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Dear Councilmembers,

**Please ensure that this fund is created with an equity lens** by mandating that a portion of the funds be spent on woman and minority-owned businesses, especially in underserved areas. Often, these funds are accessed by the most-connected and highly privileged class of business owners, whereas their impact would be much greater if spent on less engaged populations.

Also, **please consider dedicating a portion of this funding to technology upgrades.** While many businesses transitioned to online ordering and delivery, there are still many small businesses who need assistance in setting up an account for online services. Funding should be provided to help businesses procure credit card terminals, contract with third-party delivery services, etc. No business should close because they can't afford to compete online during the pandemic.

Regards,

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