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Councilmember Soria Secures First 5 Grant for Family Friendly Upgrades to City Hall

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FRESNO – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria is pleased to announce the City of Fresno has received a grant from First 5 Fresno County in the amount of \$10,000. The funds will support the creation of a breastfeeding friendly space and four diaper changing stations at City Hall.

“Securing the First 5 Fresno County grant is an important step to ensuring City Hall is accessible to everyone in the community,” said Councilmember Soria. “I’m proud to partner with First 5 Fresno County to promote and support breastfeeding, and make it more convenient for parents to bring their children to City Hall.”

“Research shows breastfed babies are sick less often and less likely to develop illnesses like asthma, diabetes, and obesity. As a community we’re working to support mothers who choose to breastfeed and also raising awareness that breastfeeding provides babies with the best start in life,” said Emilia Reyes, Executive Director of First 5 Fresno County. “First 5 is grateful to Councilmember Soria for her efforts to not only provide a comfortable breastfeeding space for young mothers and families at City Hall, but to also continue the community dialogue about the importance of breastfeeding.”

With the grant, a room on the second floor near the City Council Chamber will be retrofitted to provide a breastfeeding and child friendly space for moms and small children visiting City Hall. Additionally, City Hall will install two diaper-changing stations on both the first and second floor of City Hall for the convenience of families.

The breastfeeding-friendly room and child changing tables will be completed by early Fall.

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