

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT JOIN THE CENCAL FIRE EMS AUTHORITY, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

The San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (“SJCEMSA”) serves as the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (“LEMSA”) for its jurisdiction, with the authority to coordinate and regulate emergency medical services (“EMS”) pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 1797.200; and

SJCEMSA, acting in its capacity as the LEMSAs, is vested with the statutory authority to establish Exclusive Operating Areas (“EOAs”) for the provision of ambulance services pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 1797.224; and

It is anticipated SJCEMSA will issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the provision of ambulance transport services within one or more designated EOAs; and

The Stockton Fire Department (“SFD”), Lodi Fire Department (“LFD”), and South San Joaquin County Fire Authority (“SSJCFA”) have conducted a comprehensive analysis of SJCEMSA’s ambulance service areas to assess the feasibility of partnering with a private ambulance provider to develop and submit a joint proposal in response to the forthcoming SJCEMSA RFP; and

SFD, LFD, and SSJCFA entered into Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) to issue a joint RFP for the provision of emergency and non-emergency ambulance services, including but not limited to ground ambulance transportation, 9-1-1 emergency dispatch support, interfacility transport, and critical care transport, with the objective of identifying a suitable private ambulance provider for the forthcoming SJCEMSA RFP; and

A proposal was received from American Medical Response (“AMR”), which satisfies the requirements and objectives set forth by the parties in the joint RFP; and

The establishment of a Joint Powers Authority (“JPA”) is necessary to create a unified legal and operational entity to contract with AMR and to submit a comprehensive and competitive response to the forthcoming SJCEMSA RFP; and

Sections 6502 et seq. of the California Government Code expressly authorize two or more public agencies to jointly exercise powers that are common to the contracting entities; and

The formation of a JPA is in the mutual interest of the parties and serves the public good by promoting the efficient and effective delivery of ambulance transport services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Joint Powers Authority Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, creating the CENCAL Fire EMS Authority (CENCAL); and

2. Mayor Christina Fugazi is hereby appointed as the City of Stockton's Primary Director on the CENCAL Board of Directors and is authorized to perform all duties, responsibilities, and functions assigned under the Joint Powers Authority Agreement; and

3. Councilmember Michele Padilla is hereby appointed as the City of Stockton's First Alternate Director on the CENCAL Board of Directors and shall serve in this capacity in the absence of the Primary Director; and

4. Vice Mayor Jason Lee is hereby appointed as the City of Stockton's Second Alternate Director on the CENCAL Board of Directors and shall serve in this capacity in the absence of both the Primary Director and the First Alternate Director; and

5. Upon award of one or more EOAs to CENCAL by SJCEMSA, the City Manager is authorized to create a separate restricted fund (CENCAL EMS Fund) to track all revenues and expenditures associated with CENCAL; and

6. Upon award of one or more EOAs to CENCAL by SJCEMSA, the City Manager is authorized to transfer \$1,515,700 from the General Fund Reserves to the CENCAL EMS Fund; and

7. Upon award of one or more EOAs to CENCAL by SJCEMSA, the City Manager is authorized to transfer or expend \$1,515,700 from the CENCAL EMS Fund as needed for startup costs associated with CENCAL; and

8. The City Manager is authorized to take those actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED February 4, 2025.

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CHRISTINA FUGAZI  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton