



IN HONOR OF BERKELEY MUTUAL AID

- WHEREAS,** Berkeley Mutual Aid pairs residents with the desire and ability to assist neighbors at higher risk for contagion or in greater need of assistance, creating over 500 “buddy” matches providing essential support through help with grocery shopping, prescription pick-ups, and tasks such as gardening, tech support, and errands, in addition to social connections and virtual gatherings, including multilingual volunteers who speak languages represented in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Berkeley Mutual Aid’s Need a Mask/Make a Mask program has helped ensure masks are available to everyone in Berkeley, and has distributed thousands of high quality masks; and
- WHEREAS,** Berkeley Mutual Aid buddies share wildfire alerts and Red Flag information and are ready to assist with evacuations, focusing on those that are socially isolated and have limited technology skills, and have also helped people navigate the process for getting a COVID-19 vaccination; and
- WHEREAS,** Berkeley Mutual Aid’s Fruit Gleaning program has picked over 1200 pounds of fruit from abundant local trees donated by residents to share with people in need in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteers have offered over 20,000 hours of their time to benefit the community and build a stronger, more resilient social safety net to weather the COVID-19 crisis and future challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** the Berkeley Mutual Aid community is more than 800 strong and actively partners with City of Berkeley departments, community-based organizations, a range of nonprofits, and is a part of the Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and thank

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for their compassion, ingenuity, and volunteer services provided to neighbors in the Berkeley community in need of support.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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