

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON REDIRECTING \$1,235,00 FROM CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES TO AN EMERGENCY COVID – 19 RESPONSE FUND**

In late December 2019, several cases of unusual pneumonia began to emerge in the Hubei province of China. On January 7, 2020, a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 was identified as the likely source of the illness; and

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19. The proclamation comes as the number of positive California cases rises and following one official COVID-19 death; and

On March 12, 2020 the County of San Joaquin (“County”) declared a public health emergency and the County has confirmed that there are now nine (9) confirmed cases of CIVID -19 within the County; and

On March 12, 2020, due to an escalating increase in the number of cases in San Joaquin County, under Stockton Municipal Code section 2.82.060, City Manager Harry Black signed a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency, which determines the legal, operational and recovery resources available for the City to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

On March 13, 2020, the County issued guidance for mass gatherings, which encourages the postponement or cancellation of gatherings of 250 people or more and recommends that all non-essential smaller gatherings be cancelled or postponed. These recommendations may be interpreted to also recommend that persons at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and away from crowded social gatherings of people as much as possible such as parades, conferences, sporting events, and concerts where large numbers of people are within arm’s length of one another; and

On March 16, 2020 the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara (“Bay Area Counties”) have issued orders for their residents to “shelter at home” for the three weeks following March 17, 2020, which will limit social and business activities to only those that are essential; and

In order to further address this crisis, it is necessary to provide robust funding to support the City’s efforts and activities in an efficient and flexible manner while maintaining

appropriate fiscal controls and public accountability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective immediately \$1,235,000 is redirected from Council priorities to fund an Emergency COVID–19 Response Fund.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to use the funds available within the Emergency COVID–19 Response Fund to support City actions that are appropriate and necessary to address the impacts and exigencies arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The City Manager will report to the City Council as promptly and often as is reasonably possible regarding the expenditures made from the Emergency COVID–19 Response Fund.
4. When the emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic has passed, the City Manager will provide to the City Council a comprehensive report and accounting of the expenditures approved and made from the Emergency COVID–19 Response Fund.
5. The City Manager is further authorized to take any other actions reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED March 17, 2020.

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MICHAEL D. TUBBS  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton