

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE IN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY RELATED TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has severely impacted our economy and the City's economically sensitive tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States proposed a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, February 18, 2021, the House of Representatives released its version of the Bill and scheduled it for approval the U.S. Senate will be deliberating the Bill during the week of February 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the House version of the Bill includes a \$350 billion allocation for local governments to cover costs incurred as a result of the emergency; to replace revenue lost, delayed, or decreased as a result of the emergency, as determined based on revenue projections as of January 27, 2020; or to address the negative economic impacts of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, staff is closely tracking developments in Washington regarding the latest coronavirus relief to state, local, tribal and territorial governments through legislative advocacy organizations such as the National League of Cities or the League of California Cities, as well as staff's professional organizations such as the International City Manager Association and the Government Finance Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, legislative advocacy organizations have requested that local agencies send letters of support to Congress on short notice; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager seeks authorization to engage in legislative advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic in order to expediently respond to changes in legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Manager is authorized to engage in legislative advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. The approval of this Resolution does not commit the City to any action that would have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment as this Resolution will allow for general legislative advocacy with no clear commitment to any future project. As a result, there is no potential impact on the environment from this action per the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Further, this action is also exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as other governmental fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Wendy Wood, City Clerk

Rich Tran, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher J. Diaz, City Attorney