

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN IMMIGRANT
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, enhances the City of Fresno's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness, and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is home to a diverse population of immigrants from around the world, speaking over one-hundred different languages, and adding to the cultural richness of our community, and;

WHEREAS, the City's business, civic groups, agricultural industry, faith based organizations and community institutions are dependent upon its immigrant populations, who contribute to the economic strength and viability of the region, and are a foundational part of a multi-billion dollar economy; and

WHEREAS, the City has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where individuals and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all individuals and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, including immigrants, are welcome, accepted, and integrated; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents, individuals and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages the business leadership, businesses, civic groups, community-based organizations other government agencies, community institutions, and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create an Immigration Affairs Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on issues related to the immigrant community in Fresno.

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

1. The Council hereby affirms its status as a welcoming city, helping to unite the community and ensure that all are welcome.
2. The Council hereby establishes the Immigration Affairs Committee.
 - a. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Council on issues related to immigrants within the City consistent with the purpose and intent of this Resolution.
 - b. The membership shall consist of fifteen members, appointed by the City Council. Qualifications for members include being an agent of a community benefit organization or private sector leader that works with the immigrant community in Fresno. The term of office shall be at the pleasure of the appointing

authority. Members shall receive no compensation for participation in the Committee.

c. The staff representative to the Committee shall be a member(s) from City Council staff.

d. The Committee shall be subject to the Brown Act. Committee members shall file Form 700s.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, 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 _____, 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr [Date]
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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