

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-570

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: None – emergency approval requested

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; designation of oversight agency; fiscal year carry-over authorization; request for emergency passage on first reading

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$4 million in American Rescue Plan COVID relief funds for additional COVID-19 testing, vaccinations and other health care-related needs and services. The Finance and Administration Department is designated as the City's oversight agency for the expenditures. Carry-over of the funds to the next fiscal year is authorized. Emergency approval of the bill on first reading is requested.

Background Information: The purpose of the bill is to address the critical need for additional COVID testing and vaccination sites to protect the public health and safety in light of the recent spike of positive cases since federal and state testing sites closed in June. The relatively few public testing and vaccination sites are experiencing long lines of people waiting outdoors in hot and rainy weather and citizens are experiencing substantial waits for appointments for services due to insufficient capacity to meet demand.

Policy Impact Area: COVID-19 response

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$4 million in American Rescue Plan funds

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