



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2025

**PRESENTER:** John Jansons, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Out of State Travel by Mayor Pacheco (JAJ)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council by motion adopt resolution approving out of state travel by Mayor Pacheco to attend Fresno Council of Governments, One Voice Advocacy Mission to Washington D.C.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed resolution (**Attachment 'A'**) concerns out of state travel by the Mayor. Kerman City Council Resolution 2023-07, which approved an Expense and Reimbursement Policy for City Council Members, Commissioners and Employees, requires City Council approval of Out of State, and International travel.

The Fresno Council of Governments, (FCOG) is soliciting elected officials to participate in their annual "One Voice" advocacy mission to Washington D.C. to lobby for Fresno County project funding April 27 through May 1.

FCOG encourages local officials to participate in the mission to demonstrate leadership and solidarity in Fresno County to engage those in the highest levels of the United States government. Policy Board Members and others are strongly encouraged to join your FCOG staff and its stakeholders – other elected officials, public administrators, and private business executives, as part of the 19th annual One Voice D.C. delegation

It is essential that the FCOG Policy Board present its approved list of One Voice priorities to congressional members, federal agencies, and White House staff as a regionally united Central California delegation led by our elected officials.

As a Policy Board Member and Kerman's representative to the FCOG, Mayor Pacheco is qualified to attend and has expressed a desire to participate.

While individual appointments and meetings are not finalized yet, the overall schedule and deadlines before and during the trip is as follows:

- April 1 – Delegate form and fees due to Fresno COG
- April 6 – Hotel reservation deadline to be included in our block
- April 27 – Travel to D.C. (Washington Reagan Airport)
- April 28 at 5 pm – Mandatory delegates meeting/dinner
- April 29 & 30 – One Voice priority meetings in D.C.

- May 1 – Travel back to Fresno

Included in this report are 2025 One Voice Delegate Form, **Attachment ‘B’**; the 2025 One Voice Priorities Matrix, **Attachment ‘C’**; and the “Fruits of One Voice” (past One-Voice Successes), **Attachment ‘D’**.

In order to secure the most cost effective airfare and hotel arrangements, time is of the essence in considering this request.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The anticipated approximate total cost is estimated at \$4,000- \$4,500 and would be charged to the City Council Travel and Training Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Resolution
- B. 2025 One Voice Delegate Form
- C. 2025 One Voice Priorities Matrix
- D. The “Fruits of One Voice” (past One-Voice Successes)

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR MAYOR TO ATTEND FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS "ONE VOICE" LOBBYING TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. APRIL 27, THROUGH MAY 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) sponsors an annual lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. to advocate for funding for priority project in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, FCOG is recruiting members to attend the trip in support of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Maria Pacheco is the Kerman representative on the FCOG Policy Board and is eligible to attend; and

WHEREAS, Kerman City Council Resolution 2023-07 requires that out of state travel be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Kerman to have the Mayor attend the One Voice lobbying mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kerman as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.
2. The City Council approves the expenditure of approximately \$4,500 for the cost of the trip.
3. The City Council directs the Director of Finance to make the necessary 2024-2025 Budget adjustments to the City Council Travel and Training budget accordingly.
5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

(Certification on Following Page)

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Josie Camacho  
City Clerk