

# Coalition of LA County Cities

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Dear Chair Barger and Mayor Garcetti,

First of all, we want to thank you for all your efforts during this difficult period of unprecedeted crisis due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. You made the necessary tough decisions that have saved lives, e.g., shutting down non-essential businesses *county-wide*, closing public places *county-wide*, mandating nose-and-mouth coverings *county-wide*, etc. These actions saved lives *county-wide*, i.e., throughout *The-87-Other-Cities* in Los Angeles County.

**While your leadership should be extolled, we respectfully request in the spirit of partnership that LA County and the City of Los Angeles share the \$1.8 BILLION in financial assistance received via the CARES ACT Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES ACT). To be more precise, LA County received \$1,049,000,000 and the City of Los Angeles \$706,500,000. Because the CARES ACT only provides financial assistance to counties and cities with populations exceeding 500,000, only Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles were qualified to receive the funding. We request that you expeditiously re-distribute a significant portion of the funds to *The-87-Other-Cities*.**

**If we are all in this together as you have stated, and the pandemic impact and costs are shared, then the financial assistance received must likewise be shared.** Although the Congress and the Trump Administration failed to acknowledge the uniqueness of the interwoven fabric that is the Los Angeles area, it does not mean that Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles should as well. *The-87-Other-Cities* and our respective residents are deserving of the same compassion and care; moreover, many of *The-87-Other-Cities* have infection rates much higher than the City of Los Angeles.

An example of an organization doing the right thing is the LA Lakers who received millions of dollars via the CARES ACT. When the LA Lakers realized they were taking money intended to save small businesses, the money was returned so that it could be re-distributed more deservingly. By correcting this wrong, the LA Lakers endeared themselves even more to fans and set a good example to be followed.

So, we implore Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles to also do the right thing and demonstrate to all residents by action, not words, that irrespective of what city or unincorporated area you may reside in, we truly are all in this together. Furthermore, by doing so, LA County and the City of Los Angeles will exponentially increase our regional power in the fight against coronavirus.

All of the Mayors/Councilmembers from the *The-87-Other-Cities* who have put their names to this letter are asking as one voice for LA County and the City of Los Angeles to follow the example of the LA Lakers and re-distribute the CARES ACT funds fairly to *The-87-Other-Cities*. **After all, these funds are generated from our tax money too. Let's truly work together as partners for the benefit of ALL residents, because we are in this together.**

Sincerely,

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