

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) – ROUND 2 THAT WILL ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO APPLY TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA’S HHAP FOR A ONE-TIME AWARD OF APPROXIMATELY \$11,266,278

WHEREAS, according to the State of California’s (“State”) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, there were 129,972 homeless people counted in California in 2018 of which 69% (nearly 90,000) were unsheltered and thirty-three of 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, since May 2019, the City has worked with the County of Santa Clara (“County”) and Destination: Home, as well as multiple stakeholders, to update the Community Plan to end Homelessness for the next five years (2020-2025) (“Community Plan”), 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, in August 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution endorsing the Community Plan, 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, the City Housing Department aligns funding with the Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic served as the impetus to immediately begin implementing a variety of strategies within the Community Plan to address the public health crisis and the homelessness crisis, and the administration pursued an emergency response through the Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) Branches – one focused on meeting homeless housing needs, supportive services, and deep coordination with the County EOC; a second branch focused on emergency interim housing solutions that not only advanced State and County objectives to expand non-congregate shelter options, but also responded to Council direction seeking to address the intersecting crises; and a third EOC branch focused on providing encampment trash services and large debris clean up; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 83 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 15, Statutes of 2020) into law, establishing a one-time source of funds called the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (“HHAP”) – Round 2, a \$300 million block grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City’s allocation of HHAP funds in this second round of funding is \$11,266,278; and

WHEREAS, this is the second year of HHAP funding provided to jurisdictions with flexibility to use the funds to meet homeless emergency needs; and

WHEREAS, previously, on July 31, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 (AB 101) into law, establishing HHAP, a \$650 million block grant program of which the City’s allocation of HHAP funds in this first round was \$23,832,511; and

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

WHEREAS, any HHAP 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, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the outreach undertaken in connection with the development of the Community Plan, the Housing Department has also conducted two small focus groups – one targeting homeless and formerly homeless individuals and homeless advocates and one targeting nonprofit service providers – 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 Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council HHAP for a one-time award of approximately \$11,266,278 of HHAP funding, as set forth in the Memorandum from the Housing Department dated January 8, 2021.

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 – Round 2 that will allow the Director of Housing to apply to the State of

California HHAP for a one-time award of approximately \$11,266,278, as set forth in the Memorandum from the Housing Department dated January 8, 2021, is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk