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I apologize for not being available to address the council live, and I would like to submit these written comments instead.

I thank the City Council for considering Center for Human Services' request for COVID-19 Emergency Funds to help us deal with increased mental health needs resulting from the pandemic. The additional stress introduced by the pandemic has resulted in an increased prevalence and severity of mental distress among all populations. It is said that we are experiencing the greatest mental health crisis of our lifetimes. We have seen spikes in the number of people who are experiencing major depression and anxiety, having suicide attempts or completions, overdosing, etc. To respond to these needs, we have needed additional resources. CHS appreciates your willingness to help us by providing emergency funding during this time of crisis.

Thank you.

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