

May 25, 2021

Honorable Board of Supervisors
221 Oak St # 536,
Oakland, CA 94612

Via Electronic Request

Re: Resilient Fruitvale Collaborative Emergency Budget Request to Address the Devastating Effects of COVID-19 in East Oakland Communities

Dear Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

Resilient Fruitvale Collaborative, an alliance of over 17 community-based organizations (CBOs) in East Oakland working towards healthy, sustainable and resilient communities; would like to thank you for taking the time to meet and discuss our budget request that was submitted on December 23rd 2020.

Given the destructive impact of the pandemic and the growing urgent needs of our community as we move towards recovery, in the three zip codes in the county (94601, 94621, and 94603), but not limited to, we respectfully ask that you consider our **emergency budget request of \$40,000,000**. This request is based on our collective experience serving over 700,000 people since March 2020.

In response to the pandemic, our emergency requested funds are essential for the following:

- Continuing first responder efforts towards 1.) food insecurity, 2.) health and wellness services, 3.) emergency economic relief/development, and 4.) outreach and education;
- Covering unfunded costs associated with our organization's significant contributions to preserve public health for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), low-income, essential workers and immigrant communities; and
- Funding real economic and health recovery for our communities

The Resilient Fruitvale collaborative proposes a partnership with the County that leverages our respective organization's strengths in meeting the County's COVID-19 response goals and providing a continuum of care within the community. It is in the best interest of the County to partner with our collaborative efforts to not only mitigate the health and economic effects of the pandemic now, but also to thoughtfully plan for equitable economic recovery for our communities' long term.

Due to the urgency of this ask, we are requesting to meet in the next two weeks to discuss our emergency request and solidify next steps. We look forward to continuing the conversation and working in partnership to meet the critical needs of our community during these unprecedented times. Giuliana Martinez will act as our point of contact to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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