

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT OF \$1,500,000 TO THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO MITIGATE CLAIMED REDUCTION IN TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES TO ADDRESS HEALTH RISKS POSED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo and the City of Redwood City share a strong interest in, and responsibility for, addressing the very serious and dangerous impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on those experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, as one component of the collective responsibility to mitigate the risk that the COVID-19 public health emergency poses for those experiencing homelessness, the County of San Mateo has acquired two properties in Redwood City that were formerly operated as hotels; specifically, the TownePlace Suites and the Pacific Inn, to safely shelter those experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the County expects to spend over \$2,000,000 per year at each of these facilities to provide residents there with food and wrap-around services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Redwood City has requested that the County of San Mateo pay the City \$2,500,000 to offset the reduction in transient occupancy tax

revenue that the City asserts will occur as a result of these two properties no longer being operated as hotels; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo does not agree that the City of Redwood City will experience a reduction of \$2,500,00 in transient occupancy tax revenue as a result of the cessation of operations of these two properties as hotels and the County's view is that cities and the County have a shared responsibility to commit resources to address homelessness and to provide for the safety of individuals experiencing homelessness in the course of the existing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the foregoing, in light of the many shared interests of the County of San Mateo and Redwood City and the County's desire to partner with Redwood City and other cities within the County in addressing the homelessness crisis, and given the recommendation of County staff, this Board has concluded that it is appropriate to allocate and to pay to the City of Redwood City \$1,500,000 to mitigate the loss of the transient occupancy tax revenue that the City of Redwood City will occur as a consequence of the TownePlace Suites and the Pacific Inn ceasing to operate as hotels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that \$1,500,000 is hereby allocated to the City of Redwood City to mitigate the loss of transient occupancy tax revenue that the City of Redwood City asserts will occur as a consequence of the TownePlace Suites and the Pacific Inn ceasing to operate as hotels, and County staff is authorized and directed to take necessary and appropriate actions to pay these allocated funds to the City of Redwood City.

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