

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, In reviewing the 2nd FSR submitted by CAO on 12/4/20, I am in great concern with the proposed layoff of the 1894 filled positions resulting in a savings of \$45.24 million (Pg 24). As stated on page 17, the CAO acknowledged "The COVID-19 pandemic is a one-time, extraordinary event." If that is the case, why are we not looking into using the \$183.9 million in the Emergency Reserve Fund to save the 1894 jobs? How will the individuals affected be able to find employment during this time of crisis? How will they able to support and provide for their family? I understand the City wants to keep a reserve fund at 2.75% of the General Fund's revenues. However this is not the time to hold onto the savings at the expense of kicking employees out onto the street with no hopes of finding another job during this crisis. Please consider using the Emergency Reserve Fund as a bridge while we wait for the vaccine and help from the new Administration in Washington. I implore this Council to consider other alternatives beside layoffs. We can and must do better than laying off people. Thank you