

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT OF \$277,671 TO THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY TO MITIGATE CLAIMED REDUCTION IN TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY TO ADDRESS HEALTH RISKS POSED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo and the City of Half Moon Bay share a strong interest in, and responsibility for, addressing the very serious and dangerous impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, as one component of the collective responsibility to mitigate the risk that the COVID-19 public health emergency poses for those experiencing homelessness, the County of San Mateo has acquired one property in Half Moon Bay that was formerly operated as a hotel; specifically, the Coastside Inn, to safely shelter those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County expects to spend substantial funds per year at this facility to provide residents there with food and wrap-around services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Half Moon Bay has expressed concerns that it will lose transient occupancy tax revenue as a result of the Coastside Inn no longer operating as a hotel and has requested that the County reimburse Half Moon Bay for its claimed lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo does not agree that the City of Half Moon Bay will experience a reduction in transient occupancy tax revenue solely as a result of the cessation of operations of this property as a hotel, and the County's view is that cities and the County have a shared responsibility to commit resources to address homelessness and to provide for the safety of individuals experiencing homelessness in the course of the existing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, in light of the many shared interests of the County of San Mateo and Half Moon Bay and the County's desire to partner with Half Moon Bay and other cities within the County in addressing the homelessness crisis, and given the recommendation of County staff, this Board has concluded that it is appropriate to allocate and to pay to the City of Half Moon Bay an amount not to exceed a total of \$277,671 for the period FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24 to mitigate the claimed loss of the transient occupancy tax revenue that the City of Half Moon Bay may incur as a consequence of the Coastside Inn ceasing to operate as a hotel.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that \$277,671 is hereby allocated to the City of Half Moon Bay to mitigate the loss of transient occupancy tax revenue that the City of Half Moon Bay may incur as a consequence of the Coastside Inn ceasing to operate as a hotel, and County staff is authorized and directed to take necessary and appropriate actions to pay these allocated funds to the City of Half Moon Bay.

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