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#### ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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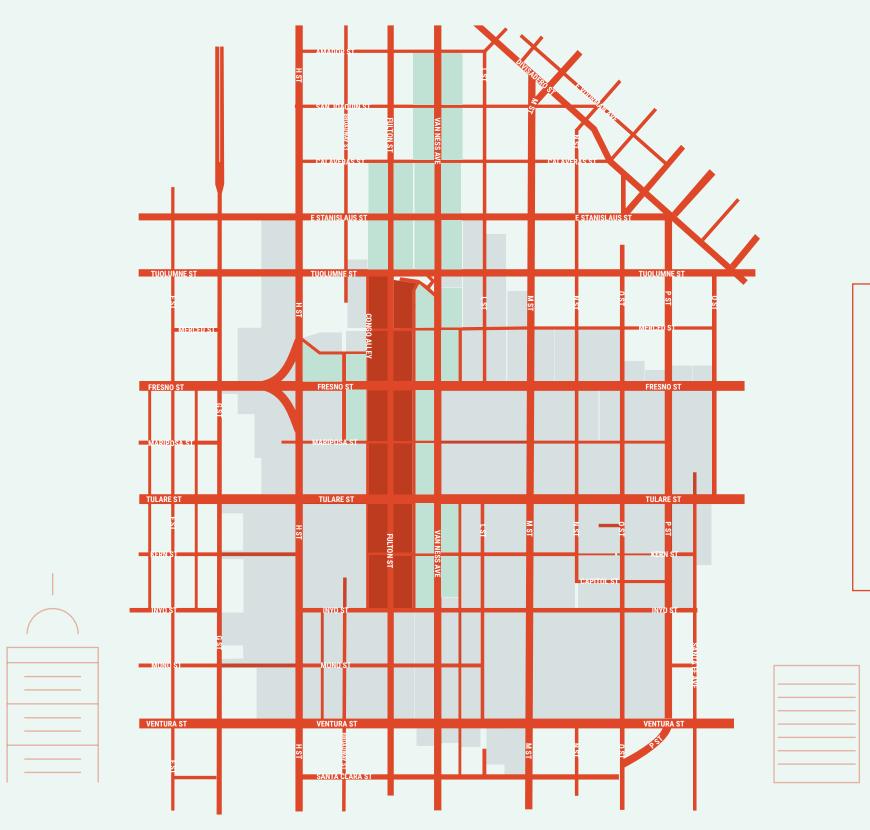
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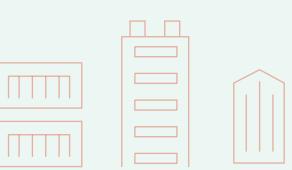
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#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Downtown Fresno Property Based Improvement District faced unprecedented challenges and responded with creative solutions aimed at retaining the ground we've made since the district's formation. Due to the pandemic, and restrictive state orders, Downtown Fresno Partnership shifted its efforts from events and promotions to targeting resources to help small businesses survive the pandemic. DFP created an online COVID-19 resource page for businesses, and sent regular updates, connecting stakeholders with financial assistance programs, technical assistance, and public safety information. Our Re-Start Grants and parklet programs helped businesses navigate the tough climate. We focused on social media engagement and marketing, to share which businesses were open, and how to safely shop or dine downtown. We hosted another year of our Create Here business competition and ended the year with 7 new businesses announcing there intention to locate in Downtown Fresno.



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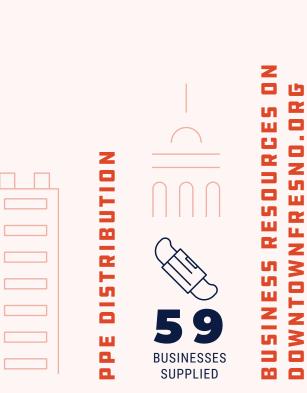








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#### MARKETING

Due to pandemic related business closures, much of the public facing marketing campaigns that were planned for 2020 were put on hold. DFP marketing efforts instead focused on sharing information with the public about what businesses were open in Downtown Fresno and encouraging the public to support the downtown business community. Additionally, information about COVID related grants and programs were shared with our business owners via e-blasts and downtownfresno.org.

