

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Appointing Standby Officers For Succession Of Council Members Sukhdeep Kaur And Kalimah Priforce In The Event Of A Declared Emergency For Calendar Year 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council's role during a declared emergency is to provide continuity of government, and a major disaster could destroy the ability of the City Council to carry out its functions if a Council quorum could not be established; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Sections 8635-8644 provide the authority for local governments to reconstitute themselves if incumbent elected officials are unable to serve due to a state of emergency by filling vacancies from the appointed list of standby officers until there are sufficient officers available to constitute a quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event that there is only one member of the governing body or one standby officer, that one shall have the power to reconstitute the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8638 authorizes the City Council to appoint three standby officers for each member, and to designate them as first, second and third choices; and

**WHEREAS**, in appointing standby officers, the City Council should consider the places of residence and work for each appointee to ensure the greatest possibility of survivorship and availability; other minimum qualifications to include that they are a City resident, over 18 years of age, and a registered voter; and with additional criteria that they have familiarity with City operations and/or experience having served on the City Council and/or a City commission or committee; and

**WHEREAS**, once appointed, the standby officers will be administered the oath of office, and will serve at the City Council's pleasure, and may be removed from the seats at any time, with or without cause; and

**WHEREAS**, reappointment of incumbent standby officers or appointment of new ones would occur annually for terms that run from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, appointment of standby officers for three of the five sitting Council Members occurred on December 20, 2022, and appointment of standby officers for Council Member Mourra occurred on January 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2023, Council Member Ally Medina resigned from the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2023, the City Council appointed one standby officer for Council Member Priforce; and

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**WHEREAS**, on February 21, 2023, the City Council held an appointment process to fill the Council vacancy, appointing Sukhdeep Kaur as Council Member for a term commencing immediately and ending December 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council must now appoint standby officers for Council Member Kaur and two additional standby officers for Council Member Priforce by separate action; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the standby officers as indicated and attached hereto as Exhibit A, revised to show Council Member Kaur’s appointees, and two additional appointees for Council Member Priforce, are hereby appointed for terms running January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

**ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY CLERK

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*John Kennedy*  
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CITY ATTORNEY

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Exhibit A – 2023 City Council Emergency Standby Officers Roster