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CONTINUING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ROADMAP TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY (ITEM NO. 16, AGENDA OF JULY 21, 2020)

On March 4, 2020, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in Los Angeles County, and the County Health Officer declared a local health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect the communities and residents of Los Angeles County, the County Health Officer issued a public health order that mandated closure of a variety of businesses and issued the Safer at Home Order to slow the spread of COVID-19. As a result, many of California's thriving industries such as hospitality and tourism; retail and food service; manufacturing; and childhood education and care were interrupted.

On April 28, 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.

Economic Resiliency Task Force

The Task Force consists of the five members of the Board along with representatives from 13 key economic sectors. These sectors are Arts and Culture; Business – Corporate and Manufacturing; Business – Small; Commodities and Goods Movement; Education; Faith Based Organization; Film and Digital Media; Healthcare and Bioscience; Infrastructure Development and Construction; Labor; Philanthropy and Non-Profit;

Restaurants, Leisure, and Hospitality; and Sports and Large Venue Entertainment. Each sector is led by a Board-appointed task force member and is comprised of a diverse membership of representatives for each sector.

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.

Comprehensive Report and Recommendations

The work of the Task Force and the sector groups resulted in a report which summarized actionable recommendations for short-term, medium-term, and long-term economic recovery in the County. The Task Force Comprehensive Report was provided to the Board on June 30, 2020. The document includes guidance for sector-specific re-openings to inform the County's evolving return-to-work plan. In some cases, recommendations have been fully or partially addressed by public health orders.

Staff from the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) analyzed the Comprehensive Report and identified pertinent County departments to further evaluate the 800+ recommendations from the 13 sector workgroups for policy consideration. CEOC connected relevant departments with the Task Force leaders for further discussion on the feasibility of implementing the recommendations. County departments were provided and instructed to assess the recommendations and determine those that support their mission and strategic initiatives.

Throughout the entire process, CEOC staff maintained an open line of communication with all pertinent departments and Task Force sector leads. Several Task Force groups have contacted CEOC staff and requested virtual meetings for further support and guidance. Additionally, recommendation updates provided by Task Force sector leads have been communicated to County departments accordingly.

Next Steps

The Task Force recommendations provide input for strategic initiatives being developed by County departments. All pertinent County departments will continue their assessment to determine those recommendations that support their mission and to formulate policy considerations for economic recovery. During the County's economic recovery, CEOC staff will continue to maintain an open line of communication with both Task Force sector leads and County departments.

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