

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
HOMELESSNESS PRIORITIES FOR)
CALENDAR YEAR 2019)

RESOLUTION NO. 19-236

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno seeks to establish a basis/plan to address homelessness countywide; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno is charged with the preservation of public health and public safety in the County; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, the County of Fresno declared a shelter crisis pursuant to California Government Code, section 8698.2, which did not eliminate the County's procurement process for funds awarded to service providers; the declaration shall expire December 3, 2019 unless reauthorized by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has met with cities and used the input provided by city representatives and the County's Departments of Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Social Services to compile list of priorities to strategically address homelessness countywide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors that the following list of priorities will serve as the basis/plan to address homelessness countywide:

1. Address jurisdictional overlaps (local, State, Federal, and private) collaboratively.
2. Increase transportation to outpatient programs and regular prenatal/medical care for pregnant and parenting women and children who are homeless.
3. Roving formalized coordinated community outreach and in conjunction with law enforcement, through Fresno Madera Continuum of Care or otherwise, to ensure that efforts are aligned and data is tracked.

- 1 4. Assistance to build housing stock, increasing safe overnight housing (24-48 hours), and a
- 2 centralized approach to single room occupancy units.
- 3 5. Priority access to emergency housing for pregnant and parenting women and their children
- 4 also families with children with significant medical issues as it is difficult to manage the
- 5 continuum of care when the family is homeless.
- 6 6. Real time accurate number of shelter beds available and increase the number of non-faith
- 7 based shelters.
- 8 7. Additional "wet" shelters that do not require the person to participate in a program, person
- 9 can be high or drunk to use the facility and not be turned away.
- 10 8. Education regarding available services and shareable system to track linkages
- 11 9. Improved data on the homeless such as length of homelessness (acute vs chronic), cause
- 12 of the homelessness, is it a family, individual, minor without family support.
- 13 10. A formalized assessment of housing and shelter needs in rural communities.
- 14 11. Strong centralized structure for homeless funding and service decisions and expanded
- 15 distribution of funding opportunities.
- 16 12. Comprehensive case management for homeless clients and improved access to primary
- 17 healthcare and medication for chronic diseases; perhaps partnering with Federally Qualified
- 18 Health Clinic or UC San Francisco.
- 19 13. Increased substance use disorder services and mental health services throughout county.
- 20 14. Enforce ordinances that address hazardous or unsanitary conditions, which constitute fire,
- 21 health, and/or safety risks.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said list is a living document, to be updated as necessary
23 based on data-driven outcomes or at least once a calendar year.

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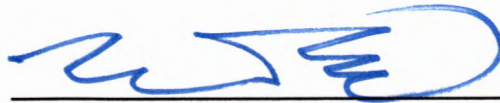
1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
2 of the County of Fresno this 4th day of June, 2019, to wit:

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4 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

5 NOES: None

6 ABSENT: None

7 ABSTAINED: None

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10 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of
11 the County of Fresno

12 **ATTEST:**
13 Bernice E. Seidel
14 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
15 County of Fresno, State of California

16 By: Susan Bishop
17 Deputy

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