

April 10, 2020

The Honorable Michelle Steel  
Orange County Board of Supervisors  
10 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Re: COVID-19 Response: Access to Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Dear Chairwoman Steel:

As the Mayors of the cities of Orange County, we write to respectfully request that the County work to secure funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, approved as part of the CARES Act, and quickly distribute the funding to the cities in Orange County that have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the CARES Act that President Trump signed into law on March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Coronavirus Relief Fund was established to provide state and local government assistance for those local governments with a population that exceeds 500,000. While Orange County is the third largest county in California, there are no cities within the county that qualify for a direct allocation of federal funding, yet we are still expected to respond to the impacts from COVID-19 while maintaining an ongoing level of city services demanded by a densely populated, high-risk area.

Through the quick distribution of this vital funding, cities will be able to greatly expand the number of testing sites serving our communities, secure and distribute personal protective equipment, provide our law enforcement and first responders with appropriate equipment, provide increased services to our residents in need, and work with community based organizations to help ensure the public health and safety of all our residents. While we have already been engaging in many of these activities, access to the funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund will enable us to greatly accelerate these efforts, reduce the number and severity of future COVID-19 cases, and begin the process of recovering from this devastating pandemic.

We respectfully request the County quickly provide our cities with resources from the Coronavirus Relief Fund that will be directly available to the County. Attached you will find a breakdown of the County's direct allocation by Orange County city and population. We believe that this would be a fair method of distributing the funding to ensure that all Orange County residents are able to benefit from the funding made available through the CARES Act. It is critical that cities in the county receive this direct financial support to be able to sustain our workforce, our businesses, and our local economy. We look forward to working with the County to combat the effects of this pandemic.

Respectfully,

The Orange County Mayors

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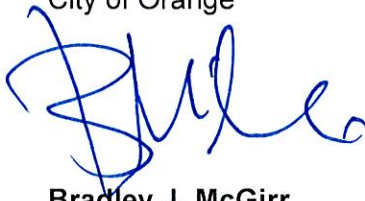
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**cc: Vice Chair Do**  
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