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Total number of emails / eComments: 11

Item(s)

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Amanda Martin

From: Victoria D'Ambrosi
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:38 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Contact City Clerk Form submitted on City Clerk

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First Name	Victoria
Last Name	D'Ambrosi
Email	
Subject	Homeless Encampment
Message	Hello, I am not sure who I need to send this email to. I have also sent it to Mayor Jerry Dyer, Council Member Tyler Maxwell, and City Manager Thomas Esqueda. I would like to state my concerns with the ever-growing homeless encampment at Barstow and 41. I understand times are hard, but it is unsafe, unsanitary, and an eye sore. I feel that the city needs to work out a solution to this problem. Fencing it in and allowing it to stay in place just allows for further deterioration of the area. The amount of trash, mud, etc. combined with the winter elements can easily spread disease. I'd also like to remind you we are in the middle of a pandemic, so this encampment also seems like it could turn into a public health issue very quickly with how fast this new variant is infecting people. Furthermore, There are students living right next door overlooking that encampment. The safety of both the people living outside in the elements, as well as the safety of the students who live there also need to be taken into more consideration. This encampment has been there and growing for well over a month. We pay our taxes for resources to assist people experiencing homelessness. I would rather see them in a tax funded hotel safe and warm than having to drive past a third world country in the middle of my city twice a day. It isn't a good look and it sure isn't safe or sanitary. I hope you hear my concerns and take them to heart. Thank you, Victoria D'Ambrosi Concerned District 4 Resident

Amanda Martin

From: Jaguar Bennett
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:16 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public comment for 1/13/22 Fresno City Council Meeting

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish the following to be added to the public comment for the Fresno City Council meeting for January 13, 2022:

I urge the City Council to act to enforce zoning laws at the Tower Theatre. This crisis has festered for a year and the residents and the business owners of the Tower District are frustrated and angry with the city's inaction in the face of blatant law-breaking. The City Attorney cited the Tower Theatre for holding religious assembly in violation of zoning over a year ago, on January 5, 2021, and the Tower Theatre paid the fine. All parties have admitted that the zoning at the Tower Theatre does not permit religious assembly.

Since May 2021, Adventure Church has been renting the Tower Theatre for religious assembly. Tower District residents have repeatedly reported this zoning violation, and yet the city has done nothing. The Tower Theatre and Adventure Church have gotten the zoning change they wanted without ever having to face a public hearing or consider the interests of the community. Tower District residents and business owners are angry that the value of their homes and businesses are being destroyed while the city does nothing.

Why is the city giving preferential treatment to one business owner who is breaking the law while denying legal protection to law-abiding business owners? By unequal enforcement of the laws, the City Council is denying Tower District residents and business owners equal protection of the laws. The residents of the Tower are homeowners and business owners who pay taxes and vote, and we demand action.

Yours sincerely,
Jaguar Bennett

Fresno, CA 93728

Amanda Martin

From: Jess Fitzpatrick
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:13 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: One year since the City Manager and City Attorneys sent their letters to Adventure Church and Laurence Abbate with no enforcement action since January 24, 2021.

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Good Morning,

The fact that the issue of Adventure Church illegally squatting in the Tower Theater is still an issue over a year later is deeply frustrating and sad. All of us who work, live and play in Tower are simply asking for Fresno City to enforce its own laws and codes. Protecting this cultural landmark along with the business interests of the Tower District is a no brainer! Tell Adventure Church to go back to their actual church just down the street and keep the Tower Theater a place for everyone to belong.

Best Regards,

*Jess B. Fitzpatrick
He/Him/His
Tower Resident*

Fresno, CA 93728



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Amanda Martin

From: Wanda Johnson
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:10 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: How to make Fresno healthier

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Greetings from Free AME Church, Inc

To make Fresno healthier, there must be a concerted effort to advertise the necessity of getting the COVID19 test weekly. Based on CDC web site , even if a person is fully vaccinated, they can still catch COVID19, have no symptoms and pass it on to a vulnerable person that may die from COVID19. We have a temporary testing site at our church , the site needs more funding and more advertising to help us reach more people who go to church and to draw people to churches to receive true information

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Amanda Martin

From: Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Amanda Martin
Subject: FW: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

From: elizabeth hernandez
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:24 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@fresno.gov>
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Elizabeth Hernandez and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Holmes park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

\$50,100 is an unfair and unreasonably deficient amount of funds to allocate for a department that is critical to our wellbeing. Visitation to parks, trails, beaches, farms, and gardens has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, yet the City of Fresno is barring their constituents access to healthy and active lifestyles by defunding its neighborhood parks.

Please use the adequate amount of funds within the \$171 million dollars received from the Federal Government to:

Keep the lights on at all parks until 10:00 PM.
Keep gymnasiums open and staffed until 10:00 PM.

Take care of Fresno. Please keep the lights on at our community parks.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hernandez

Amanda Martin

From: Reyes, Elias
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is [insert your name] and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of [insert your neighborhood park]. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Elias Reyes

Amanda Martin

From: EL FELIX HANDYMAN Felix
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Clerk
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Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Jesus Felix

Amanda Martin

From: Ivan Dorantes
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:25 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is Ivan Drants and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of Fink-White Park. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Ivan Drants

Amanda Martin

From: Hector Dorame <
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 1:47 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 21-924 - Keep the Lights on at our Parks using ARPA Funds!

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Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Hector Dorame

Dear Mayor Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers,

My name is **Matthew Nakata** and I am a resident of the City of Fresno. I am a taxpayer and frequent user of **Al Radka Park**. I write to urge you to add additional funding to the PARCS Department using an adequate amount of the American Rescue Plan funds. As a hardworking taxpayer, the inability to use my neighborhood park after a long day of work is inconvenient, stressful, and takes away from our community's health during a global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

Matthew Nakata

Amanda Martin

From: nak bou
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: 12/9 Unscheduled Communications

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My name is Kann Bou and I am a Fresno community member in district 4. I want the City Council to take action and support policies that support renters like rent control, just cause eviction protections, and Right to Counsel. We are working so hard yet still cannot make ends meet. Prioritizing safe and affordable housing for all residents will improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

We have the opportunity to address the ongoing housing crisis and fund systems of care by directing ARPA funding going to the city to address community needs. We need to create an inclusive, accessible and transparent public input process to direct the \$171 million in ARPA funding. I recommend the city use a 4 round process where each round has multiple meetings to provide context, gather project priorities from community members, allow community members to vote on their priorities, and then report back to the community what was gathered.

Fresno leaders shouldn't repeat the mistakes of the past. Decision makers can choose another path so that Fresno emerges out of this crisis stronger, healthier and more united.

Thank you!!

Kann 'Nak' Bou