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## **Fifth annual Bakersfield Marathon postponed to 2021**

**Bakersfield, Calif.** – Out of an abundance of caution and care for our community in the current climate, Active Bakersfield Alliance announces that this year's Dignity Health Bakersfield Marathon is being postponed to 2021.

Each year at the Bakersfield Marathon, we see our friends and neighbors come together to reach new heights, overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. This year we focus on coming together to help solve this global challenge instead. ABA hopes that postponing the race will help keep valuable focus and resources available to do so.

We hope you'll join us in this effort and at next year's race! Held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, we anticipate the 5th Bakersfield Marathon to be the best one yet! ABA president, Patricia Marquez said, "Every year, the marathon grows and improves because of the people who come out to support and participate in the event. I know that this same spirit is what will get us through this crisis and make next year's race the best it's ever been. You won't want to miss it."

For those who have already registered for the 2020 race, your entry will be automatically transferred to 2021. Any existing participants who would like a refund may do so by sending an email to [directors@activebakersfield.org](mailto:directors@activebakersfield.org). We kindly ask 2020 refunds be requested prior to June 1, 2020.

Please visit [runbakersfield.com](http://runbakersfield.com) to keep up on all 2021 Bakersfield Marathon details.

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Active Bakersfield Alliance is a 501(c)(3) and produces the Bakersfield Marathon - a USATF-certified full marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K. This annual, world-class event features the starting line, finish line, and celebration on the California State University, Bakersfield campus. Participants run through dozens of iconic neighborhoods and landmarks including the Stockdale Financial District, Oleander, Downtown Bakersfield, Westchester, Kern County Museum, La Cresta, Bakersfield College, and the striking Panorama Bluffs before returning to the finish line along the scenic Kern River Parkway. Look for music along the course with a live band at the Celebration Beer Garden! A RACE FOR EVERYONE!