

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION: (A) APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF \$2,550,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT OF 2021 FUNDS TO SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY, TO RESPOND TO CONTINUED INCREASED NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUED INCREASED COSTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND TO INITIATE A GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS; AND
(B) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY TO SUPPORT FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY, TO RESPOND TO CONTINUING INCREASED NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUING INCREASED COSTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND TO INITIATE A GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,550,000, AND FOR A TERM OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

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 COVID-19. The Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) ratified and extended this declaration of local health emergency, which remains in effect throughout San Mateo County; 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. The Board ratified and extended the proclamation of local emergency, and this local emergency remains in effect throughout San Mateo County; and

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

WHEREAS, while the County and the State are making progress in recovering from the some of the most immediate impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, much remains to be done and many County residents continue to suffer from the economic dislocation caused by the pandemic, including significant income loss due to layoffs, business and school closures, and a loss of work hours and wages, as well as extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, many County residents have been pushed by the COVID-19 public health emergency further into poverty and many of our neighbors have sought out food assistance for the first time and are continuing to rely on such assistance; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (“Second Harvest”) is a food bank dedicated to ensuring that anyone in Silicon Valley who needs a healthy meal get ones and Second Harvest has seen a dramatically increased and sustained need for its food assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the substantial increased need for its food assistance, Second Harvest’s costs in providing such assistance has increased significantly owing to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Act of 2021 was signed into law in January 2021 and, among other things, it allocates money to States and local agencies (including the County) that can be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the negative impacts caused by it; and

WHEREAS , on April 24, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the launch of the Great Plates Delivered (“GPD”) Program, which provided for the delivery of healthy prepared meals to the homes of seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 and many residents of San Mateo County have benefitted from the GPD program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has, to date, fully funded the GPD Program has announced that federal funding for the program will end on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, County staff has identified approximately 1,200 older adults in San Mateo County who will continue to have unmet nutritional needs when federal funding for the GPD Program ceases and staff has also determined that approximately 700 of these adults could have their nutritional needs met through grocery delivery; and

WHEREAS, in light of the continuing economic hardship and dislocation caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and the corresponding food insecurity that many County residents continue to suffer, County staff has recommended an allocation of \$2,000,000 in ARP funds to assist Second Harvest in meeting the continuing extraordinary need for food assistance in the County during the 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, in light of the particular unmet nutritional needs of older adults in San Mateo County that will continue after the GPD Program ceases, County staff has

recommended an allocation of \$550,000 to fund an agreement with Second Harvest pursuant to which Second Harvest will establish and operate a grocery delivery program for older adults for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, because of the acute and immediate need to ensure continuing food assistance, and because Second Harvest is positioned to immediately address these needs, staff has recommended that this Board find that the best interest of the County would be served by contracting with Second Harvest, as described herein, without the necessity for competitive bidding, pursuant to Section 2.83.050(f) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it appropriate to authorize and direct the County Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement or agreements with Second Harvest to support food assistance for vulnerable populations in San Mateo County to respond to the continuing need for food assistance and increased costs in the distribution of food assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to establish a grocery delivery service for a total amount not to exceed \$2,550,000 and for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board allocates \$2,550,000 in ARP funds, or other funds as determined appropriate by the County Manager, to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to support emergency food assistance for vulnerable populations in San Mateo County, to respond to continuing increased need for food assistance and continuing increased costs in the distribution of food assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the reasons set forth above in this resolution, this Board finds that the best interest of the County will be served by contracting with Second Harvest, as described herein, without the necessity for competitive bidding, pursuant to Section 2.83.050(f) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to negotiate and execute an agreement or agreements with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to support food assistance for vulnerable populations in San Mateo County, to respond to continuing need for food assistance and continuing increased costs in the distribution of food assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to establish a grocery delivery program for a total amount not to exceed \$2,550,000 and for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments 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 terms or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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