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Via Email

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Request for Funding to Address COVID-19 Impacts to Cities

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes thanks you for your leadership and efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis. Cities remain on the front-line helping residents stay safe and in their homes, delivering emergency services, and supporting local businesses and community organizations. However, as emergency costs continue to grow, city revenues to fund local services are plummeting. COVID-19 is having devastating impacts on city budgets and services statewide.

Based on the League of California Cities analysis, California cities are projecting a nearly **\$7 billion general revenue shortfall** over the next two fiscal years. This shortfall will grow by billions of dollars if stay-at-home orders to protect public health extend into the summer months and beyond. Rancho Palos Verdes' infrastructure capital projects, public safety, and core city services for residents, as well as the employees have already been impacted.

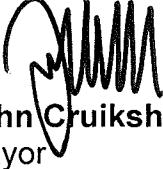
Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has stepped up to protect and serve our community, purchasing equipment and supplies to keep residents and employees safe, and performing robust community outreach regarding resources and services. The necessary measures our city has taken are costly. To continue to be a full partner with the state in saving lives, protecting our communities, and ultimately recovering from this crisis, **we need your help.**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has joined the Support Local Recovery coalition and we are calling on you to immediately provide **\$7 billion in direct and flexible state funding** to support critical local services and allocate CARES Act funding for all cities for COVID-19-related expenditures.

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The City of Rancho Palos Verdes appreciates your consideration of our requests and look forward to further discussing in the coming days how together we can continue to best protect Californians and reopen our economy. Thank you again for your leadership and partnership during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,



John Cruikshank
Mayor

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