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Engaging Local Health Experts on County COVID-19 Response

Since the beginning of this pandemic, the Board of Supervisors has prioritized consulting experts regarding COVID-19 to ensure the safest and most effective response in Los Angeles County. The Board immediately chartered the Department of Public Health to lead the immediate response, while relying on the Department of Health Services to provide efficient and effective testing and care. In May, the board convened the Economic Resiliency Task Force to account for the severe economic and social challenges created by this pandemic.

As the county reaches a critical junction in protecting the health and economy of our residents, and also preparing the distribution of a vaccine, we must utilize all resources and experts to best serve our communities. Los Angeles County is home to some of the world's leading research institutions, many of which have published critical research on how to respond to a crisis like COVID-19. It is in the best interests of our residents that these experts are consulted by not only our county health departments, but also by the Board of Supervisors.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to immediately engage local universities, such as the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, to provide feedback and develop strategies and recommendations to guide our future decisions regarding COVID-19 response and reopening our businesses and communities.