



April 30, 2020

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

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Glendora 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.

The City of Glendora projects that these shortfalls will impact our core city services, including police, housing, library and community services. All available resources are being utilized to minimize reductions in staff in the short term in order to continue providing services to the community. Reductions in staff and furloughs are on the horizon as the uncertainty of the economy and shut down continue.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Glendora has stepped up to protect and serve our community. Police overtime is expanded to maintain safety in the community in light of increased release of inmates. Significant efforts have been implemented to manage the impacts of homelessness, which includes finding solutions for Glendora residents who are homeless and the continuous clean-up costs to protect the health and safety of the community. Reserves are being utilized to minimize reductions in staff in the short term in order to continue providing services to the community. Expenditures have increased to clean and sanitize facilities and provide protective tools for employees. The necessary measures our city has taken are costly. In order 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 Glendora is calling on you to immediately support the following actions:

- Establish at least a \$7 billion city revenue stabilization fund for direct aid to all cities to address the general revenue shortfall over the next two fiscal years;
- Allocate a share of the State's \$8.4 billion CARES Act funding for cities with populations under 500,000 to support COVID-19 expenses; and
- Create a COVID-19 financing vehicle that all cities can access to support immediate cash flow needs.

The City of Glendora 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,

CITY OF GLENDORA



Michael Allawos, Mayor

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