

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT SENTINEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$150,000 TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, AND MEDIATION SERVICES RELATED TO RENT STABILIZATION, TENANT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE, AND REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, an Agreement with Project Sentinel was executed on July 1, 2019, to administer the City's Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance and the Mobile Home Space Rent Stabilization Ordinance and to provide administrative support, develop a curriculum and provide education regarding tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, and mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes regarding rent increases in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, as a result of local and state-level State of Emergency declarations and local and state Shelter-in-Place orders, many tenants experienced sudden income loss and further income impacts, leaving tenants vulnerable when existing declarations and state and local eviction moratoria are lifted; and

WHEREAS, Hayward City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Agreement with Project Sentinel in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 to expand mediation services to help landlords and tenants negotiate repayment agreements in response to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Hayward City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 to maintain the same level of expanded mediation services from the amended Fiscal Year 2020 agreement; and

WHEREAS, Project Sentinel also provides support to the Rent Review Office for implementation of the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that both the demand for mediated repayment agreements and the volume of rent dispute resolution process petitions will increase after the State moratorium is lifted and therefore necessary to fund the contract with Project Sentinel at the same level as FY 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022 with Project Sentinel, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a total not-to-exceed amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000).

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2021.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward