

RESOLUTION NO. 20-49

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving The Local Business Recovery Program; And Re-Appropriating \$200,000 From The Façade Improvement Program To The Local Business Recovery Program

WHEREAS, On Friday May 29, 2020, Oakland experienced a large crowd of demonstrators in the downtown area late into the night and following morning and experienced mass looting, fires, shootings and assaults on police officers and on Saturday morning, May 30th, Emeryville started receiving information about similar activity being planned for that evening at Emeryville's retail areas; and

WHEREAS, The Emeryville Police Department (EPD) contacted area businesses, informing them of the likelihood of unrest on Saturday evening May 30th, encouraged businesses to board up and close early, strongly suggested that retail centers close their parking areas to provide additional obstacles to entry to the stores and the City Manager authorized the closure of Bay Street as an emergency measure; and

WHEREAS, By 7:00pm on May 30th EPD received its first calls of large crowds gathering at the Target parking lot and at Game Stop; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the evening of May 30th into the early morning of May 31st, approximately 65 retail businesses throughout the City were looted of all or substantially all inventory and suffered significant damage (e.g. broken windows, broken doors, broken ATM's) in major retail centers including: East Bay Bridge Center, Bay Street, Powell Street Plaza and the Public Market, as well as areas along San Pablo both south and north of the 40th Street intersection ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville's economic ecosystem was badly damaged by the events of May 30th/31st which will have a direct impact on the City's revenues and its ability to provide service to the community and thus it is in the public's interest to support local businesses in recovering and re-opening as soon as possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that \$200,000 of funds appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the façade improvement grant program be reappropriated for the Local Business Recovery Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City Manager is authorized to implement a grant program for local business with local gross receipts of \$7.5 million or less whereby businesses may apply for grants up to \$4,000 per business to cover the costs of repair or inventory replacement due to the civil unrest occurring on May 30 and May 31, 2020 by submitting evidence of loss and a W-9 and a written commitment to reopening for business in Emeryville; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City Manager is authorized to pay the costs of building permits, up to a total amount for all permits of \$20,000, for local business with local gross receipts of \$7.5 million or less if those businesses need permits to repair damage due to the civil unrest occurring on May 30

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and May 31, 2020, as evidenced by the information provided with the building permit application; and be further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City Manager is authorized to accept donations to the City of Emeryville and appropriate them into the Economic Development Fund, Fund 202, to be used to support this program.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a special meeting held Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Mayor Patz, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Council Members Bauters, Donahue, and Medina
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

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Christian R. Patz

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Sheri Hartz

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Quinn

CITY ATTORNEY