

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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Date: March 23, 2020  
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public  
From: Council President Kaplan  
Re: Resolution Requesting The City Administrator To Take Action Acquiring Buildings, Facilities To Prevent COVID-19 From Spreading Among High Risk And Homeless Communities, Submit To Federal Government For Reimbursement For Costs, And To Award A Contract Up To \$1,600,000 To Provide Waste Collection To Homeless Encampments, and Including The Waiving Of Advertising And Competitive Bidding, and to Submit such expenditures To Federal Government For Reimbursement For Costs

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Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Due to the serious and growing risk to public health, the declared pandemic, and the need to protect all in our community, I am recommending the City Council to do the following:

- Request the City Administrator or his or her designee take action to acquiring buildings, facilities, supplies as to prevent COVID-19 from spreading among high risk and unhoused communities;
- Authorize the administrator to Award a contract for regular trash pickup service from homeless encampments, of up to one million, six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) to procure sanitation services; and
- Waive advertising and competitive bidding in order to address the COVID-19 pandemic, which was a declared a local emergency and thus needing to enable quickly providing these services to reduce the spread of disease.
- Request the City Administrator to submit to Federal Government, including but not limited to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other funders who may be available, for reimbursement cost of applicable services;

## **OVERVIEW**

According to the, *2019 Alameda County's Homeless Persons Point-In-Time Count*, approximately, 4,071 people in Oakland are experiencing homelessness; the CDC has stated in

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relation to COVID-19 that the “lack of housing contributes to poor health outcomes, and linkage to permanent housing should continue to be a priority.”

COVID-19, a highly infectious virus, was first identified in late 2019 and is marked by severe and acute respiratory illness that has overwhelmed hospitals across the world and whose mortality rates disproportionately impact older individuals and those with underlying diseases. There are approximately 335,403 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with about 1,555 in California as of March 22, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, the health officer of the County of Alameda issued a sweeping Order to shelter-in-place, ordering residents to stay at home and go outside only for essentials.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is paramount for the city of Oakland to substantially increase sanitation services to encampments and acquire facilities to help provide unhoused residents safe shelter.

The performance of urgent contracts for the purposes of addressing COVID-19 in this Resolution, is necessary for the health and well-being of residents and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kaplan  
Oakland City Council President