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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Joaquin Torres, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
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Dion-Jay Brookter, Executive Director, Young Community Developers

FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: February 1, 2021

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Hillary Ronen:

**File No. 210095**

**Hearing regarding updates on the Right to Recover Program to discuss how many times the program has paused because of lack of funds, how many eligible individuals have failed to receive this economic assistance since the program began, how much money is currently available to assist COVID-19 positive residents in the program, how much estimated additional funding would be needed to fully fund the program throughout the duration of the pandemic, the impact of the program on the individuals who received funding and the public health at large; and requesting the Office of Economic Workforce Development, Department of Public Health, Mission Economic Development Agency, and Young Community Developers to report.**

Pursuant to the hearing request, you or a representative will be expected to attend and present on the subject when this matter is agendaized.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me by email to: [linda.wong@sfgov.org](mailto:linda.wong@sfgov.org).

c: J'Wel Vaughan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
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# 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):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

The text is listed:

The Right to Recover program provides \$1,285.60 dollars to any San Francisco resident that tests positive for COVID 19 and does not have the resources to safely isolate during the infectious period. So far, the program has provided \$4.5 million dollars to over 3,500 people but has had to pause several times because of a lack of funding. Most of the funding for Right to Recover has come from philanthropic funds through the GIVE2SF program. Recently, the Mayor has allowed the use of funds from Health Care Security Ordinance Medical Reimbursement Accounts for those workers who have worked for employers that have contributed to those accounts. These additional funds should provide security to up to 10-15% of residents eligible for this assistance program.

I am calling a hearing on the Right to Recover program to discuss the following topics:

How many times has the program paused because of lack of funds and how many eligible individuals have failed to receive this economic assistance since the program began?

How much money is currently available to assist COVID 19 positive residents in the program?  
How much additional funding would be needed to fully fund the program throughout the duration of the pandemic (estimated)?

What has been the impact of the program on the individuals who received funding and public health at large?

Requesting the clerk to invite staff from OEWD and DPH to present as well as staff from Mission Economic Development Agency and Young Community Developers to attend as presenters.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen

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