Issues Assembly

December 11, 2021

Letter from director (inside cover) [145 WORDS MAX]

Good morning and welcome! We are excited to celebrate the first-ever Fresno Residents Council. With the help of 11 community based organizations, TCM has been able to bring together 100 people to form a council of resident leaders, committed to making change for a better future for children and families in Fresno County.

Today is an important milestone for this unique and diverse council. Every REAP Training has helped lead us to this crucial moment. We have learned the fundamentals of community organizing, how policy is formed, how to address the problems in policies, ways to effectively communicate with each other and policy-makers, and that it’s the people who have the power to make change.

Thank you for attending today’s Issues Assembly and taking hold of the power you have to create a better community. We look forward to continuing to learn and grow together!

In Community,

Mike Espinoza, Director

Issues Assembly

Program Agenda

Welcome

Linda Gleason

Recap Journey

Destani Walker & Juana Meza

Selection Process

Mike Espinoza

Summary of Issues

Nhoua Yang & Ysabelle Rosales

Closing

Amanda Sciacca & Ernie Martinez

Lunch

[Photos]

Thank you

Sponsors

Timeline

Anchors meet and recruit

May 2021

Residents Summit

July 2021

Five virtual trainings

August-November 2021

Issues Assembly

December 2021

Vision Statement

Building Unity and Community

Mission Gesture

[Photos]

Advisory Team

Linda Gleason

Fresno Cradle to Career

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Calviva Health

Artie Padilla

Central Valley Community Foundation

Kurt Madden

Fresno Unified School District

April Hoogasian

Youth Leadership Institute

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Helping Others Pursue Excellence

Matilda Soria

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

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Community Organizer I

Wendy Hernandez

REAP Support Consultant

Thank you

Anchors

Issues Selection

The Process

There are many important issues that can be addressed in policy. As we’ve learned, to be most impactful, we need to have 5 areas of focus for the council to band together around and begin the problems-to-policy work.

As a Resident Council Member, it is YOUR voice that needs to be heard. On the insert provided, there are 11 issue areas. Be sure to read through each one to make an informed decision.

The next part of our agenda will require you to move around the room, choose what you are most passionate about, convince others to join you, and at the end of the session the council will have selected it’s top 5 areas of focus.

Issues Selection

How it works

Here’s how it will work. There will be a total of 3 rounds, 15 minutes per round

Round 1 : After reading about the Issue Areas, walk to the large paper with the Issue Area YOU are most passionate about and would like to focus on. Please remember to wear your mask!

Round 2 : Time to make some cuts! Issue Areas must be condensed to only 8. If you are standing at an area with the least amount of people, move to another issue area or merge your issue area with another issue area in the room.

Round 3 : Final round! Issue Areas must be condensed to only 5. If you are standing at an area with the least amount of people, move to another issue area or merge your issue area with another issue area in the room.

Closing

Next Steps

Congratulations on making one of the biggest and toughest decisions to-date, together! Now that we have our top 5 areas of focus, here’s what you can expect next.

Issue Caucuses

Select one area of focus you would like to be highly involved in changing. Your team will meet together to begin creating policy solutions.

Research Meetings

In your caucus meetings, you will discover new issues that you will need further information on. Taking the skills learned in our REAP Training 5, you will conduct research meetings with experts in your areas of focus in order to form a strategy on how we hope to change policy.

Community Congress

Fresno County Residents Council members will create a shared Policy Agenda with Fresno C2C Partnership Table and others in leadership and decision making positions throughout the county.

Thank you

Resident Council Members 2021

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Alexis Valdez

\*Amanda Sciacca

Ana Nieves

Anairy Gonzalez

Andrea Duenas-Torres

Anna Ortiz

Asim Wahab

Beatriz (Betty) Montez

\*Benita Vasquez

\*Bernardina Galindo

Briza Cruz

Cecilia Diaz

Celia Ochoa

Celida Duarte Meza

Choua Vang

Claudine Davis

Concepcion Vargas

\*Cynthia Estrada

Dalia Arenas Mondragon

Dalya Khadeer

\*Destani Walker

\*Diana Castaneda

\*Elmer Blanco

Emily Movsesian

Erica Martinez

\*Ernie Martinez

Estefania Avalos

Eva Sanchez

Evelyn Gamble

Felipe Cortes Lara

Fernanda Cruz

Geraldin Molina

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Guadalupe Arreguin

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Mai See Vang

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Manuela Reyes

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Martha Ramos

\*Michael Navarro

Michelle Gonzalez

Nancy Alvarado

Nathalene Vang

\*Nhoua Yang

Nicol Umanzor

Nour Almshantaf

Ofelia Ochoa

Otilia Ortigoza

Padee Thao

Patricia Cruz

Patricia Salcedo

Patricia Carter

Phailee Lor

\*Priscila Herrera

Ranya Ayesh

Rathana Evans

Rocio Ramirez

Rosa Rodriguez

Rosalinda Ballesteros

Roselia Madera

Sandra Martinez

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Sara Bautista

Sarina Iniguez-DeLaRosa

Saul Rios

Seth Yates

Shakiyla Sutton

Sonia Bravo

Sophia Rizzo

\*Stephanie Ocampo

Silvia Trujillo

Valery Aragon

Ying Vang

\*Ysabelle Rosales

Zachery Shipley

\*Core Team Member

Special

Thank you

The Fresno Residents Council is made up of a diverse group of members from across Fresno County. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the team at Linguistica for providing interpretation and translation services in the multiple languages preferred by our residents. The countless hours of translating documents and emails, each training (twice!), and building bonds with our residents has helped make this dream a success.

**THANK YOU!**