

RESOLUTION No.

Portland City Council offices declare intent to centralize, guide and coordinate COVID-19 efforts that bolster progress towards the City's long-term recovery goals.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic requires urgent, coordinated, and forward-looking action by all levels of government, the private sector, community organizations, and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has identified populations considered at higher risk for severe illness to be older adults, people living with asthma, HIV, liver disease and other underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has also expressed concerns for populations at higher risk of the compounded effects of the COVID-19 health pandemic, including people living with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding, experiencing homelessness and racial and ethnic minority groups; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reminds us that under Federal civil rights laws and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (Stafford Act), FEMA, State, local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) partners, and non-governmental relief and disaster assistance organizations engaged in the "distribution of supplies, the processing of applications, and other relief and assistance activities shall [accomplish these activities] in an equitable and impartial manner, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, [national origin], sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status."; and

WHEREAS, as of April 30, 2020, the State of Oregon's Employment Department reported approximately 52,358 Oregonians in Multnomah County have filed for unemployment insurance; and

WHEREAS, as of May 11, 2020, Multnomah County's Public Health Department reported 910 confirmed cases and 56 deaths from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, researchers at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health found that long-term exposure to air pollution is linked to higher mortality from COVID-19; an increase in one microgram per cubic meter of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) corresponds to a 8% increase in COVID-19 deaths; and

WHEREAS, several peer-reviewed studies have proven that, on average, Black and Hispanic minorities bear a disproportionate burden compared to non-Hispanic whites from air pollution; and

WHEREAS, according to an analysis conducted by researchers at Portland State University, nearly 40% of people of color in Portland live near the city's ten largest sources of air pollution, placing them at increased risk for chronic conditions that would increase vulnerability to the deadliness of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 State of Housing in Portland demonstrated, on average, Communities of Color experience a disproportionately high housing cost burden when compared to the average Portland household [or average white household]; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Poverty in Multnomah County Report found that white households earn over two times the income of Black households, significantly more than average household income of other races, and 42% of populations of color have incomes below the Self-Sufficiency Standard compared with 34% for the population as a whole; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Portland Housing Bureau reallocated \$1,000,000 to create an Emergency Household Stabilization fund to support low-income families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting more than 2,000 families through 20 community-based partners;

WHEREAS, the 2008 Economic Recession exacerbated racial inequalities in our systems, the resulting economic gains following the last recession did not equally benefit all communities. Notably, Black households lost significant wealth and black homeownership rates declined in the 2008 recession, erasing nearly all the gains made since the adoption of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The loss in black household wealth and homeownership rates have not increased to pre-2008 levels since.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has placed people who are experiencing homelessness at increased risk for exposure and infection as they are unable to access the resources that would allow them to adhere to the public health guidelines issues by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness in Portland/Gresham/Multnomah County found over 4,000 people identified as homeless with over 2,000 people identified as people who are homeless and unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness stated that the reported decrease of the total number of people identified as homeless was, in part, a result of the expansion of access to rental assistance, critical support services, supportive housing, and policies that stabilize tenants; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Clackamas, Multnomah, Yamhill, and Washington Counties released a regional dashboard with COVID-19 data, including demographics, to improve public health's response; and

WHEREAS, Experts predict that long-term recovery from a mass shutdown could range anywhere from 3 to 5 years, and the long-term impacts to businesses, community-based institutions, and the economy will be significant,

WHEREAS, the City of Portland, government agencies, businesses, community organizations, and residents have worked together to provide immediate relief to those impacted by COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-03, declaring a state of emergency due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopted Executive Rule 388, declaring an emergency due to imminent threat to the County presented by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler issued a declaration of emergency in the City of Portland; on March 17, 2020, the City of Portland's Emergency Coordination Center's readiness and coordination was at full activation to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS since the establishment of the Emergency Command Center, various teams have gathered intelligence and requests from over one hundred community organizations serving high risk populations and culturally specific networks, all of whom are expressing urgent need for food, personal protective equipment and other resources that could help to protect lives and stabilize households and community; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners added an Addendum to Executive Rule 388, adding additional measures to further limit the spread among people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness from eviction;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Portland City Council adopted Multnomah County's executive order placing an emergency temporary moratorium on evictions due to nonpayment of rent for residential tenants where the failure of rent results from wage loss due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Portland City Council allocated \$1,000,000 to Prosper Portland create the Small Business Relief Fund to help small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-12, directing Oregonians to stay at home, closing specified retail businesses, requiring physical distancing measures for other public and private facilities, and imposing requirements for outdoor areas and licensed childcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress and President Donald J. Trump signed into the law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, allocating approximately \$1.4 billion to the State of Oregon, approximately \$114 million to the City of Portland, approximately \$28 million to Multnomah County, and approximately \$185 million to TriMet; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, local banks contributed approximately \$400,000 to Prosper Portland's Small Business Relief Fund to help small businesses and the Oregon Bankers Association and Portland Business Alliance contributed approximately

