



May 5, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Dear Governor Newsom,

Thank you for your tireless leadership during these uncertain times for all Californians. We write to you today on behalf of the cities and counties in our districts that are serving as the front line, delivering critical services and supplies to the Californian's in our districts.

Only six of California's 482 cities and 16 of California's 58 counties have received a portion of the \$15.3 billion allocated to California by the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by the CARES Act. Despite this lack of support from the federal government, local governments in our districts have stretched their budgets and staff to continue delivering emergency services and supporting the local businesses and community organizations that form the foundation of California's economic engine.

Under your guidance, local governments are leading the community health response, taking diligent steps and making the necessary sacrifices to save lives and prevent rampant outbreaks of COVID-19. They cannot continue to withstand the fiscal impacts of this responsibility alone. Local government surveys report that without financial assistance, many jurisdictions will be forced to implement furloughs, or lay-offs further impacting core services.

We will work with the local governments in our districts to provide your administration with an accounting of the costs they are accruing in response to this pandemic. The state's share of the Coronavirus Relief Fund is \$9.5 billion and we are asking you to expeditiously distribute a

portion of those funds directly to the smaller local governments so that they can continue to take the steps necessary to save lives and meet this moment.

This unprecedented public health crisis and the economic challenges that are sure to follow will require federal, state and local cooperation more than ever. We appreciate your consideration in support of our small communities during these trying times.

Sincerely,

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