

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP) THAT WILL ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO APPLY TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S HHAP FOR A ONE-TIME AWARD OF APPROXIMATELY \$23.8 MILLION

WHEREAS, according to the State of California's ("State") Coordinating and Financing Council, there were 129,972 homeless people counted in California in 2018 of which 69% were unsheltered and thirty-three in every 10,000 people were experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, locally, the City of San José's ("City") 2019 homeless census and survey counted 6,097 persons experiencing homelessness in San José, which was an increase of 40% from the 2017 homeless census; of the 6,097 people counted, 5,117 were unsheltered, which means that 84% of San José's homeless population sleeps outdoors on the street, in parks, tents, encampments, vehicles, abandoned properties and/or bus and train stations; and

WHEREAS, in February 2015, the City Council adopted a resolution to endorse the Community Plan to End Homelessness ("Community Plan"), a five-year Community Plan which is a Santa Clara County community-wide roadmap intended to guide government, private sector, non-profit organizations, and other community members as they make decisions about funding, priorities, and needs; and

WHEREAS, since May 2019, the City has worked with the County of Santa Clara and Destination: Home, as well as multiple stakeholders, to update the Community Plan for the next five years (2020-2025), which includes increasing the capacity and effectiveness of housing programs, addressing the root causes of homelessness

through systems and policy change, improving quality of life for unsheltered individuals, and creating healthy neighborhoods for all; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 (AB 101) into law, establishing a one-time source of funds called the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (“HHAP”), a \$650 million block grant program; and

WHEREAS, the HHAP provides funding to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City’s allocation of HHAP funds is \$23,832,511; and

WHEREAS, the State requires that HHAP funds be used for: rental assistance/rapid rehousing, operating subsidies and reserves, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, system support to create regional partnerships, delivery of permanent housing, prevention and shelter diversion, new navigation centers/emergency shelters, innovative solutions, strategic homelessness planning (up to 5%), infrastructure development (up to 5%), youth set-aside (no less than 8%), and administrative costs (up to 7%); and

WHEREAS, any funds not expended must be returned to the State which requires the City to contractually obligate no less than 50% of program allocations by May 31, 2023 and 100% of funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County’s Community Plan Steering Committee recently undertook an extensive community outreach process from May 2019 to January 2020 to obtain feedback and reflect on what is currently working or not working in the homeless system of care, and this process reached over 8,000 community members and

convened more than 20 opportunities to engage with subject matters experts, community members and people with a lived experience of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office and the Housing Department were actively engaged in Santa Clara County's Community Plan outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Department has also conducted multiple community meeting targeting homeless and formerly homeless individuals, as well as various stakeholders including nonprofit service providers and homeless advocates to obtain feedback; and

WHEREAS, the feedback received from both outreach processes was extensive and several themes emerged that were considered when developing the proposed HHAP expenditure plan, including daytime services and diverse shelter/interim housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's approval will allow the administration to apply to the State's HHAP for a one-time award of approximately \$23.8 million, as set forth in the Memorandum from Housing Department dated January 21, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The proposed expenditure plan for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program ("HHAP") that will allow the Director of Housing to apply to the State of California's HHAP for a one-time award of approximately \$23.8 million, as set forth in the Memorandum from Housing Department dated January 21, 2020, is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk