

# Esmeralda★Soria

**Fresno City Councilmember District 1**

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### **Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and Trustee Annalisa Perea Distribute Face Masks to Kaiser Employees**

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**FRESNO, CA** – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and State Center Community College District Trustee Annalisa Perea will deliver much needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to Kaiser employees on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 12:30 PM at the main entrance at Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center (7300 N Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93720)

“This global pandemic has left our healthcare workers vulnerable to the lack of access to personal protective equipment. Our frontline workers are exposed to various harmful diseases daily, making it that much more important that they receive the necessary equipment to safely perform their essential jobs and take care of us when needed,” said Councilmember Esmeralda Soria.

Councilmember Soria and Trustee Perea will be providing over 1,000 KN95 and surgical masks in an effort to provide protection for both workers and community members who visit the Kaiser hospital. The City of Fresno has been able to keep the number of COVID19 cases down in comparison to neighboring cities, this PPE will help maintain those numbers low.

"My coworkers and I have been facing a massive shortage of personal protective equipment here at Kaiser, supplies are limited, and we are currently only getting one mask a day to care for patients. As frontline healthcare workers, we have concerns for our health, our family members, and those we are serving at the facility. We are very thankful for the donation of 1,000 masks from Councilmember Soria and Trustee Perea. They are much needed." -Stefanie Diaz, SEIU-UHW member.

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