



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE “SUPPORT LOCAL RECOVERY”  
CAMPAIGN

**MEETING DATE:** May 19, 2020

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Mayor and City Council to sign a 5-signature letter of support of the “Support Local recovery” campaign.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The League of California Cities announced the “Support Local Recovery” campaign and its strong list of initial campaign coalition members, which include representatives from labor, local government, and business.

The coalition is calling on the state to provide \$7 billion in direct and flexible funding to cities to support critical local services, as well as a portion of the state’s CARES Act funding to help cities address COVID-19 related expenditures. The coalition is also calling on the federal government to provide \$500 billion in direct and flexible funding to local governments nationwide to support essential services, including police, fire, public works, permitting, and planning.

According to a League of California Cities analysis, California cities are facing a nearly \$7 billion revenue shortfall over the next two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This shortfall grows by billions of dollars as modified stay-at-home orders extend into the summer months and beyond. Cities have also been incurring significant increases in unbudgeted expenses responding to the crisis. COVID-19 has crippled local budgets, forcing cuts in city services and city employees, which will dampen local economic recovery.

In the face of these budget shortfalls, nine out of 10 cities report they will have to cut staff or decrease city services to residents, and nearly 3 in 4 cities report they may have to take both actions. Police services will be impacted in eighty-four percent of cities, more than half of cities’ fire services will be adversely impacted, and fewer firefighters and police officers will be available to respond to emergency calls.

At this time, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for leagues of California Cities campaign “the support of Local recovery.”

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve staff recommendations.
2. Provide staff with further direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with authorizing the Mayor and City Council to sign the letter of support.

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Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager

Attachment:

- 1) Draft Letter of Support
- 2) League of California Cities Information