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Hayward Community Relief Fund launched to sustain, protect residents and businesses

HAYWARD, Calif., April 2, 2020—The City of Hayward announced today the formation of a Community Relief Fund to receive and direct charitable donations to sustain and protect local residents and businesses during the COVID19 health emergency.

The Hayward Community Relief Fund is being established in response to expressions of interest from residents, businesses and organizations regarding ways to contribute money and materials to support their neighbors and community during the crisis.

An initial focus of the Relief Fund will be assistance to our economically most vulnerable residents, especially those experiencing loss of earnings without paid sick leave or access to unemployment benefits.

Other focus areas will include supporting local small businesses to curb job losses and funding to maintain community-based COVID-19 testing services initiated by the Hayward Fire Department with the support of Hayward Firefighters Local 1909 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

Contributions to the Fund will be received by the East Bay Community Foundation and will be distributed to those most in need via local nonprofit organizations based on recommendations and direction from a City of Hayward advisory team.

To learn more about how to contribute to and receive support from the Hayward Community Relief Fund, go online to www.hayward-ca.gov/ReliefFund. Or call (510) 583-4227.