



June 1, 2020

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Supervisor, District 5
Orange County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
333 West Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund

Dear Supervisor Bartlett:

On behalf of our Advocacy Committee, thank you for taking time to meet with us last Wednesday. The status update you provided was very informative, and we appreciated your time. As a follow up, we would like to emphasize the importance of the immediate distribution of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or Coronavirus Relief Fund grants/monies allocated to Fifth District businesses.

As you may recall, the Economic Coalition conducted a survey in late April 2020 of our South County businesses and learned many of them that could not survive beyond the next few months. We've included a link to the survey results for your review: <https://www.economiccoalition.com/post/socec-s-survey-results-show-grave-impacts-on-business-community>.

We believe time is of the essence, and it is imperative the County, specifically the Fifth District, develop an efficient and effective plan to distribute the funds to our businesses as soon as possible. As our survey results will show, the time to act is now.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Thomas, Interim Executive Director
South Orange County Economic Coalition

Cc: Hon. Michelle Steel, Board Chair, Supervisor - District 2
Hon. Andrew Do, Board Vice Chair, Supervisor - District 1
Hon. Donald P. Wagner, Supervisor - District 3
Hon. Doug Chaffee, Supervisor - District 4
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