

BROOKE'S COVID-19 RELIEF AND RESILIENCY PLAN

INCREASE HEALTHCARE ACCESS NOW

Now:

- i. Protect consumers from price gouging
- ii. Create more drive through testing centers with fewer restrictions to access a test
- iii. Allow for medication delivery during and after the crisis

Resiliency:

- i. Develop a citywide stockpile of PPE and ventilators
- ii. Expand the enrollment window and eligibility for Medicaid
- iii. Negotiate with insurance companies to expand coverage of mental health services

EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE SUPPORT

- i. Expand the essential personnel definition to include hospitality, grocery, home delivery, transit, sanitation and pharmacy workers
- ii. Require all companies employing essential personnel to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- iii. Require that all essential personnel receive hazard pay
- iv. Require that all essential personnel receive benefits such as free child care
- v. Allow companies employing essential personnel to refuse service to customers who are not wearing masks

LIFT UP SMALL BUSINESSES

Now:

- i. Expand small business grants so they can pay employees
 - a. Similar to the SBA loans provided for in the CARES Act, but will give access to funding quickly without having to jump through bureaucratic hoops
- ii. Allow for deferment of Real Property Taxes
 - a. Sales tax deferments do not provide enough relief to small businesses

Resiliency:

- i. Prioritize DC small businesses for government contracts
- ii. Allow for alcohol delivery, regardless of whether food is also ordered
- iii. Allow for the medical marijuana delivery

EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS

- i. Mail every registered voter a ballot
- ii. Expand staffing and funding for the DC Board of Elections so that new processes are implemented successfully

IMPROVE QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF EDUCATION

Now:

- i. Ensure all students have internet and computer access at home to complete school work
- ii. Expand summer school options to include virtual schooling

Resiliency:

- i. Ensure that students have internet at home
- ii. Include online learning programs (i.e. Canvass) in teacher trainings

BALANCE THE BUDGET

- i. Work with District agency directors to identify where funding can be cut
 - a. Funding cannot be cut across the board. Some agencies will need additional support.
- ii. Ensure that the District receives its fair share of \$1.25 billion from the federal government.
- iii. Decrease some spending measures, including tax giveaways to sporting and parking companies.

GUARANTEE ACCESS TO SAFE HOUSING

Now:

- i. Provide rent vouchers for those who can demonstrate hardship due to COVID-19. Vouchers must be available shortly after request without bureaucratic red tape or delays
- ii. Allow for freeze of mortgage payments
- iii. Allow for deferment of Residential Property Taxes to the time of sale. This should also be allowed after recovery
- iv. Provide hotel vouchers for homeless

Resiliency:

- i. Address food deserts so that all residents have easy access to grocery stores and pharmacies
- ii. Implement Housing First policies to provide support services to those facing housing insecurity

IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC SPACES

Now:

- i. Implement new health regulations for large venues such as temperature checks and crowd capacity restrictions
- ii. Begin city-wide cleaning of public places, including public transportation

Resiliency:

- i. Expand bike lanes and pedestrian streets to allow for safe transportation and recreational activities during health crises

PROVIDE CASH ASSISTANCE/EQUITY

Now:

- i. Expand the definition of workers so that gig workers are able to qualify for unemployment benefits
- ii. Allow SNAP benefits to be used for grocery deliveries during this crisis
- iii. Provide support to undocumented people

Resiliency:

- i. Require that all new legislation be evaluated through a racial equity lens so that all policies serve to address systemic racial inequalities

ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH NAVIGATING AND ACCESSING RESOURCES AND TO HOLD DISTRICT AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE