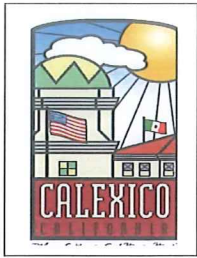


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 4, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MF*

PREPARED BY: Best Best & Krieger, LLP, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Direct City Staff and the City Attorney to Prepare a Resolution Designating the Members of the City Council as Eligible Workers Performing Essential Work During the Covid-19 Pandemic Pursuant to the American-Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

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Recommendation (by Mayor Javier Moreno):

Discussion and possible action to direct City Staff and the City Attorney and to prepare a resolution designating the members of the City Council as eligible workers performing essential work during the Covid-19 Pandemic Pursuant to the American-Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Background:

On August 18, 2021, the City Council of the City of Calexico adopted a resolution designating all City full time and part time employees as eligible workers performing essential work pursuant to ARPA. On November 3, 2021, the City Council of the City of Calexico adopted a resolution approving the City’s use of ARPA funds to provide up to \$7,000 per full time and part time eligible employee.

Discussion:

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local, tribal, and territory governments in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. These ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Eligible workers are those who are needed to maintain essential critical infrastructure sectors, including the employees of the City of Calexico. Essential work is work involving regular in-person



interactions or physically handing of items that were also handled by others; not telework.

The City Council will discuss whether or not they should have a Resolution prepared that would designate all City Council members that served during the time period between March 2020 and June 2021 as “eligible workers” performing “essential work” as those terms are defined in the ARPA thus making them eligible for ARPA payments.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.