

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,794,447 DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER FOR VULNERABLE COVID-19 CITY OF SAN JOSE RESIDENTS IN MOTELS FROM JUNE 15, 2020 TO OCTOBER 15, 2020

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International concern, and on February 3, 2020, the County of Santa Clara’s (“County”) Health Officer declared a local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency (Executive Order N-25-20) to exist in California because of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 6, 2020, the City of San José (“City”) issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency finding that the existence and threat of COVID-19 in the community give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety and health of persons within the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning COVID-19 beginning on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued an Order to all residents to shelter in place and businesses to close except for essential activities, essential services, and governmental services as defined under Section 10 of the County Order to manage the spread of COVID-19 throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Order (Executive Order N-33-20) that all individuals living in the State of California stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations for certain critical infrastructure sectors, to protect the public health of Californians, to mitigate the impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the City of San José issued a Declaration of Shelter Crisis, consistent with the provisions of the Shelter Crisis Act, under his powers in Chapter 8.08 of the San José Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, guidance released from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on March 9, 2020 states that housing instability and frequent mobility increase the risk of exposure to infectious disease and limited access to health care services and poor living conditions further compound this risk; and

WHEREAS, homeless individuals are at greater risk of exposure to a variety of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and are especially vulnerable without a place to shelter, quarantine, or self-isolate; and

WHEREAS, the County operates motels for non-congregate shelter for those who have tested positive for COVID-19, have confirmed exposure to or are under investigation for COVID-19, or are at greater risk for serious illness or death due to age or underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the County estimates that approximately 70% of all persons placed in motel rooms as part of the County's non-congregate shelter program are from San José; and

WHEREAS, the City executed an agreement to reimburse the County for non-congregate shelter under the City's emergency declaration since it is a critical service; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council ratify the executed agreement to allow the City to reimburse the County for actual expenses that are used to support COVID-19 vulnerable homeless City residents through the County's network of motel rooms throughout Santa Clara County;

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

The agreement with the County of Santa Clara in an amount not to exceed \$1,794,447 dated September 17, 2020 to provide emergency non-congregate shelter for COVID-19 vulnerable City of San José residents in motels from June 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020 is hereby ratified.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk