

February 9, 2021

The Honorable Mark Addiego
Mayor, City of South San Francisco
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The Honorable Mark Nagales
Vice-Mayor, City of South San Francisco
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The Honorable James Coleman
Councilmember, City of South San Francisco
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The Honorable Buenaflor Nicolas
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Subject: Hazard Pay for Grocery Workers

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask you to pass hazard pay for grocery and drug store workers in South San Francisco, CA.

We represent grocery and drug workers in San Mateo County and San Francisco. Our members have been on the front-line of the pandemic since it began and have not had the luxury of working from home that many people have. Despite the ongoing hazards, increased risk of being exposed to the novel coronavirus and lack of voluntary support from employers. They have continued to report to work and serve the community and are tasked with the additional responsibility of maintaining a safe environment for shoppers by maintaining social distancing, wearing and monitoring mask usage, disinfecting high touch areas and limiting customers in stores. Our members suffer the abuse from frustrated customers who have yelled and spat at them.

These essential workers are putting their lives on the line every day that they walk into the store. Our members work hard, long hours and through difficult situations. Our members, the essential workers, cannot get vaccinated and there is no clear timeline when they can. They help keep the economy running. We need your support for hazard pay for us and please do not forget the essential workers like their employers did.

Sincerely,



Dan Larson, President
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