

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
WITH THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)**

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Rather than providing cash grants, the VISTA program places individuals with a sponsoring organization to engage in a year of full-time service to create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Development (CDD) and Library and Community Services (LCSD) Departments partnered to submit a VISTA Concept Paper and Application requesting the placement of five (5) VISTA volunteers (“VISTAs”) to facilitate programs and projects in support of the Economic Development Element (EDE) and preparation and implementation of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan (AVP); and

**WHEREAS**, proposed projects include: assessing housing conditions and connecting low-income individuals and families with housing resources, working with neighborhood businesses and entrepreneurs to facilitate growth and more employment opportunities through increased access to capital, creating a health-speaker curriculum in local recreation centers, and increasing the capacity of the library’s volunteering tutoring and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, VISTA sponsor organizations are required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MA) Exhibit “A” with CNCS; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the VISTA placement is for one year. VISTAs fall under a service category created under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, and are not employees of City. CNCS provides VISTAs with a small living allowance based on an area’s cost of living, healthcare coverage, and education award up to \$5,815; and

**WHEREAS**, CNCS encourages and gives preference to sponsor organizations that commit to a cost-share of the VISTAs’ living allowance expense; and.

**WHEREAS**, the preparation and implementation of the AVP is a 2016-2019 City Council Strategic Plan objective and current staffing is not adequate to implement EDE action items targeting the Alisal and the preparation of the AVP without the support of the VISTAs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINAS** that the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MA) with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to place five (5) AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers with the City of Salinas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$25,656 of Community Development General Fund monies be appropriated to pay the City’s VISTA cost-share for two VISTAs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

APPROVED:

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk