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The Covid-19 pandemic has caused great economic hardship to various communities in the City. It has been particularly impactful to low-income residents who reside in Council District (CD) 1. Many residents in CD 1 are struggling with day-to-day expenses such as food, utilities and housing while dealing with the public health challenge.


In addition, many CD 1 residents rent apartments in buildings that do not contain laundry rooms. They must often rely on local laundromats to address their needs. This situation results in another added living expense that they must contend with.

One way to mitigate living expenses for these residents would be to reduce the cost of using laundromats. To pursue this, the Department of Water and Power should explore providing laundromats with incentives and/or rebates which reduce water and power costs. The reduced water and power costs could then facilitate discounted or free laundry washes for economically challenged residents.

This effort would help the residents of CD 1 with managing their day-to-day expenses while confronting the public health crisis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report to the Council on the feasibility of implementing a pilot program in Council District 1 which provides incentives and/or rebates to laundromats, which reduce water and power costs, in order to provide economically challenged residents discounted or free laundry washes.

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