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CONTINUING LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S ROADMAP TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY

On April 28th, 2020, the Board unanimously put forward a comprehensive plan to revive and re-open the County’s economy and return to full employment as was experienced before COVID-19. The Board recognized that this would only be possible by convening an Economic Resiliency Task Force (Task Force) that was representative of a public-private partnership with industries and governments working together.

The Task Force consisted of the five members of the Board along with the representatives from 13 key economic sectors. These sectors were Arts and Culture, Business – Corporate and Manufacturing, Business – Small, Commodities and Goods Movement, Education, Faith Based Organization, Film, Entertainment, Leisure and Digital Media, Healthcare and Bioscience, Infrastructure Development and Construction, Labor, Philanthropy and Non-Profit, Restaurants and Hospitality, and Sports and Large Venue Entertainment. Each sector was led by a Board appointed task force member and comprised of a diverse membership of representatives for each sector work group.

The Task Force held five meetings, at which each of the 13 sector members presented an overview of the framework created through each work group, for the continued resilience of the industries they represent. These meetings helped inform the Board of the significant issues facing the County’s economy during this pandemic.

More than 300 industry leaders and stakeholders contributed to these work groups and formulated hundreds of recommendations and sector specific plans for re-openings in order to inform the County’s evolving return to work plan. The recommendations emerging from one sector will naturally differ in their specifics from the recommendations of another sector.

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However, despite the differences in specifics, certain themes run through the collective recommendations. All sectors underscored the need to protect the health of the public and consumers and employees and agreed on the importance of public health measures such as testing, tracing, isolation and the appropriate use of personal protective equipment. Many of the sectors report the current economic situation as nothing short of a crisis.

The work of the Task Force and the sector work groups resulted in a Comprehensive Report that was accepted by the Economic Resiliency Task Force and referred to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. These recommendations will have varying applicability to local, state, and federal laws and regulations, potentially require significant funding, and impact many County Departments.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors accept the Comprehensive Report submitted by the Economic Resiliency Task Force and direct the Chief Executive Office to work with pertinent County Departments to evaluate the report's recommendations and report back in 60 days.

WE, FURTHER MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Office of Emergency Management to continue to engage with the sector leads from the Economic Resiliency Task Force as the County continues through its Roadmap to Recovery, as needed.

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