



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 12, 2023

**PRESENTER:** John Jansons, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Accommodations of Mobile Office Hours for Congressman John Duarte and Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria at Kerman City Hall (JAJ)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council by motion adopt resolution approving accommodations of Mobile Office Hours for Congressman John Duarte and Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria at Kerman City Hall.

**DISCUSSION:**

The respective offices of both Congressman John Duarte and Assembly Member Esmeralda Soria have inquired about accommodation of mobile office hours for their staff representatives in Kerman. In order to provide convenient local access for Kerman residents seeking the assistance from either or both offices of their elected representatives, a consistent location is desired. Temporary accommodation at the Kerman Branch of the Fresno County Library has proven to be unworkable and a more functional location is needed.

With close coordination, Kerman City Hall can accommodate alternating mobile office hours by representatives of Congressman Duarte and Assembly Member Soria or themselves for local meetings. Congressman Duarte's staff estimates their office hours would be approximately two hours, one to two days per month and Assembly Members Soria's office has requested accommodation for approximately two hours every other month, wherein both requests pose little impact to City operations.

It is advantageous to both the City and its residents to have easy, available access to the staff of these important representatives.

The attached resolution seeks City Council approval to accommodate both offices in shared space within the Kerman City Hall at no cost. No City staff or other City resources will be used. City facilities shall not be used for campaign purposes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no additional cost to the City of Kerman to accommodate mobile office hours for local Congressional and State Assembly district officials.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Resolution

Attachment 'A'

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN AUTHORIZING PART-TIME  
MOBILE OFFICE HOURS FOR CONGRESSMAN JOHN DUARTE AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER SORIA  
AT KERMAN CITY HALL**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman (City) serves as a focal point and crossroads for the Westside cities of Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that providing convenient connections for local residents to meet with State and Federal elected officials representing the City of Kerman is a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, providing meeting space within Kerman City Hall for such engagements benefits the constituents of our State and Federal Districts, the Kerman City Council and the City of Kerman staff; and

WHEREAS, this accommodation is at no cost to the City, nonpartisan; and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The City Council approves the establishment of part-time mobile office hours for Congressman John Duarte and Assembly Member Esmerelda Soria and their field staff at City Hall with dates, times, and location to be determined by the City Manager.
3. Proposed days and times include: approximately two hours, one to two days per month for Congressman Duarte and staff, and approximately two hours, every other month for Assembly Member Soria and staff.
4. Other than the use of City facilities for the mobile office hours, no other city staff or resources may be used by the elected officials. Additionally, campaigning on City facilities is prohibited.
5. The City of Kerman reserves the right to cancel this arrangement at any time with a 30 day notice should it become necessary to prioritize City use(s) and operations over that of accommodating field staff for Congressman Duarte and Assembly Member Soria .
6. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution was considered by the City Council to the City of Kerman at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marci Reyes  
City Clerk