

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

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

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**RESOLUTION (A) APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF \$2,000,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY TO MITIGATE ITS FINANCIAL HARDSHIP RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES; AND**

**(B) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY FOR A TERM THROUGH JULY 31, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

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**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, which has had broad and continuing effects, impacting households, small businesses and nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, to help address and respond to these issues, the County has received State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA funds can be used, among other applications, to respond to the pandemic-related public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, including to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, nonprofits that have experienced decreased revenues, increased costs, reduced contributions and uncompensated increases in service need related to the pandemic are eligible for financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (“Second Harvest”) is among the nonprofit organizations that provide critical services to those in need in San Mateo County, operating a food bank dedicated to ensuring that anyone in Silicon Valley who needs a healthy meal gets one in furtherance of its mission to end hunger, and distributing food through a network of sites in the County, including to households earning less than 65% of the Area Median Income who have been impacted by the pandemic and its negative economic consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, Second Harvest has experienced a negative economic impact as a result of the pandemic in the form of increased demand for its services, increased costs to acquire food and provide such services, and declining revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, to meet the increased demand in services during the pandemic, Second Harvest scaled up their operations by providing additional staffing in warehouse, transportation and distribution operations and also had to procure trucks and other infrastructure necessary to meet the pandemic- related demand for food at significant additional cost; and

**WHEREAS**, while increased philanthropy and federal funding was available to food banks helped mitigate increased costs during the initial phase of the pandemic, such funds are no longer available and/or have significantly declined while demand for Second Harvest’s services has remained high, resulting in Second Harvest operating at a

substantial deficit over the last two years - nearly \$10 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and \$15 million in FY 2023 with a comparable projected deficit next year; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the financial hardship Second Harvest has experienced due to the pandemic, the Board desires to provide direct assistance to Second Harvest through an allocation of \$2,000,000 in ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate this assistance, the Board desires to authorize and direct the County Executive, or designee, to execute a grant agreement (the "Agreement") with Second Harvest for a term through July 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in ARPA funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board approves an allocation of \$2,000,000 in ARPA funds to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to mitigate its financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative economic consequences.

**IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for a term through July 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in ARPA funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the Agreement 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 Agreement.

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