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Agenda Related Item(s) – ID17-1060 (4:00 P.M.)

Contents of Supplement: 2 Support Letters from Highway City Community Development and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce

Item(s)

Title: BILL - (For introduction) – Adding Article 17 to Chapter 10 of the Fresno Municipal Code relating to Unlawful Camping (Citywide)

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CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA

August 14, 2017

To Mayor Brand And Fresno City Council

We are in support of: **Adding Article 17 to Chapter 10 of the Fresno Municipal Code relating to Unlawful Camping. (Citywide)** A series of reforms to help improve homeless impacts in the City. The "Unhealthy and Hazardous Camping Act of 2017" prohibits camping on public and private property (without owner approval and/or permits). This includes camps made of cardboard or tarps, and any other paraphernalia like cooking equipment or facilities. It also calls out behavior like public bathing and going to the bathroom.

As a small non-profit trying to serve the residents of the Central Unified/West of 99 area, we have had to spend thousands to clean and repair the damage from the homeless, that have used the Shaw/Polk Ave area as their new residence.

Some of the issues have included:

- Setting fires on the property, fire damage to buildings & outbuildings
- Breaking water lines, having to have water shut off. (Still seeking means to
- Breaking sprinklers to bath in, resulted in flooded store
- Defecating on the property
- Going through the garbage and leaving a mess. (Tried installing locks on garbage bins, but they cut them off, and broke off lids).
- Dumping garbage on property

The homeless in the area have brought increased crime, destruction of property, residents who will no longer shop at our store thus again reducing our resources to serve. We are excited for solutions for our city, also for positive change in the life of those in homelessness- whether situational, those with mental illness & addiction or through those as urban campers.

April Henry
Executive Director – Highway City Community Development



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August 11th, 2017

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Fresno City Councilmember Steve Brandau
2600 Fresno Street, Suite 2097
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RE: Letter of Support for (Brandau) City of Fresno Unhealthy and Hazardous Camping Act

Dear Councilmember Brandau, *Steve,*

On behalf of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, its 1,200 members and the 77,000 jobs they represent in this community, I write in support of Councilman Steve Brandau's Unhealthy and Hazardous Camping Act. As an organization, we believe that this is a welcome additional step in helping to solve some of Fresno's problems surrounding the issue of homelessness and blight.

By empowering the City's administration (City Manager) and law enforcement to take additional action when it comes to the regulations and permitting for individuals "camping" and using private and public property we will begin to see more action taken to reduce the issues of blight, crime and homelessness in Fresno. This, just like any other legislation or steps, will not solve the entirety of the issue, but this action will help give the city another "tool" in their belt when it comes to taking on an issue that now affects every part of our city.

Crime, blight, and other related issues are the responsibility of every Councilmember and Fresnan, together we must work to help alleviate these issues in our community. Councilman Brandau has taken the lead in this issue, we support his efforts, and hope that as a fellow leader in our community you will consider supporting this item when it comes before you at next Thursday's council meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Ahle", written over a horizontal line.

Nathan M. Ahle
President/CEO
Fresno Chamber of Commerce