

CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 4406

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING PURSUIT
OF A COVID-19 VACCINE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN THE CITY OF RENTON.**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) which first appeared in December 2019 has since spread throughout most of the world; and

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 identified in the United States occurred in Washington State on January 20, 2020; and our state has since experienced nearly 11,000 infections and over 500 deaths; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of mid-April, 2020, nearly two million people around the globe have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and more than 120,000 people have died; and

WHEREAS, the most mission-critical objective to eliminate COVID-19 as a deadly disease is to manufacture a scientifically proven vaccine to combat it; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) estimates that a COVID-19 vaccine could be developed in 12 to 18 months; and

WHEREAS, governmental, business, and non-profit foundation leaders have identified a need for the rapid deployment of manufacturing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle-based Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has stepped forward to help lead and fund this effort, pledging \$250 million to date and vowing to put another few billion dollars into the development of up to seven new factories for potential COVID-19 vaccine production; and

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WHEREAS, the Gates Foundation commitment gives the Pacific Northwest a leg up in leading the globally vital work to develop a COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the ideal site for COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing should be one that features a blend of manufacturing capacity, health care expertise, a well-trained work force, and a location in close proximity to multiple modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Renton is known as one of the nation's manufacturing hubs, hosting the most efficient airplane-manufacturing facility in the world (Boeing 737 and 737 MAX), serving as home base to a global and Fortune 500 leader in truck manufacturing (PACCAR), and housing other leading manufacturers such as Alliance Packaging and Trojan Litho; and

WHEREAS, the City of Renton is also home to a growing and impressive health care and medical employment cluster, including a hospital ranked as best in the Seattle Metro Area and Washington State (UW Medicine/Valley Medical Center), not to mention the headquarters of Kaiser Permanente Washington and Providence St. Joseph Health, as well as a large pharmacy and tele-medicine network (Genoa), and the only full-service tissue bank in the Pacific Northwest (LifeNet Health); and

WHEREAS, the City of Renton also has the advantage of being situated on or next to both Interstate 5 and Interstate 405 and within five miles of SeaTac International Airport, along with housing a general-aviation airport of its own (Renton Airport); and

WHEREAS, the City of Renton also boasts a robust and well-trained work force of more than 54,000 area employees, has technical training expertise at Renton Technical College, maintains an active data-base to enable the most appropriate siting of manufacturing facilities, and is a multi-cultural city of inclusion;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DO
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The above recitals are adopted as findings.

SECTION II. The City Council supports and affirms a call by Mayor Armondo Pavone and King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn for the siting of a COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility in the City of Renton.

SECTION III. The City Council gives its backing to an initiative enabling the Mayor and the City's Community & Economic Development (CED) Department to identify and engage with potential manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines and the federal government.

SECTION IV. The City Council enthusiastically seconds the effort to compete for and secure commitments to site and support a COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility in Renton.

SECTION IV. The City Council authorizes the engagement of outside and consulting help, if it becomes necessary, to assist CED in connecting with business and non-profit foundation leaders and other key stakeholders in the furtherance of attracting a COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 20th day of April, 2020.





Jason A. Seth, City Clerk

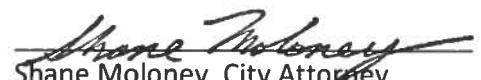
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 20th day of April, 2020.



Armondo Pavone, Mayor

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Approved as to form:


Shane Moloney, City Attorney

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