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Dear Labor Partners:

As we discussed yesterday, we are in the midst of a fast-moving public health crisis and we are writing to thank you for your essential partnership as we work together to make sure our Los Angeles County employees are protected and supported as they carry out their important service to our communities.

We share the same goals and a shared vision of Los Angeles County as the public's safety net. We know we must remain dedicated to providing comprehensive and quality services to our communities, which is so desperately needed at this time.

We also know that we cannot fulfill this core mission unless our dedicated County employees, and their families, are also as safe and healthy as possible.

That is why, with your help, we are making a series of modifications and adjustments to make sure our valued employees have as much flexibility and support as possible.

The safety and security of our employees is our primary focus. We are working on expanding telework opportunities wherever feasible. We have designated all employees as disaster service workers allowing us to deploy them in different areas of the County. This will be helpful for all our hourly and temporary employees. In addition, all our County buildings are closed to the public and we have given guidance on social distancing and canceled most in person meetings.

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We have developed a teleconference line specific for labor to receive updates several times a week. The situation changes hourly, and we will keep you updated as to all changes. Our labor division will reach out and arrange for the teleconference meetings. In the meantime, please work with Tim Pescatello for any questions that arise.

Finally, with respect to our first responders, every effort is being made to secure personal protective equipment (PPE).

In the days ahead, we will be provided a dedicated web page where employees can get the latest information on how this crisis is affecting them and how we are working to address their questions and concerns.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the best interests of our valued employees as they confront this unprecedented challenge.

Sincerely,



KATHRYN BARGER

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