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Date: February 2, 2021
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: Adopt A Resolution Urging State And Federal Governments to Provide The People of City of Oakland and Alameda County With More Doses Of The COVID-19 Vaccine to Facilitate the Equitable Distribution of the Vaccine to Under-served Communities In Sites Like the Mass Vaccination Site At the Oakland Coliseum. [URGENCY ITEM]

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

We encourage you to support a resolution that would urge state and federal governments to provide the people of the City of Oakland and Alameda County with more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Additional doses would facilitate the equitable distribution of the vaccine to under-served communities in sites like the mass vaccination site at the Oakland Coliseum.

As of January 25, 2021, Alameda County received 102,750 vaccine doses according to data from the Alameda County Department of Public Health (ACDPH). The County is still in Phase 1A of the vaccination prioritization framework, and only health care workers are currently eligible to receive a vaccination. Although there is great demand from community members, supply of the vaccine is limited and has hindered the County and City's ability to administer it in a timely and equitable manner.

The City of Oakland, through the County of Alameda, must provide equitable access to a COVID-19 vaccine, especially for people of color, who are disproportionately affected by the virus and have experienced longstanding disparities in health outcomes and access to high-quality healthcare. Additionally, essential workers are disproportionately people of color and have been on the front lines, continuing to work, and risking their lives throughout this pandemic. According to data from ACDPH, the zip codes that have the highest case rates of COVID-19 (94601, 94603, 94606, and 94621) are in Districts 5, 6, and 7 and are home for a significant number of Oakland's Black and Latinx residents. Black and Latinx residents also have a disproportionate number of hospitalizations and deaths compared to the overall population.

On January 19, 2021, the Oakland Coliseum was approved by the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority ("OACCA") to be a mass vaccination site. We must have mass vaccination

centers, such as the Oakland Coliseum, that can serve high volumes of people, can be easily accessed, and have hours that accommodate different work schedules. Additional funding is needed to execute these mass vaccination programs. The federal aid package passed on December 21, 2020, included \$9 billion toward vaccine distribution and President Biden's proposed COVID-19 package includes \$20 billion for a national vaccination program. Governor Newsom's proposed budget has set aside \$372 million for vaccination efforts. The City must ensure that these funds are pursued and allocated to its vaccination efforts.

Every Oakland resident, especially those underserved and communities of color, must have the opportunity to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in a timely and equitable manner. It will be vital to achieve high vaccination rates in our communities of color to achieve herd immunity in the City of Oakland and move past this deadly chapter in our history. We ask you to join us in urging state and federal governments to provide the people of the City of Oakland and Alameda County with more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine so that we can give thousands of Oaklanders the peace of mind that this deadly virus will no longer negatively impact the lives of their families and communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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