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Board Item No. 2

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Completed by: Linda Wong Date January 8, 2021

Completed by: Linda Wong Date January 14, 2021

1 [Appropriation - COVID Contingency Reserve - Human Services Agency - Restaurant and  
 2 Food Service Businesses in Chinatown - \$1,900,000 - FY2020-2021 - Authorizing the  
 Controller to Reduce COVID Contingency Reserve Appropriations and Return Funds]

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 4 **Ordinance appropriating \$1,900,000 from the COVID Contingency Reserve in the**  
 5 **Human Services Agency to provide assistance to restaurant and food service**  
 6 **businesses in Chinatown in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021; and authorizing the**  
 7 **Controller to reduce appropriations and return funds to the COVID Contingency**  
 8 **Reserve to the extent that State and/or Federal funds are available for**  
 9 **reimbursement.**

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 11 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
 12 deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.  
 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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 15 Section 1. The sources of funding outlined below are herein appropriated to  
 16 reflect the projected sources of funding for FY2020-2021.

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 18 **SOURCES Appropriation**

19 Fund /	20 Project &	21 Account	22 Description	23 Amount
24 Department ID	25 Activity /			
	Authority			
10020	10036796 – 0001	593033	COVID	\$1,900,000
GF Continuing	COVID Response	COVID	Contingency	
Authority Ctrl / 230018	& Economic Loss	Contingency	Reserve	
GEN General City	Reserve/ 21556	Reserve		

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4	Responsibility	COVID Response			
5		& Economic Loss			
6		Reserve			
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9	<b>Total SOURCES Appropriation</b>				<b>\$1,900,000</b>

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12 Section 2. The uses of funding outlined below are herein appropriated in the  
 13 Human Services Agency to provide support to restaurant and food service businesses in  
 14 Chinatown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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16 **USES Appropriation**

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4	Continuing	XXXXX/	Professional	Specialized	
5	Authority Ctrl /		and	Services Budget –	
6	149644		Specialized	Grants to	
7	HSA Human		Services	Chinatown	
8	Services Agency,		Budget	restaurant and	
9	Department of			food services	
10	Aging and Adult			businesses	
11	Services				
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13	<b>Total USES</b>				<b>\$1,900,000</b>
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16 Section 3. The Controller shall reduce appropriations and return funds to the  
17 COVID Contingency Reserve to the extent that State and/or Federal funds are available  
18 for reimbursement.

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20 Section 4. The Controller is authorized to record transfers between funds and  
21 adjust the accounting treatment of sources and uses appropriated in this ordinance as  
22 necessary to conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and other laws.

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1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
2 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

FUNDS AVAILABLE:  
BEN ROSENFELD, Controller

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4 By:         /s/          
JON GIVNER  
5 Deputy City Attorney

By:         /s/          
BEN ROSENFELD  
Controller

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<p><b>Item 11</b> <b>File 21-0014</b></p>	<p><b>Department:</b> Human Services Agency</p>
<p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Legislative Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed ordinance (i) appropriates \$1,900,000 from the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve to the Department of Disability and Aging Services in the Human Services Agency to provide assistance to restaurant and food service businesses in Chinatown in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021, and (ii) authorizes the Controller to reduce appropriations and return funds to the COVID Contingency Reserve to the extent that State and/or Federal funds are available for reimbursement.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 32 of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 provides for the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve. Unassigned General Fund balance of \$507 million was assigned to the Reserve for the purpose of managing costs incurred by the City in response to the COVID 19 pandemic and to offset revenue shortfalls caused by the pandemic. The Reserve is also intended to offset potential loss of future reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fiscal Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to the Controller’s Office, the available balance in the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve is \$507.4 million. If the Board of Supervisors approves the proposed appropriation, the Reserve balance would still be approximately \$507.2 million.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the proposed ordinance is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul>	

**MANDATE STATEMENT**

City Charter Section 9.105 states that amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance are subject to Board of Supervisors approval by ordinance after the Controller certifies the availability of funds.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 32 of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 provides for the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve. Unassigned General Fund balance of \$507 million was assigned to the Reserve for the purpose of managing costs incurred by the City in response to the COVID 19 pandemic and to offset revenue shortfalls caused by the pandemic. The Reserve is also intended to offset potential loss of future reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

The proposed ordinance (i) appropriates \$1,900,000 from the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve to the Department of Disability and Aging Services in the Human Services Agency to provide assistance to restaurant and food service businesses in Chinatown in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021, and (ii) authorizes the Controller to reduce appropriations and return funds to the COVID Contingency Reserve to the extent that State and/or Federal funds are available for reimbursement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

According to the Controller's Office, the available balance in the COVID-19 Response and Economic Loss Contingency Reserve is \$507.4 million. If the Board of Supervisors approves the proposed appropriation, the Reserve balance would still be approximately \$507.2 million.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the proposed ordinance is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
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**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for the Chinatown Restaurant Support and Food Security” program  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:18:27 AM

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**From:** Steven Lee <steven.lee.ventures@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:58 PM  
**To:** Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for the Chinatown Restaurant Support and Food Security” program

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Supervisor Matt Haney - Chair  
Budget and Appropriations Committee

City Hall - Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244,  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Haney,

I hope you will support Supervisor Peskin's Chinatown Restaurant Support and Food Security” program. As we all look forward to the \$500 million State relief grants for Small Business. By the time things get sorted out and State figures out the review process or who qualifies to receive any part of these grants. San Francisco Chinatown will lose another legacy business and soon a San Francisco historic tourist attraction will have more boarded up storefronts.

