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COVID-19 Fiscal  
Impacts Update

Written Comments

## Cyrah Caburian

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**From:** Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 6:36 PM  
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Dear City Clerk,

Attached is a 1-page material I'd like displayed when I speak on Agenda Item #1 tonight.

Thank you,  
Peggy Griffin

## 2020-04-28 City Council Agenda Item #1

RECOMMEND: ALL city documents, including Staff Reports have page numbers. Agenda Item 1's Staff Report does not so it's hard to refer to a page when speaking.

### REVENUE QUESTIONS (Revenue Chart on page 2 of the Staff Report)

- 1) "Sales Tax" does not show ANY IMPACT to Sales Tax revenue.
  - a) Q1: How can this be?  
restaurants closed or take outs, clothing stores closed, and Gov. Newsom allowing deferred payment of sales taxes?
- 2) "Other Financing Sources"
  - a) Q2: What are these sources that add up to a -\$2.5M loss?

### EXPENDITURE QUESTIONS

- 1) "Employee Compensation"
  - a) Q3: 80 furloughed employees - Does that add up to \$180,000?
  - b) Q4: For non-essential employees sheltering at home, are they being required to use their vacation/sick time?
    - i) Q4a: If not, can that be considered?  
It would not help the City immediately but it would for recovery purposes.
- 2) "Contract Services" – shows NO CHANGE
  - a) Q5: Are we paying for services we are not receiving due to SIP such as Park and Rec contracted services? Inspection services?
    - i) Q5a: Can all these contracts be adjusted, suspended, etc.?
- 3) "Special Projects" – reduced by -\$5.5M
  - a) Q6: Can we see a list of both projects still on the list and those removed?
- 4) "Transfer Out"
  - a) Q7: What is this \$30M expenditure?

### ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Page 4 of Staff Report

- 1) Projected expenditures are huge (Blackberry Farm, Golf Course, Sports Center)
  - a) Q8: Have Blackberry Farm, the Golf Course, Sports Center and associated buildings been shutdown to bare minimum?

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**From:** Viji <viji55665@gmail.com>  
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Dear Council Members,

I would like to thank the City Manager and Staff in bringing the COVID-19 fiscal update.

The City is transferring \$10M from Capital projects fund to General Fund. I see that \$5.5M has been taken away from special projects and no info is provided on the projects that are impacted. It would be good if the City can provide more details on this and what projects were competing for these scarce funds. I see a cost savings of \$180K by furloughing 80 part time employees. This does not seem to be a large amount compared to \$11M shortfall in revenues. So, I would suggest the City to take care of employees during this crisis by adjusting from other line items if possible.

Revenue loss of \$11.3M in one quarter is a large amount and City has taken steps to mitigate the deficit. I see other cities giving a COVID -19 fiscal update for FY19-20 and taking input from their council on the mitigation measures. However, I did not see that happening in our council. So, I would like to know if the City of Cupertino took council inputs on mitigating measures for \$11.3M.

Also, I do not see a update for FY20-21. A preliminary fiscal impact on revenue shortfall should be provided to the council.

To end, I request the council members to ask clarifying questions so the public could get educated on City issues. As our elected representatives, please seek information from the City on behalf of your constituents.

Stay Safe.

Thanks

Viji

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#2

Emergency  
Assistance Funds for  
Tenants

Written Comments

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**From:** Tim Beaubien <timothy@sccaor.com>  
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Honorable Mayor Scharf and Councilmembers,

Please see the attached letter of support with SCCAOR's official position on Item 2: Emergency Assistance Funds for Tenants on tonight's Council Agenda.

Kind Regards,  
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April 28, 2020

**Cupertino City Council**

City of Cupertino  
10300 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA 95014

**RE: Item 2 Emergency Assistance Funds for Tenants at Risk of Eviction due to Impacts of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Dear Honorable Mayor Scharf and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® (SCCAOR) and our 6,000 members, I write in support of Item 2 on tonight's agenda: Emergency Assistance Funds for Tenants at Risk of Eviction due to Impacts of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

SCCAOR understand the concerns surrounding evictions and loss of income during this health and economic crisis. For this reason, SCCAOR supports this equitable measure to help the most vulnerable of tenants in a way that does not add to the burden of housing providers.

These housing providers know their tenants are in a difficult position, which inevitably places them in a difficult position as well. With the current Eviction Moratorium and the closed court system, these housing providers are feeling particularly vulnerable. The combination of those two factors could allow a tenant to effectively go a year without paying rent. Adding in a declining market, they are looking at mass vacancies and limited cash flow.

This proposal protects tenants without placing an undue burden on the housing providers in the city. We strongly support the passage of the Emergency Assistance Funds for Tenants at Risk of Eviction due to Impacts of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Regards,

Sandy Jamison  
President, Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®

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**From:** Connie Cunningham <cunninghamconniel@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item #2, Emergency Assistance

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I am speaking in support of the City Staff proposal for Emergency Assistance. I urge that you approve the actions they recommend. It has been five weeks since deliberations began on this item, since March 24. City Staff has examined a number of very good ways to put the City's funds to work for people harmed economically by COVID-19. I have 3 questions:

--Two Questions for Meriwest: **#1.Meriwest loan requirements: why are Taxpayer Identification numbers (ITIN'S) prohibited?**

That is not consistent with California's position on ITIN's for paying stimulus checks. Governor Newsom set up a pot of money to directly address that omission in the federal CARES Act.

**#2 Terms: Meriwest quotes "standard late fees." How much are standard late fees?**

Will these standard rates be proportional compared to the small dollar value of the loan? If the normal late fee on a much larger auto or mortgage loan is used, then it will be way too much for a \$3,000 loan.

**Earnin has an interesting program. Hopefully, it can fill a gap that is not covered by the grants or loans.**

-- Question for this next extension of Shelter-in-Place.

**#1 Santa Clara County has extended the Shelter-in-Place through May 2020. Therefore, rent will be due for three months: April 1, May 1, and now June 1.** Both these programs are designed for a shelter-in-place order ending April 30. Please consider how to continue assistance into the third month.

I urge that you support this proposed plan that helps vulnerable citizens of Cupertino with grants and loans.

Connie Cunningham

Housing Commission (self-only)