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## PRESS RELEASES



## NEWS STORIES





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#### EVENTS

Downtown Fresno Partnership was only able to host in-person events for the first two months of 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our largest annual events, and most of our recurring events were cancelled due to City and State restrictions. However, Downtown Fresno Partnership staff were able to host some online virtual events like State of Downtown and Instahop Live and eventually host some limited in-person events including the Market on Kern and Mercado Sazon (both markets were allowed at limited capacity by State of California guidelines) and community clean-up days, where volunteers helped pick up trash in the downtown area.

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#### CHRISTMAS TREE AT MARIPOSA PLAZA

Downtown Fresno Partnership and Downtown Fresno Foundation purchased a re-usable artificial Christmas Tree and displayed it at Mariposa Plaza between November 14, 2020, and January 10, 2021. The tree was popular for social media photos and will be used every holiday season going forward.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL

COVID has amplified the challenges downtown faces with keeping the area clean & safe. Mandatory Stay-At-Home orders have greatly diminished pedestrian traffic and kept a number of businesses closed. DFP adapted to help mitigate the rising issues associated with the stay-at-home orders including homeless activity, vandalism, and much more.

#### **KEY EFFORTS INCLUDE:** PATROLLING, MONITORING, ষ্ঠ AND COORDINATING SECURING **RESPONSES FOR** LOCKABLE DUMPSTERS ENCAMPMENTS, TRASH (ZONES 2 & 3) BUILD-UP, GRAFFITI, BREAK-INS, AND VANDALISM (ALL ZONES) **50 STREET CANS** COORDINATING MAINTAINED AND REPAIRED COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE & STAKEHOLDERS IN **RESPONSE TO CRIMINAL HOMELESS OUTREACH** ACTIVITY AND CONCERNS ABOUT CIVIL UNREST AIMED AT CONNECTING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH AVAILABLE SERVICE AGENCIES WHILE HELPING TO REMOVE THEM FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY (LAUNCHED JUNE 2020, ALL ZONES)





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CLEAN & GREEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS





ADDITIONAL PARK MOBILE APP METERS WERE INSTALLED ALONG FULTON ST.



BAGGING METERS COORDINATED WITH THE CITY TO DESIGNATE ON STREET PARKING IN FRONT OF RESTAURANTS AS A PICK-UP ZONE FOR TAKEOUT CUSTOMERS.

#### DOWNTOWN CRIMES 2019 VS 2020







THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FILLED VACANCIES BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS UP TO A FULL 20 SEATS



A BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MIXER WAS HELD AT MODERNIST CRAFT COCKTAIL BAR ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020, IN ORDER FOR BOTH DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS, DOWNTOWN FRESNO FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS TO MEET, SHARE IDEAS, AND DISCUSS THEIR ROLES IN MOVING DOWNTOWN FORWARD.

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### **PBID Renewal**

Downtown Fresno Partnership selected Civitas Advisors to consult on the renewal of the PBID for 2023. The board of directors voted to create an ad-hock committee of board members, DFP staff, and city staff to begin and guide the renewal process including creating a draft management plan and take first steps toward stakeholder outreach.



#### DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ADAPTED THEIR FOCUS TO ACCOMMODATE STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS INCLUDING:

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COORDINATING INFORMATION SHARING AND RESPONSES BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRESNO, POLICE, PRIVATE SECURITY, **BUSINESSES, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHERS** 

DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION FOR AND ASSISTING WITH APPLICATIONS INCLUDING ACCESS TO GRANTS, EMERGENCY LOANS, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND UPDATES TO STATE EMERGENCY ORDERS



UPDATING ONLINE INFORMATION FOR OPEN BUSINESSES

PROMOTION AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE PROMOTION, AND MEDIA OUTREACH







PPE DISTRIBUTION



#### DOWNTOWN FRESNO FOUNDATION

Downtown Fresno Foundation pivoted its efforts in Spring 2020 toward helping mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# CHRISTMAS TREE



DOWNTOWN ACADEMY





PARKLET PROGRAM