Chinatown restaurants have a huge disadvantage of surviving in this district. Compared to other neighborhoods, families with paychecks are able to work at home or receive unemployment. Ordering Take Out meals for pick up is usually available within minutes of their front door steps.

Chinatown however, residents are of low income, Immigrants Seniors are on fixed incomes and family members are without jobs. Chinatown restaurants on Grant ave and side streets, survive on at least 70% sales to seasonal tourists, 20% locals and 10% from the neighborhood. With tourism plenty much non existent, indoor and outdoor dining shut down, SRO residents unable to buy prepared meals on a regular basis. Food To Go sales from the 20% local San Franciscans is just not enough to break even.

This designated \$1.9 million Chinatown Restaurant Support and Food Security” program is important to this Community. Buying meals from struggling restaurants and providing food for the residents is a win for both dire situations and very

successful. However, the money has run out for most of these programs. Sam Wo Restaurant is down to only one now.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/food/amp/Longtime-owner-of-Chinatown-institution-Sam-Wo-15812552.php?fbclid=IwAR3c8xMTNTnDXZioQGIXbi9VR5wNaZxq8boGWDifQb33W-pfG4S8qdQJRcc>

The discouraging attempts of applying and competing for City or State grants have proven to be unreliable and disappointing during the first, and second round funding of PPP and Grants. Many of the immigrant businesses were either delayed getting the final answers or later to be rejected for unexplained reasons. At best, simply saying funds have run out.

What really saved many Chinatown restaurants from closing were the meal programs funded by the generosity of private non profits in San Francisco and Oakland. Therefore, please support Supervisor Peskin proposed legislation to set aside the \$1.9 million to continue the meal programs. Chinatown restaurants will have a better chance of surviving until Spring when the Vaccine becomes available to the masses.

Thank you for your time and support. Many Chinatown and important Legacy business need your support.

## 100 Restaurants America Can't Afford to Lose

Just posted by Esquire Magazine. 12/12/2021

[https://www.esquire.com/food-drink/restaurants/a34864761/restaurants-america-covid-19-pandemic-service-industry/?fbclid=IwAR0s0nIXx4PriUr3LnQXPk7VI5NwO9evWNBwQvHPzm-p\\_QSr-CKfvcgeqgk](https://www.esquire.com/food-drink/restaurants/a34864761/restaurants-america-covid-19-pandemic-service-industry/?fbclid=IwAR0s0nIXx4PriUr3LnQXPk7VI5NwO9evWNBwQvHPzm-p_QSr-CKfvcgeqgk)

***Sam Wo (San Francisco, CA): I love the new-school takes on SF Chinatown from chefs like Brandon Jew. But Sam Wo's represents something else, something deeper. The origins are murky but the original restaurant probably sprang up right after the 1906 earthquake. For decades it hosted famous patrons—Bukowski, Ginsberg, Conan O'Brien—along with hungry Bay Area residents, including my family. This is probably why I took my wife on our first date there. Esquire has written, in recent years, that tech money has turned San Francisco restaurants into a reflection of Silicon Valley; there's a lot of technical mastery but the soul is missing. Restaurants like Wo's are more important than ever, serving as a connection to the past, without dipping into schmaltz or nostalgia. — DD***

Have a great week.

Steven Lee  
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**Entertainment Commission of San Francisco**

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**Sam Wo Ventures, LLC**

Co-Founder / Shareholder / [www.samworestaurant.com](http://www.samworestaurant.com)

**Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Project**

Founder / Director / [www.crrwmemorialproject.com](http://www.crrwmemorialproject.com)

**Portsmouth Square Garage Corporation**

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**California Music and Culture Association**

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**From:** [Tiffany Ng](#)  
**To:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Budget and Finance Committee meeting Agenda Item #10  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:58:12 AM

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Hi Linda,

I could not wait until Agenda Item #10 to leave my public comment at today's Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

If this is acceptable, here is my written version of my public comment:

*Dear Budget and Finance Committee,*

*My name is Tiffany Ng. I work at the Chinese Progressive Association. We are a community organization that primarily serves the low-income Chinese immigrant families in SF. I urge you all to approve the \$1.9 million funding initiative to help sustain Chinatown Restaurants and provide food relief for SRO residents. In one of the densest neighborhoods in SF, the meals provided would help reduce COVID19 exposure and alleviate ongoing food insecurity for so many people especially the elders and families with young children.*

*In the last few months, we've seen so many long standing legacy businesses such as New Asia Restaurant and now Far East Cafe closing. Now we have a chance to pause more closures and provide opportunity to over 60 businesses in Chinatown to feed the community and provide employment to workers. For a long-term just recovery in San Francisco, we need our restaurants to thrive as businesses, community institutions, and employers. Furthermore, we need to continue to strengthen business strategies, protect workers rights and ensure workplace safety and health. Please approve this funding! We need it! Thank you.*

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