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PRESS RELEASE

SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON JOINS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AT THE BAYVIEW HUB TO DISTRIBUTE FAMILY RELIEF FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – On Wednesday, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Board President and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton joined city officials and community organizations including the Latino Task Force, Young Community Developers, Bay Area Community Resources, and Mission Neighborhood Centers--Centro Bayview, to distribute Family Relief Funds at the Bayview Essential Services Resource Hub located at 1800 Oakdale Avenue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted communities in San Francisco and pre-existing social and economic inequalities are exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic. COVID-19 has created a threat to the economic stability of San Francisco residents, especially immigrant families who work in restaurants, gig economy, retail, cleaning and janitorial services, and other service industries that are dependent on unpredictable wages. Among other factors, the citizenship or immigration status of many of these workers may also impact their ability for existing or planned public assistance programs.

Last year, Supervisor Walton led the efforts in creating the Family Relief Fund for residents who suffered economic loss and did not qualify for any federal or state relief as well as those who suffered hardships during the COVID-19 health emergency. Since the past year, 4800 families have been served by the Family Relief Fund. This week, 780 additional families will be served with 200 families at the Bayview Hub site. The Family Relief Fund offers financial relief of \$1000 cash assistance for families who do not qualify for state or federal assistance.

“We have been working hard this past year to respond to the COVID-19 crisis to protect all populations in San Francisco and we have not forgotten our our immigrant families and families who are not covered under any proposed federal or state relief plans,” said Supervisor Walton, “The Family Relief Fund is a direct economic relief for families who experience loss of income



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during this time of crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic and this relief will provide immediate assistance for food, rent, childcare, and any emergency expenses accrued during this pandemic.”

“What you see today embodies what the hub is meant to do and is meant to be,” said Dion-Jay Brookter, Executive Director of Young Community Developers. “We are working across the aisle to bring resources to families that need it the most, including housing assistance, rental relief, eviction defense, workforce assistance, education assistance, and food security.”

“The people who are here accessing these services and funds are usually the ones who are unable to access mainstream services,” said Valerie Tulier-Laiwa of the Latino Task Force. “Our organizations are here because we can provide the services to our communities in their respective languages whether it is Spanish or Mayan or another language.”

The Family Relief Fund was made possible with assistance from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Human Rights Commission and is distributed through Young Community Developers, the Latino Task Force, Bay Area Community Resources, Mission Neighborhood Centers, and the Mission Economic Development Agency through neighborhood essential service hubs.

The Bayview Essential Services Resource Hub is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Southeast Community Facility located on 1800 Oakdale Avenue. Services include COVID-19 testing, vaccines, food assistance, job opportunities, rental assistance, eviction defence, and more. Residents interested in seeking assistance may drop in during opening hours.

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