

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING A SECOND CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,000,000 IN MEASURE K FUNDS TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY IMMIGRANT RELIEF FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY WHO HAVE BEEN ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY COVID-19, AND WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS; AND B) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO AMEND THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY AND MISSION ASSET FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY IMMIGRANT RELIEF FUND AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS AMOUNT TO SELECTED RECIPIENTS FOR A TERM OF JULY 15, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

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

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the San Mateo County Health Officer (the “Health Officer”) declared a local health emergency throughout the County related to novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, and this Board ratified and extended this declaration of local health emergency, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, pursuant to Section 8630 of the California Government Code and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the San Mateo County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency throughout San Mateo County related to COVID-19, and this Board ratified and extended the proclamation of local emergency, which continues to remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency related to COVID-19 effective throughout California; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Health Officer issued an order that, among other things, directed all individuals currently living within San Mateo County to shelter

in their place of residence (“County Shelter-in-Place Order”), and authorizes individuals to leave their residences only for certain “Essential Activities,” “Essential Governmental Functions,” or to operate “Essential Businesses,” all as defined in the Shelter-in-Place Order; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, which imposed a statewide shelter-in-place order requiring individuals to remain in their places of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors or to access necessities such as food, prescriptions, and health care or other authorized activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Governor Newsom announced a plan to allow the limited reopening of some businesses beyond those in the category of essential critical infrastructure, which is part of the "Resilience Roadmap" for California, the multiphase plan to modify the Statewide Shelter-In-Place Order; and

WHEREAS, several times since March 16, 2020, and most recently, on June 4, 2020, the Health Officer issued revised Shelter-in-Place Orders extending the Original Shelter-in-Place Order due to evidence of continued significant community transmission of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the State approved the County’s request for a variance allowing the County to align with the Resilience Roadmap for California; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Health Officer rescinded the June 4, 2020 revised Shelter-in-Place Order and replaced it, effective immediately, with a new order aligning the County with the Statewide Shelter-in-Place Order/Resilience Roadmap, emphasizing individual behavior and the practices that businesses must follow as they resume operations, including limiting gatherings to no more than 50 people, outlining social distancing and face covering requirements, allowing for social bubbles, and

requiring businesses to implement a social distancing protocol and written health and safety plans, based on evidence of continued significant community transmission of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, although the Health Officer has since issued an order aligning the County with the Statewide Shelter-in-Place/Resilience Roadmap, the local economy will take time return to something approximating “normal”; and

WHEREAS, as the State and County continue to reopen, the number of identified COVID-19 cases continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, large numbers of County residents have lost their jobs and are struggling to make ends meet due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, immigrant residents who do not qualify for assistance from federal financial programs due to their immigration status are particularly vulnerable, and may not have received any assistance in paying bills or feeding their families for several months; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a County financial assistance fund to support those residents who are ineligible for federal financial assistance programs due to their immigration status was identified as a critical need; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the County contributed \$2,000,000 to the San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund (the “Relief Fund”), which is coordinated by the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (“LASSMC”) and is providing unrestricted financial assistance to residents of the County (individuals or families who share finances), who fall below certain income limits, do not qualify for federal assistance programs because of their immigration status and have a demonstrated economic need as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mission Asset Fund (“MAF”), a nonprofit financial services organization with expertise administering emergency COVID-19 assistance to low-income residents, is administering the Relief Fund; and has, as of September 28, 2020, made 10,156 grants of \$1,000 each to eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, as of September 28, 2020, 22,745 pre-applications have been submitted to the Relief Fund, 15,908 applicants with the highest documented needs have been invited by MAF to submit full applications and 11,156 of these applicants have submitted complete applications; and

WHEREAS, MAF has received \$10,600,000 in contributions to the Relief Fund and 96% of those funds have been awarded in \$1,000 grants to 10,156 applicants; and

WHEREAS, as described above, there are thousands of eligible Relief Fund applicants who have not received grants due to lack of funds in the Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, due to the duration of the pandemic and limited reopening of the local economy, MAF expects to see eligible applicants who need a second round of grants, resulting in some applicants receiving total grants of \$2,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the original agreement with LASSMC and MAF contemplated the distribution of a second round of grants to applicants if funding became available; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has directed the County Manager to bring for the Board’s consideration materials to authorize and allocate an additional \$2,000,000 in Measure K Funds to MAF for the Relief Fund to meet the ongoing needs of eligible applicants to the Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County’s additional \$2,000,000 contribution will come from unrestricted Measure K funds, and those who are selected to receive assistance (individuals or families who share finances) based on an assessment of demonstrated need will receive a target level of assistance of \$1,000, with a maximum level of

assistance of \$2,000, depending on availability of funding, to those verified applicants with a continued demonstrated need; and

WHEREAS, this Board will direct the County Manager to amend the agreement with LASSMC and MAF to increase the total amount of the contribution to the Relief Fund to \$4,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the contribution of an additional \$2,000,000 in Measure K funds to the San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund, and authorizes and directs the County Manager to take appropriate action to transmit the funds to MAF.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager or designee to execute an amendment to the agreement with Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and Mission Asset Fund to increase the total contribution by the County of San Mateo by the additional \$2,000,000 in Measure K Funds allocated in this resolution, for a total amount allocated of \$4,000,000 to the San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund, for distribution to selected recipients, for a term of July 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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