



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION of the City of San Leandro City Council Affirming that the City of San Leandro Provides Essential Services and Advocating for Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to Assist in the Re-opening and Rebuilding of the Local Economy

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns, and villages face unprecedented threats because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, municipalities like San Leandro are essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery; and

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns, and villages will experience budgetary shortfalls of up to \$134 billion in Fiscal Year 2020 alone, and the negative effects of the pandemic emergency on local communities will continue long after this year; and

WHEREAS, three million critical municipal worker jobs across the country are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, communities including San Leandro have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on local food assistance, small business grants, support to address homelessness, and emergency rental assistance, among various other community support programs related to the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of San Leandro City Council RESOLVES that Congress allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's local communities, regardless of population size; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding must be flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, and other economic engines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Leandro will ensure federal funds are immediately used to support, rebuild, and assist in reopening the City of San Leandro's economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such funding will keep middle class workers employed and

critical services operating; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Leandro has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to assist in building a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, and prosperous society.