

# ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TASK FORCE AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

4:00 – 6:00 PM

FRESNO WESTSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
2750 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

## TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Ana Lilia DeAlba -A  
Debbie Darden - P  
Morgan Doizaki –P  
Grecia Elenes - P  
Robert Fuentes - A

Kathryn Forbes\* - P  
\*Alternate: Artie Padilla - P  
Sal Gonzales - A  
Hilda Lopez - A  
Patience Milrod, Chair - P

Eric Payne\*, Vice Chair - A  
\*Alternate: Cherella Nicholson - A  
Preston Prince - P

P = Present, A = Absent

Staff Present: Courtney Espinoza, Business Manager, Office of the Mayor & City Manager  
Talia Kolluri, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Department  
Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager, Development and Resource Management Department  
Amber Piona, Planner II, Development and Resource Management Department  
Andrew Benelli, Assistant Director, Public Works Department

## AGENDA

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Milrod opened the meeting, expressed appreciation to those present for their interest, cited the purpose of the Task Force. The Task Force decided that future meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. to encourage community participation.

### II. Review of Agenda

The Task Force unanimously approved the agenda. A question was raised by a member of the public on why the community did not vote. Several committee members provided an explanation of structure of the Task Force.

### III. Meeting Summary for 5/06/19 (Attachment A)

### IV. Task Force Input on Transform Fresno Displacement Avoidance Plan

#### a. Summary of 5/15/2019 Public Workshop (Attachment B)

Grecia Elenes provided an overview of Transform Fresno's Displacement Avoidance Plan (DAP), and summarized public feedback observed at the May 15th Transform Fresno DAP workshop. A question was raised by the Task Force as to what policies could regulate property owners that don't live in Fresno to protect families that rent from them. The Task Force discussed what kind of input to give on the DAP and how. A suggestion was raised to write a letter of support that included feedback on several issues or gaps that the Task Force felt were not addressed in the draft plan.

## Public Input on Task Force Input on Transform Fresno DAP

Bobbie Parks suggested that a relocation fee could help displaced residents, especially those on a fixed income, to cover the cost of finding a new place to live.

Pastor Moore expressed concern regarding speculative pressure and Opportunity Zones. Chair Milrod requested that further information on Opportunity Zones be provided at the next meeting. Preston Prince gave a short explanation of Opportunity Zones.

Brunette Harris asked how it was that the City doesn't have an Anti-Displacement Plan already since projects are starting. She stated that since the City did not have a plan when they were awarded the money, that the money should be returned. Chair Milrod shared that since the City hasn't submitted a plan, the Task Force is assisting the Outreach and Oversight Committee in developing the plan. Preston Prince commented on the role of the Task Force as providing comments on the Transform Fresno Displacement Avoidance Plan, stating that the Task Force was considering a greater area than the Transform Fresno boundary and had a longer timeframe.

Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, Fresno County Board of Education trustee, commented that Transform Fresno's original proposal lacked a Displacement Avoidance Plan which was why the proposal was sent back from the State. She asked whether any displacement is expected for the projects within the Transform Fresno projects. Chair Milrod replied that the Task Force did not know, underlining that the Task Force is separate from the Transform Fresno process, and further explained that the Task Force was created by the mayor based on the programs and policies in existing city planning documents which call for a task force to evaluate whether or not displacement is taking place. Kathryn Forbes added that determining what data to collect and what metrics to use to determine displacement is also part of the Task Force's charge. Kimberly Tapscott-Munson asked how the community could help. Chair Milrod stressed the need for community voices to guide Task Force members through the process. Small group meeting in community are needed

Pastor Moore stated his concerns about properties around Belmont/Divisadero/Stanslaus/Blackstone and the pressure that people feel from investors to

Morgan Doizaki shared his thoughts on the TCC process and his concern regarding outreach to the community

## V. Draft Downtown Displacement Report Input (Attachment C)

Amber Piona shared a power point on the Draft 2019 Downtown Displacement Report.

Chair Milrod shared she'd like to see more data and more recent data. Kathryn Forbes defined qualitative data and how it might be used to measure displacement, and also suggested looking at building permits for remodeling, eviction rates as types of information that would be helpful.

Public Input on Draft Downtown Displacement Report

A member of the public noted that the expanded definition of Downtown was quite large and wanted to know if data could be broken down into either subareas or a smaller area.

A member of the public felt that the conversation was too focused on renters and rental displacement and that the community was more concerned about homeowners and homeowner displacement.

Eddie Standifier, long term resident, was not happy with current process. He shared the lived experience of Highway 99 being built and how it disrupted the community. He also shared his dissatisfaction that representation from the City is white. He feels this is only a fake process to take Southwest Fresno. He wants better presentation and better meeting times.

Debbie Darden shared her confusion on Task Force and TFF. Current new housing is not affordable. Asked Staff about City's policy currently on displacement

Sophia Pagoulatos said they are working Task Force on ongoing work

TF is long term focus—TCC O&O oversees TCC Displacement Plan

## **VI. Follow-Up From Last Meeting**

### **a. Jensen Avenue Widening**

Andrew Benelli from Public Works Department gave a update on the Jensen widening plans from the City:

- Elm/Walnut Paving
- MLK-Knight- curb, gutter, sidewalk only on north side of Jensen, water work only on MLK
- Paving w of MLK S of Church
- ADA approved corners in those areas

Ms. Brunette Harris on City Plan with work done on widening multiple streets

- What is planned v. What is funded
- City shared perspectives, fund dictate work, timelines are different in each area

## **VII. Unscheduled Oral Communications**

Should we have a subcommittee on data to work with city. Needs to be less than a quorum. Suggesting some one on one meetings

Chloe Wilbon commented that the City has poor reputation with Southwest Fresno residents, and that this process needed better outreach- she offered to pass out flyers 1,000 flyers if she received them a week before the meeting.

Tracy Wilson was concerned regarding large footprint of Plan Area and suggested maybe breakdown into smaller sections. She wants more specific southwest Fresno data, noting that needs in various areas are different

Morgan shared perspective on various differences on diverse communities within the plan area

Got community on processes for engagement

More clarity was given on TCC on TF

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Milrod thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The Task Force scheduled the next meeting for July 1, 2019 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Fresno Westside Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

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