

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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RESOLUTION: 1) AUTHORIZING A TOTAL ALLOCATION OF \$5,000,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CENTERS IN HALF MOON BAY (\$2,500,000) AND NORTH FAIR OAKS (\$2,500,000) TO ASSIST LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS AND SMALL BUSINESSES NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND 2) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE, ACTING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY FOR THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,500,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO SUPPORT TWO YEARS OF OPERATION OF A COASTSIDE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CENTER

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

WHEREAS, since its emergence in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted public health and the economy on a global scale, in the country and in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency has both caused and magnified negative impacts on residents of San Mateo County, including with regard to public health; mental health and emotional development; food and housing insecurity; economic dislocation and small business viability; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken extensive steps to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to mitigate its impact, including funding, supporting, and coordinating testing, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and treatment for infected individuals, public health and safety communications and interventions, issuance and enforcement of health orders, health system response and vaccination programs; and

WHEREAS, the state and local health orders taken to respond to the pandemic and to prevent and mitigate its spread also restricted certain types of economic activity

which impacted the economy in the County, with revenue losses hitting small businesses and certain economic sectors and demographic groups particularly hard, including, without limitation, households and small businesses on the Coastside and in North Fair Oaks; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues to pose risks to public health and continues to cause negative impacts for our communities and there remains the need to respond to those risks and impacts and to undertake measure to assist in recovery from the negative public health and economic impacts of the pandemic continues; and

WHEREAS, over the past two plus years, the Board has taken extensive steps to assist households and small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, the City of South San Francisco, in connection with its pandemic relief and recovery efforts, opened a one-stop shop, known as the Economic Advancement Center (“EAC”), to provide a range of technical assistance to job seekers, small business owners, and local entrepreneurs who were adversely impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of the South San Francisco EAC, and a study showing interest in such a center in North Fair Oaks commissioned by the County, this Board, on May 17, 2022, reviewed a general proposal to allocate \$5,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“APRA”) funds to establish EAC-type centers on the Coastside and in North Fair Oaks, communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the City of Half Moon Bay, in partnership with the County, launched a Coastside Recovery Initiative (“Initiative”) guided by a diverse, multi-sector recovery task force comprised of 17 community members, which, after a year-long planning effort, developed a COVID-19 recovery plan titled *Building a More Equitable, Vibrant and Resilient Coastside Economy* (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, recommendations in the Plan included development of a Coastside small business assistance center, creation of a business incubator for new start-up and early-stage companies, increased access to vocational training and higher education opportunities for economically vulnerable residents, and multiple recommendations to support the Coastside farming community; and

WHEREAS, beginning in late 2021, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (REN), on behalf of the County, conducted a feasibility study for the opening of a business and family center in North Fair Oaks that would provide support and assistance for COVID-impacted households and small businesses, and found significant community interest in such a center; and

WHEREAS, establishing and supporting an EAC in North Fair Oaks and on the Coastside that will provide technical assistance and resources to job seekers and small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic is an important component of the County's continuing efforts to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, current program design for the Coastside EAC includes provision of entrepreneur, small business, and job seeker support (with job training and other support services available in multiple languages and offered to both documented and undocumented residents), co-location of a business incubator, and integration with the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Development Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Half Moon Bay is currently evaluating potential commercial sites for the Coastside EAC's permanent location and looking for temporary locations where services can be provided prior to opening a permanent location; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to contribute \$2,500,000 toward the development of the Coastside EAC and for two years of its operations, which contribution would be accomplished through an agreement to transfer ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed

\$2,500,000 to the City of Half Moon Bay for ARPA-eligible expenses incurred in connection with the development and operation of the Coastside EAC for local households and small businesses impacted by the pandemic (“Agreement”).

WHEREAS, this Board also desires to contribute \$2,500,000 in ARPA funds toward the development of a North Fair Oaks EAC and for two years of its operations, which contribution, during such two-year period, will be managed by the County Executive’s Office and used only for ARPA-eligible expenses incurred in connection with the North Fair Oaks EAC for local households and small businesses impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to supplement the \$2,500,000 in ARPA funding for the North Fair Oaks EAC, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI), through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, has awarded the County a grant of \$500,000 to support the North Fair Oaks EAC in achieving outcomes for job seekers and small businesses comparable to what has been accomplished at the South San Francisco EAC; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with this resolution, the Board will be approving an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$500,000, recognizing unanticipated revenue from the CZI grant, through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, to Non-Departmental Services to supplement funding for the North Fair Oaks EAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Office is developing a workplan for the North Fair Oaks EAC, which workplan includes a project schedule, exploring temporary and long-term locations, drafting requests for proposals for job seeker and small business support services, designing an outreach and engagement program to update the feasibility study prepared by REN with current recommendations from local business owners and community members, and the gathering of additional input on community interests and needs so the North Fair Oaks EAC can best serve all impacted households

and small businesses, and the County Executive's Office will update the Board on the status of the North Fair Oaks EAC quarterly, starting in January of 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that, in order to assist local households and small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board allocates \$2,500,000 in ARPA funds toward the development of the Coastside EAC and for two-years of its operations and \$2,500,000 in ARPA funds toward the development of the North Fair Oaks EAC and for two-years of its operations, for an aggregate allocation of ARPA funds totaling \$5,000,000.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive, or designee, acting in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, is authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into the Agreement with the City of Half Moon Bay for the County's contribution of \$2,500,000 in ARPA funds to support the development and two years of operation of the Coastside EAC, consistent with the Board's intent and findings set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the Agreement with the City of Half Moon Bay which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to apply any state and/or federal funds, to include those ARPA funds appropriated by the Board in this resolution, that may be made available for all or a portion of the monies expended in support of the Coastside EAC and/or the North Fair Oaks EAC.

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