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To: Members of the Public

Re: Resolution re CARES Act Fund Allocations From The FY 2020-2021 Midcycle Budget

Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public:

On June 23, 2020, the City Council adopted a Fiscal Year 20-21 midcycle budget with amendments that included CARES Act funding allocations to provide critical resources to our residents and businesses most impacted by COVID-19. This Resolution is intended to give authority to the City Administrator to enter into grant agreements with trusted and reliable community partners and community based organizations to provide important resources to uplift our residents who are struggling during this pandemic.

These resources were intended to be deployed immediately to address the life threatening circumstances faced by our residents living in crisis.

On May 19, 2020, and amended on June 2, 2020, the City Council declared a Local Health Emergency For Oakland's Black And Latinx Residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we have previously mentioned, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent shelter in place caused a strain on our residents and businesses. We know that Council Districts 3, 5, 6, and 7, due to health and economic factors, will be hit disproportionately harder, with many residents facing housing and financial insecurity and businesses facing permanent closure.

During the budget deliberations, there was universal agreement among the councilmembers to help those who are most impacted and vulnerable to food insecurity, negative health disparities, and job loss and underemployment. The following grant allocations follow the mandate of the CARES Act funding requirements and achieve the City Council's goal to allocate the funding to assist those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Food Insecurity

- \$150,000 DACA to bring commercial kitchen in compliance with state and local standards to provide space for food entrepreneurs and nutrition classes
- \$150,000 Black Cultural Zone for a Farmer’s Market in East Oakland

Health Disparities

- \$500, 000 Oakland Frontline Healers

Workforce Development/Business & Technical Assistance

- \$700,000 Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber of Commerce, Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, Unity Council, East Oakland Entrepreneurial Forum, and OCCUR
- \$500,000 The Brothers & Sisters BarberCosmo Academy
- \$100,000 Spearitwurx (Employer of local artists and culture keepers that will curate arts and culture programming that helps to supplement the income loss faced by local East Oakland artists)

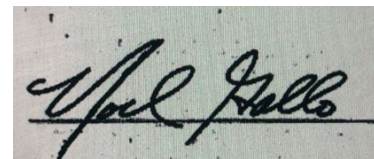
The above allocations are based on feedback from residents and on the ground organizations who have a history of directly responding to the needs of our community.

Again, the City must act urgently to support those who face the greatest threats to their health and economic security. We urge the City Council to authorize the City Administrator to act immediately to allocate CARES Act funding as recommended in the enclosed Resolution.

Regards,



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