### PROPOSED CODE CHANGES AND RESOLUTION REGARDING TAXI'S IN THE CITY OF FRESNO

PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND COUNCIL MEMBER OLIVIER'S OFFICE NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

### BACKGROUND

#### • 2013 –

- Taxi Industry discussed issues of illegitimate Taxi businesses
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Olivier proposed the adopted amendments to the Municipal Code:
  - Vehicles could not be older than ten years starting with the model year of 2006
  - "Grant authority to Fresno Police Department (FPD) to cite unlicensed taxicabs."
  - "Remove the requirement for two-way radios."

### BACKGROUND

### • 2015 –

- Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) began operating in the City of Fresno
- Taxi Industry addressed with Council Member Olivier the unfair advantage TNC's have over Taxi's
- Council Member Olivier began working with the City Manager's office to discuss leveling the playing field for the Taxi Industry

### BACKGROUND

#### • 2016 –

- Council Member Olivier's office as well as the City Manager's office have consistently met with the Taxi Industries
  - Each meeting consisted of discussing how the City of Fresno could level the playing field
- Both office's along with the Taxi Industries have come to agreements on the proposed changes of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) as well as the Fare Rates

### PROPOSED CHANGES: FMC

- To obtain an annual permit they will:
  - Sign an affidavit saying that drivers have been properly trained, understand rules and regulations in City of Fresno, and taxi meter is functioning properly
- Eliminated requirement to complete taxi school
- Eliminated vehicle smog test each year
- Annual "cosmetic" inspections will be eliminated, but replaced with "in service" inspections.
- Definition of a "taxicab" would exclude a TNC.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- Amend the drop rate and per mile rate to allow for a range, and allow the driver to voluntarily negotiate a discounted rate other than what is posted in/on the vehicle.
  - Drop rate range:
    - \$3.00 \$10.00 with price being negotiable between the two parties
  - Per mile rate range:
    - \$2.45 \$3.00 with price being negotiable between the two parties

# THANK YOU

#### WE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME