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Date: June 11, 2020
To: Members of the City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Rebecca Kaplan
Re: RESOLUTION (1) DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PURSUANT TO OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.50 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8558 & 8630, OAKLAND'S MARCH 9, 2020 DECLARATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY, RATIFIED ON MARCH 12, 2020 (RESOLUTION NO. 88075 C.M.S.) AND OAKLAND'S PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO SERIOUS THREATS LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CITY FACILITIES, DUE TO THE DISASTROUS ECONOMIC AND OTHER IMPACTS OF DESTRUCTIVE ARMED ROBBERIES AND COVID-19 AND RELATED SHUTDOWNS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES; AND (2) REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OAKLAND FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES HARMED BY THE FOREGOING EVENTS; AND MAKE STATE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE CITY AND IMPACTED ENTITIES, INCLUDING STATE DISASTER RELIEF, AND SEEK FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FOR OAKLAND; AND (3) REQUESTING THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR MAKE AVAILABLE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE IMPACTED ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO COMMENCE OR CONTINUE BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN OAKLAND, INCLUDING INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S BUSINESS OPERATION AND LAND USE ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY

Dear Colleagues on the Council and Members of the Public,

I am presenting the above-reference resolution calling for a local emergency declaration for your consideration. While the City of Oakland and the members of our community are still gripped by significant personal and economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis, local businesses and organizations have also additionally suffered heavy losses because of stolen equipment and inventory as well as damaged structures due attacks by armed robbers. Many of these businesses were already struggling from the dire economic impact caused by COVID-19. The combined effect of these events have created a state of devastation for these businesses and organizations, and also harmed our broader community with loss of jobs and loss of access to needed medications and other essentials. By declaring this emergency, we can help seek to access resources and support from the State and elsewhere, including in flexibility of State requirements on some of our local facilities to enable them to rebuild and re-open.

Thank for your consideration of this important matter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rebecca Kaplan".

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Council President

City Council
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