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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313069

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO REQUESTING CREATION OF AN EMERGENCY COVID-19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors ratified a declaration of local health emergency related to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Kevin Faulconer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in the City of San Diego (City) as a result of the COVID-19, which was ratified by the Council of the City of San Diego on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, the San Diego County Public Health Officer, and the Mayor have issued a variety of orders and directives to respond to the emergency, including closing or significantly curtailing certain business operations, prohibiting gatherings of 10 people or more, and cancelling conferences, sporting events, and other large group activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City has been allocated \$248 million in CARES Act funding for mitigation and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is causing, and is expected to continue to cause, serious negative impacts on the local economy and serious financial impacts to local residents, including substantial loss of income due to the loss of compensable work hours or wages, layoffs, and business closures; and

WHEREAS, the City has approximately 273,050 units that are renter-occupied and of those, approximately 22% of the renters earn less than 30% of area median income and an additional 38% earn between 30% and 80% of area median income; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopted a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions due to nonpayment of rent arising out of a substantial decrease income or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses caused by either COVID-19 or any governmental response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the eviction moratorium provided short-term relief, but did not include financial assistance to cover lost payments; and

WHEREAS, rent is one of the cornerstones of a housing ecosystem and an emergency rental assistance program is needed to keep families housed and to help pay expenses due to property owners and lenders to help mitigate a housing market crisis; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, City staff is requested to work with the Mayor's Office, San Diego Housing Commission, and Councilmember Ward's Office to develop an Emergency COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program to provide rental

assistance to qualifying individuals and families who have suffered a substantial decrease in income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where the total amount and source of funds shall be determined as part of approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Heather M. Ferbert
Heather M. Ferbert
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution meeting of <u>06/02/2020</u>	on was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this
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,	By /s/ Connie Patterson Deputy City Clerk
Approved: 6 10 20 (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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