

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS, SINGLY OR IN COLLABORATION WITH A CO-APPLICANT, FOR HOMEKEY PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“STATE HCD”) THROUGH ITS ROUND 2 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (“NOFA”); AND B) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE(S), ACTING IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY ALL APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE AND OTHER FORMS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE, AND TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR HOMEKEY PROGRAM FUNDING FROM STATE HCD THROUGH ITS ROUND 2 NOFA**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the State of California created the Homekey Program (Homekey), administered by the California Housing and Community Development Department (State HCD), to provide funding to rapidly sustain and expand the inventory of housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and impacted by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Homekey has created an opportunity for local public agencies to purchase hotels, motels and a broad range of other housing types in order to increase community capacity to respond to homelessness and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, State HCD issued its first Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$600 million in Homekey funding on August 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, working in collaboration, the Human Services Agency, the Department of Housing and Real Property Services submitted two successful applications to State HCD for Homekey funding to acquire two hotels, Pacific Inn and Towneplace Suites in Redwood City, and were awarded Homekey funds to acquire both hotels; and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific Inn, now known as “Pacific Shelter”, is a service-enriched, 74-unit interim housing site, which serves San Mateo County residents experiencing homelessness who are highly vulnerable to COVID-19; and Towneplace Suites, now known as “Shores Landing,” is a service-enriched 95-unit permanent affordable housing site for extremely-low income (ELI) seniors who may be at risk of homelessness or previously experienced homelessness and at heightened risk for COVID-19 related complications; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2021, State HCD issued a second round or Round 2 NOFA for \$1.45 billion of Homekey funding, of which \$1.2 billion is derived from the State’s direct allocation of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF), which was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), and \$250 million is derived from the State’s General Fund to supplement the acquisition of, and to provide initial operating subsidies for, Homekey sites; and

**WHEREAS**, State HCD has established a four-month priority application period from the release date of the Homekey application on September 30, 2021 through January 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, given that applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, eligible applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, working in collaboration, the County Human Services Agency, Department of Housing, Real Property Services, Project Development Unit, and Department of Public Works intends to submit one or more applications to State HCD for Homekey Program funding to acquire one or more motels, hotels, or other eligible housing types, as well as the new construction of dwelling units; and

**WHEREAS**, the planned uses of Homekey funds, if awarded by HCD through its Round 2 NOFA, are (1) to acquire one or more hotels, motels, or other eligible housing types to continue providing shelter (also known as interim housing) to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness with a linkage to rapid rehousing services in order to support a transition into permanent housing, and (2) for the new construction of dwelling units to provide interim housing to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness with a linkage to rapid rehousing services in order to support a transition into permanent housing; and

**WHEREAS**, County will evaluate any property acquired with Homekey funding for the feasibility of conversion to affordable rental housing and/or permanent supportive housing; and

**WHEREAS**, given that the Homekey application will be released on September 30, 2020, the four-month priority application window commences that same date, and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, a resolution from the

Board authorizing the submission of one or more County applications for Homekey funds will help ensure that the County's application(s) are competitive in the Bay Area region and increase the likelihood that the County will be awarded Homekey funding.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the County Manager, or designee(s), is authorized to prepare and submit one or more applications, singly or in collaboration with a co-applicant, for Homekey funding to State HCD through its Round 2 NOFA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager, or designee(s), acting in consultation with County Counsel, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the County all appropriate agreements with the State and other forms and documents required by the State, and take any and all other actions necessary for the County to apply for Homekey funding from state HCD through its Round 2 NOFA

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