

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A
CITY-WIDE RISING YOUTH AWARD AND CEREMONY TO
BE HOSTED AT CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes the importance of youth civic engagement;
and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2015, through Ordinance 2015-17, the Council of the City of
Fresno ("City Council") created the Fresno Youth Commission as an advisory board to the City
Council and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Youth Commission heard about the lack of young people
being civically engaged in the city of Fresno through a presentation by the Civic Education
Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno acknowledges that building civic engagement experience
in youth allows them to become engaged in local government, empowers youth in making a
difference, develops a sense of self-efficacy, and builds character, confidence, and competence;
and

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Council supports civic youth engagement, allow the City of
Fresno Youth Commission to present the award, and hold an awards ceremony at Fresno City
Hall and

WHEREAS; the Rising Youth Award will be awarded by the City of Fresno to youth that
have excelled in the creation and implementation of their civic project for the purpose of
encouraging youth city-wide to become civically engaged; and

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

1. The City Council hereby establishes the City of Fresno Rising Youth Award and authorizes the Fresno Youth Commission to select award recipients, and Councilmember Nelson Esparza or councilmember appointee to oversee the award program as outlined in Exhibit A. Awards shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Council.

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 CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Laurie Avedisian-Favini Date _____
Assistant City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A

Exhibit A

The Fresno Youth Commission shall select up to two award recipients per year based on the criteria below. In its discretion, the Fresno Youth Commission may form a committee, whether standing or ad hoc, to review applications and select award recipients.

Year 1

Recipients of this award will be youth that are 13-21 years of age who have organized and conducted a civic engagement project that has created a significant change in the Fresno community. If successful, the Civic Engagement Committee will open up to other age groups determined by review.

Year 2

Pending successful review of year 1, recipients of this award will be expanded to youth ages 11-13.

Outreach

1. Application will be uploaded to the city of Fresno website.
2. Partner with Fresno Unified, Central Unified and Clovis Unified to share out application.
3. Connect with businesses to post flyers
4. Utilize social media to promote award

Application Process

Application deadline will be in February 23rd, Process between March-April, and award in mid-May.

Award

Handing out a plaque to award recipients along with Grizzly tickets and scholarship award of \$250 to each recipient.