

RESOLUTION NO. 69,890-N.S.

TO EXPAND EXISTING LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE PROGRAM BY
INCREASING THE VALUE OF ELIGIBLE CONTRACTS FOR GOODS TO \$100,000
AND THE VALUE OF ELIGIBLE CONTRACTS FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES TO \$250,000

WHEREAS, small local businesses are the heart and soul of Berkeley, offering high quality goods that reflect our eclectic tastes and are infused with the care and expression of their owners; and

WHEREAS, small local businesses are key to Berkeley's economic health, investing a larger share of their revenues back into the local economy, hiring local workers, and often providing better wages and benefits than national chains; and

WHEREAS, the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 health emergency has profoundly impacted Berkeley's local businesses, contributing to drops in revenue, layoffs of workers, and in some cases business closures; and

WHEREAS, expanding local vendor preferences by raising the value of eligible contracts will increase local business participation in meeting the City's needs and serve as an important local stimulus as our economy recovers from the current economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, neighboring jurisdictions including Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Marin County extend preferences to local businesses, including for professional services and higher value contracts; and

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent need to support economic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis and to direct more City of Berkeley dollars to Berkeley businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby expands Berkeley's existing local vendor preference program by increasing the value of eligible contracts for supplies, equipment, materials, and other goods to \$100,000, and the value of eligible contracts for non-professional services to \$250,000, effective January 1, 2022.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on May 25, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Taplin, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.


Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest:


Mark Numainville, City Clerk