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TO: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Chair  
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FROM: Otto Solórzano  
Acting Director

SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY PATHWAYS FOR ECONOMIC RESILIENCY (ITEM NO. 57-B, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021)**

On February 9, 2021, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion to implement the recommendations identified in the *Pathways for Economic Resiliency* (Report). The Report details COVID-19's employment and economic impacts and provides guidance for the County to assist those most impacted by the pandemic. The recommendations focus on workforce training in key growth sectors, displaced worker-specific employment programs, business attraction strategies, addressing the digital divide, land use strategies, increasing access to quality and affordable childcare, and reopening the economy safely, among other key areas for economic recovery. The Report was commissioned by Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and developed by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

The Board directed WDACS to convene a workgroup, consisting of the Chief Executive Office, Department of Arts and Culture (DAC), Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Department of Health Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Regional Planning, Los Angeles County Development Authority, Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board, Women and Girls Initiative, and other relevant stakeholders to return to the Board in 45 days with a plan to implement the Report's recommendations, as well as an update on the County's review of the recommendations of the Economic

Resiliency Task Force's Final Report. Furthermore, the Board directed the workgroup to report back with any additional recovery strategies needed to effectuate long-term economic recovery.

## **PROGRESS TO DATE**

Development of an implementation plan for the Report's recommendations and related Board directives requires extensive coordination among County departments, private industry, community organizations, labor unions, education, and philanthropy. To date, we have worked closely with County departments to establish a structure needed to develop an implementation plan for the Report's recommendations. Key efforts include:

- **Presentations to Departments:** Conducted two presentations for County departments that provided an overview of the recommendations. The goal of these presentations was to ensure all key stakeholders were familiar with the Report and its recommendations.
- **Convened the Workgroup and Established Subgroups:** Established the workgroup and convened two meetings on March 23, 2021 and April 6, 2021. At these meetings, we confirmed the lead departments and established subgroups for each recommendation. The lead departments will convene these subgroups to develop initial implementation plans for each recommendation, which may include funding recommendations necessary to implement for the Board's consideration. Lead departments will also engage external partners, as relevant, to implement each recommendation. Through the workgroup, we are also identifying key existing efforts related to each recommendation and opportunities to expand and enhance the recommendations for long-term economic recovery.
- **Engaged Additional County Departments:** Engaged the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Works, Internal Services Department, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Office of Emergency Management, Probation Department, and Treasurer and Tax Collector. These departments are critical because their work plays an important role in one or more of the recommendations.

## **NEXT STEPS**

This initiative encompasses short-term strategies for the reopening and recovery of the economy, as well as longer term elements to advance the region's economic resiliency. In the next 90 days, the subgroups will meet to develop initial implementation plans and submit to the Board by July 30, 2021. This written report-back will also address the Board's request for an update on the recommendations of the Economic Resiliency Task Force.

## **CONCLUSION**

This initiative would not be possible without the collaboration and partnership of our County departments. We deeply appreciate their engagement and commitment. Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate to advance economic resiliency and recovery efforts across the County.

Each Supervisor  
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