Harris County





Precinct One

COVID-19 AGENDA ITEM

March 30, 2021

County Judge Lina Hidalgo Members of Commissioners Court

RE: Discussion of Equity Framework in recovery programs

Dear Judge Hidalgo and Commissioners Cagle, Garcia and Ramsey,

Precinct One respectfully requests discussion and possible action to develop an equity framework for Harris County's allocation of American Rescue Plan funds to effectively address the needs of communities most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harris County will receive more than \$900 million from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) direct allocation. Establishing an equity framework as part of the County's planning process to use the ARP funds will help to ensure that the funds received will be directed to residents and communities most affected by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic due to higher rates of social vulnerability and other health and economic factors.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Rodney Ellis

RE: SE, JL

xc: Brandon Dudley

