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Legislation Text

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To express the Council's intent to ~~[appropriate 60 percent]~~ give a high priority to the appropriation of [the] any funds the City receives from the American Rescue Plan Act [to] for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities] based on considerations of equity.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, the City anticipates receiving funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, 117th Cong., 1st Sess. (2021-2022) (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond ~~[that 60 percent]~~ to give a high priority to the appropriation of any funds received pursuant to the Act be appropriated, to the extent authorized by law, [to] for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities from which the Council believes that funds have been historically divested] based on considerations of equity, with "equity" defined to mean fairness and justice designed to address the distinct historical and structural challenges of (i) non-dominant social groups, with the intent to acknowledge unequal starting places and correct the imbalance, and (ii) those geographic areas of the city of Richmond, and especially those areas annexed from the County of Chesterfield in 1970, that do not currently benefit from urban amenities, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and adequate drainage;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, should the Act and any regulations or rules made pursuant thereto authorize the use of such funds for community improvement and infrastructure projects, the Council intends to [appropriate 60 percent] give a high priority to the appropriation of any funds received pursuant to the Act for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities from which the Council believes that funds have been historically divested] based on considerations of equity as defined in this resolution's recitals.

