

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOTION

On March 18, 2020, Congress passed H.R. 6201 – the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to be administered through the Department of Labor. H.R. 6201 requires that employers with less than 500 employees pay two weeks supplemental sick leave. It is noted that the version of this that was ultimately signed by Congress offers fewer worker benefits and exempts more companies from paid sick leave obligations than the original version passed by the House of Representatives. Violations of the Act are enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

On March 27, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) act, (H.R. 748), which provides stimulus checks to many Americans based on income. Checks are issued based on individual's tax filing and social security number. In addition, the CARES Act explicitly excludes "nonresident aliens."

The City's economy has been built and sustained on the efforts of our immigrant communities, including street vendors, day laborers, and the thousands that help run this City. Council District 13, like many other districts, is a district of immigrants with Little Armenia, Koreatown, Thai Town, and historic Filipinotown and many more. Ensuring that immigrants are able to survive this pandemic is critical, and the City should identify gaps and resources to provide additional aid to those who are left out of federal aid.

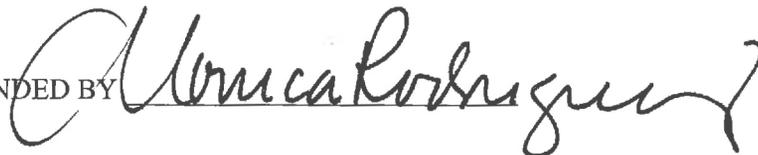
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Housing, Community and Investment Department, to review the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, and report with recommendations on how the City can address any federal assistance gaps and resources for undocumented people.

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