\$385,000 in grant funding and \$675,000 in loan funding to Oregon Community Foundation's Small Business Stabilization Fund to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Portland City Council allocated \$180,000 to the Portland African-American Leadership Forum (PAALF) to support community organizing and capacity-building to support the creation of a citywide, cross-bureau Anti-displacement Action Plan_(fulfilling a commitment made before the COVID-19 pandemic, but more critical now than ever as the Black community experiences high job loss, housing instability and food insecurity); and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown and the Oregon Health Authority launched the Safe + Strong campaign to educate Oregonians about COVID-19 in twelve different languages_and the Office of Equity and Human Rights has been leading language and accessibility work at the Emergency Command Center; and

WHEREAS, creating an equitable and comprehensive approach at the local level to address COVID-19 requires the City of Portland to model a collaborative approach that addresses short-term outcomes and places the City in a better position to achieve long-term goals from immediate decisions; and

WHEREAS, Portland City Council has adopted plans, developed in collaboration with community organizations, businesses, neighborhood associations, and residents including the Portland Plan, the Climate Action Plan_and the Climate Change Preparation Strategy (developed in partnership with Multnomah County), and the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, which outline a shared vision for the future of Portland. These plans include goals and strategies for a healthier and more prosperous, equitable, resilient, and educated Portland; and

WHEREAS, Portland City Council has adopted Resolutions developed in collaboration with community organizations, businesses, neighborhood associations, and residents, including the 100% Renewable Energy Resolution and the Sanctuary City Resolution. These Resolutions include goals and strategies for a healthier and more just, secure, and resilient Portland.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Portland continues its immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Emergency Coordination Center, Portland City Council, and City Bureaus, and in coordination with partner jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council declares intent to align the COVID-19 response with the City's climate and equity goals outlined in the City's adopted ordinances and resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council declares its intent to prioritize fiscal resiliency, equity, the needs of our vulnerable populations and climate action in budget guidance and decisions.-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the COVID-19 response shall implement measures consistent with the City and Multnomah County's climate goals, using a climate justice lens to achieve 2030 and 2050 carbon emission reduction targets and prepare for the coming impacts of climate change like extreme heat,-flooding, increased threat of infectious water-, food-, and vector-borne disease outbreaks, and increased formation of ozone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Bureaus shall endeavor to collaborate and use a Results Based Accountability Approach as they develop strategies, actions, and budget guidance to address the COVID-19 crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council directs the Office of Equity and Human Rights, in partnership with bureau-based Equity Managers and practitioners, the City Budget Office, and community partners to support Bureaus in centering the City's equity goals in developing and implementing COVID-19 response measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council grants/directs authority to the Office of Equity and Human Rights to hold bureaus accountable to components of the Equity Toolkit and subsequent resources that prioritize Black, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities and other historically oppressed communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council adopts the Equity Toolkit and its accompanying materials to provide guidance to the City in the development of policy, practices, and procedures related to COVID-response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland City Council directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to partner with Bureaus in developing and implementing COVID-19 response measures that align with the City's climate action goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution is not intended, and does not create, any rights or benefits, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Portland, its bureaus, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

Adopted by the Council:

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Prepared by Sam Diaz
Date Prepared: May 12, 2020

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By

Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>May 12, 2020</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	<p align="center">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p><small>Digitally signed by Mustafa Washington Date: 2020.05.13 08:53:00 -0700</small></p> <p align="center"><i>Keelan McClymont</i> By: _____ Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Vacant	
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Bureau Head:	
Prepared by: T. Williams Date Prepared: May 12, 2020	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan <i>R. Taylor</i>	
Council Meeting Date 5/20	

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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	
2. Vacant	2. Vacant	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	
Wheeler	Wheeler	