno Infrastructure Plan.
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREW JANZ  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Janz Date