Resolution urging the United States Congress and the Federal Executive Branch to expeditiously pass and enact subsequent interim emergency coronavirus relief stimulus packages in addition to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) with at least $500 billion more in economic aid and $250 billion more in investments for small business loans, specifically targeting women, people of color, veteran-owned businesses, and nonprofits, bolstering community-based lenders and smaller financial institutions; and supporting the San Francisco Small Business Commission's recommendations.

WHEREAS, The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 claimed the lives of over 130,000 people and continues to ravage the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the State of California are under a State of Emergency requiring a shelter-in-place order that has severely impacted businesses and workers; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco City Controller and the Mayor’s Budget Office, nearly 14,000 businesses are fully or partially impacted that generate monthly revenues of $3 billion a month with 166,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, Businesses and companies have been furloughing or laying off workers in order to maintain solvency; and

WHEREAS, California has seen 2.2 million unemployment claims 2020 and it is estimated that unemployment could rise above 10%-20% by the end of April; and

Supervisors Yee; Mandelman, Preston, Fewer, Walton, Safai
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, There are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States with an estimated 11 million owned by racial and ethnic minorities providing jobs to local economies; and

WHEREAS, Language barriers and historic inequities in financing systems disproportionately impact businesses run by immigrants or other people of color; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2020, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) passed by Congress provided a $2 trillion economic stimulus to residents and businesses impacted by global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and other community-based investment models historically provide responsible, affordable lending to low-income, low-wealth, and other disenfranchised communities; and

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2020, the Federal government launched the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), a $349 billion loan program to support small businesses that partially or fully shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The early implementation of the PPP resulted in confusion due to the complicated application process and barriers for many small businesses unable to access loans through a major lender due to restrictions; and

WHEREAS, The first-come, first-serve basis of the loan program inherently makes it difficult for smaller organizations and businesses that do not have traditional access to capital or financing, particularly businesses run by people of color or other historically disenfranchised groups; and

WHEREAS, The strict regulations also limited the ability for community-based investment organizations like CDFIs to participate in PPP further hindering outreach and support to small businesses and nonprofits that need more targeted support; and
WHEREAS, While the Small Business Administration made minor improvements in the subsequent weeks after the launch of Payroll Protection Program by issuing clearer guidance and approving non-bank lenders to participate with more than 1.3 million loans issued, there are still shortcomings with funds getting depleted due to the overwhelming demand; and

WHEREAS, There are no current provisions to ensure an equitable distribution of resources primarily to small businesses that have the least access due to language and other socioeconomic barriers; and

WHEREAS, On April 8, 2020, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats publicly called for an interim economic stimulus package that would provide at least $500 billion more in aid with no less than $250 billion for small businesses, with $125 billion channeled through community-based financial institutions that serve farmers, family, women, people of color and veteran-owned small businesses and nonprofits in rural, tribal, suburban and urban communities across our country; $100 billion for hospitals and health care providers; $150 for state and local governments and a 15 percent increase to the federal SNAP benefit for families in need of food security; and

WHEREAS, On April 13, 2020, The San Francisco Small Business Commission unanimously voted on a set of recommendations to the fourth and subsequent Federal Economic Stimulus packages that calls for extending, expanding, and refining the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) as set forth in a memo on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200385; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Small Business Commission further set forth recommendations calling for mortgage and commercial renter relief and increased investments in Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) and Nonprofits;
WHEREAS, The United States Congress is set to continue discussions about the interim emergency stimulus bill in addition to CARES 2 during the week of April 13, 2020 and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to expeditiously pass an interim emergency stimulus package supported by Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats that would invest no less than $250 billion with half being directed to businesses and nonprofits owned by women, people of color, veterans, and families; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress and Small Business Administration to ensure that investments are channeled through community-based financial institutions and that eligible small businesses are not turned away from lenders; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress and Small Business Administration to increase investments in local technical assistance programs to provide outreach and resources available in different languages and in a culturally sensitive manner; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco Small Business Commission’s set of recommendations and urges formal local advocacy efforts through the City Lobbyist and local Congressional delegates to push for the adoption of these recommendations to the fullest extent possible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Small Business Administration, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the
Congressional delegation of San Francisco, to the U.S. Senators of the State of California, and to the representatives of San Francisco on the California State Legislature.
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April 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200385

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/21/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/1/2020

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/1/2020

Date