



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members on the City Council and
Members of the Public

FROM: Councilmember Dan Kalb

SUBJECT: 95% Auto Allowance Reduction

DATE: January 25, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION REDUCING THE MONTHLY AUTO ALLOWANCES OF THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY AUDITOR BY NINETY-FIVE PERCENT (95%) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 12, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This legislation will reduce the automobile allowances of Oakland elected officials by 95%.

BACKGROUND

During the pandemic emergency, there are many fewer instances where Councilmembers need to use their personal vehicle for work purposes. Furthermore, with a budget crisis and a pandemic ranging through our City, our City leaders need to sacrifice and do what we can to address these dual emergencies. Eliminating 95% of the auto allowance is a great first step in addressing our colossal budget deficit.

ANALYSIS

City Charter section 207 provides that the Council “shall fix the compensation of all employees, officers and officials except as otherwise provided by the Charter.

This measure will reduce the monthly Auto Allowances of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Auditor by ninety-five percent (95%) for the period of January 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

It is important to note that the Mayor, City Auditor and City Attorney have already, voluntarily suspended 100% of their respective auto allowances for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Item: _____
City Council
July 6, 2020

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

We respectfully request that the City Council: adopt a Resolution reducing the monthly Auto Allowances of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Auditor by ninety-five percent (95%). Councilmember Kalb is open to modifying the Resolution to institute a full 100% waiver for the rest of this fiscal year.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Seth Steward, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Kalb, at 510-238-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Kalb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Kalb
Councilmember, District 1