

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT SENTINEL TO EXPAND MEDIATION SERVICES, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$150,000

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 mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes regarding rent increases in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the City Manager declared a Local Emergency in the City of Hayward due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was affirmed by resolution of the Hayward City Council on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the health officers of seven jurisdictions in the San Francisco Bay Area, including the County of Alameda, issued an Order to all residents of the respective jurisdictions to shelter in their homes in an effort to slow the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of the 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2020, 15 cases of COVID-19 were known to exist in Alameda County, as well as at least 258 confirmed cases and at least three deaths in the seven Bay Area jurisdictions jointly issuing the Order, including a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmission and likely further increases in transmission, and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, as a result of the State of Emergency declarations and the Shelter in Place Order, many tenants have experienced sudden income loss and further income impacts are anticipated, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction; and

WHEREAS, providing mediation services would reduce costs to the landlords associated with collection of past due rent and facilitate agreements outside the court system without the threat of eviction; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract with Project Sentinel is insufficient to cover the anticipated need for expanded mediation services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward, hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the City's Agreement with Project Sentinel, in a form approved by the City Attorney, increasing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$150,000.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2020

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