

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

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

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**RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS FOR HOMEKEY PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL NOTICES, OPTIONS, CONSENTS, APPROVALS, LETTERS OF INTENT AND PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS WITH POTENTIAL SELLERS, ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS, AS WELL AS ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS FOR HOMEKEY PROGRAM FUNDING AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Homekey Program, administered by the California Housing and Community Development Department (State HCD), provides 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**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing community needs and inequalities in many communities where homelessness was already experienced disproportionately by race and other protected classes and persons experiencing homelessness are at increased risk of infection and death due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homekey Program is an opportunity for local public agencies to purchase motels and a broad range of other housing types in order to increase community capacity to respond to homelessness and the current COVID-19 pandemic, building on the success of Project Roomkey, a non-congregate shelter program in the

form of hotel-based, temporary housing, to serve people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19 who are at risk of severe illness if they were to contract COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, State HCD is authorized to provide approximately \$550 million in Homekey funding derived from the State's direct allocation of federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and \$50 million in State General Funds to assist local public agencies in the acquisition of, and provide initial operating subsidies for, Homekey sites to promote project feasibility; and

**WHEREAS**, State HCD has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$600 million in Homekey Program funding, with an application deadline of August 13, 2020 for Tier 1 projects, which are projects that: (1) can be occupied within 90 days from the date of acquisition; and (2) are permanent housing or will result in permanent housing and which will have an expenditure deadline of CRF funding for the acquisition of said sites by December 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, working in collaboration, the County Human Services Agency, Department of Housing and Real Property Services intends to submit one or more applications to State HCD for Homekey Program funding to acquire one or more motels, hotels, hostels, or other eligible housing types; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Homekey Program is to provide interim housing for persons experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and who are currently being housed in Project Roomkey temporary hotel/motel rooms or otherwise impacted by homelessness and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the interim housing will provide safe harbor to impacted individuals with the intent to utilize resources made available through the County Rapid Rehousing Program and other resources to connect to appropriate affordable rental housing and/or permanent supportive housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will evaluate each property acquired through the Homekey awards for the feasibility to be converted to affordable rental housing and/or permanent supportive housing.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby adopts this resolution authorizing the County Manager or Director of the Department of Housing to prepare and submit an application for Homekey program funding to the State of California Housing and Community Development and to execute on behalf of the County of San Mateo all relevant documents related to the Homekey program, including any and all notices, options, consents, approvals, letters of intent and purchase and sale agreements with potential sellers, escrow instructions, as well as one or more applications for Homekey program funding and any other documents needed to facilitate the County's participation in the Homekey program.

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