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Dear City Clerk:

Please read into public comment during the emergency meeting. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager,

I hope this email finds you well and in good spirits.

I'm writing on behalf of a coalition of community leaders from the San Gabriel Valley. This past weekend, in response to the growing concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, community organizers from the San Gabriel Valley joined a call to address the following question: **How do we protect our most vulnerable communities during the COVID-19 pandemic?**

The result is the *attached letter* with a list of recommendations from over 120 San Gabriel Valley community organizers and leaders. We hope this document is helpful as you take steps to address this crisis. We understand that these recommendations may have been addressed by Governor Gavin Newsom within the last 24 hours, and look to our cities for updates on how these policies will be implemented with fidelity.

Thank you for all of your continued efforts to keep our communities healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

In solidarity,
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Updated: March 16, 2020

Dear Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager,

As leaders in the San Gabriel Valley, we are committed to ensuring equitable outcomes for the most vulnerable members of our community during this unprecedented crisis.

We appreciate the brave leadership of local leaders who have made efforts to postpone or cancel public events, close public facilities, and support the closure of schools. We recognize the myriad of challenges facing our elected officials at this time.

Local governments in partnership with state and federal government and other stakeholders can reduce risk and harm during a natural disaster as is the current COVID-19 pandemic. Public health literature identifies disproportionate consequences to vulnerable subpopulations including women and children, workers, and immigrants/migrants.

We recommend the following in order to support our most vulnerable communities in the San Gabriel Valley:

- **Secure and Safe Housing:** Halt all evictions and ban utility shutoffs for all residents impacted by COVID-19. Distribute rental assistance and prohibit rent increases for impacted residents.
- **Equitable Economic Relief:** Provide financial relief for mom-and-pop businesses. Expand paid leave for all school, municipal and state employees impacted by COVID-19. Ensure equitable distribution of state and federal relief monies. Distribute information to ensure all residents have access to state unemployment resources.
- **Compassionate, Centralized Social Services:** Disperse list of local providers offering meal services and identify locations for emergency childcare. Ensure technology needs for low-income students are met through partnerships with community-based organizations.
- **Outreach and Education:** Be accessible as local leaders to provide COVID-19 fact-based and community-appropriate messaging. Wellness check-ins over the phone or in-person for isolated, vulnerable seniors. Utilize existing partnerships to reach residents where they are. Combat health misinformation by providing facts, protocol and guidelines in various languages and mediums to ensure access for those who lack technology.

Low-income residents of the San Gabriel Valley should not live in fear of losing their homes, their jobs, or their loved ones. We know that if we come together as a community to protect and uplift our most vulnerable, we will meet the end of this crisis faster and stronger than before.

We understand that you have paramount tasks ahead as you execute and enforce state orders and act on rapidly changing information. We look forward to partnering and supporting you as you take on these endeavors.

In Solidarity,

Community Leaders of the San Gabriel Valley

Addendum

Signatories' responses to: What additional needs do you see in the communities that you serve that are not listed above?

Food and Supply Insecurities:

- I would like to see better collaboration between State and Federal officials supporting local efforts to address food insecurities by providing more opportunities and controlling barriers.
- Help for disabled folks or people who have trouble accessing supplies especially with the stores being empty
- Ensure vulnerable individuals have access to proper nutrition through free access to transit or delivery to get essential needs, stores rationing/limiting the basic necessities for each customer, senior food delivery, pharmacy pick ups and allocating specific shopping hours for only seniors and those with special needs.

Housing:

- Immediate moratorium on rent payments and mortgage payments. Relief for housing costs.
- Lack of affordable housing ordinance in Alhambra and allowing developers to get rich
- Allow free street parking while individuals are self-isolating during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Shelter for our homeless families

Medical Services:

- Ensure medical professionals have enough resources to offer diligent and free COVID-19 testing whether residents have symptoms or not in order to stay ahead of the capability to provide care.
- Access to mental health resources within the community such as one on one counseling and/or group therapy services (over the phone or through video) to help members of the community impacted by COVID-19.
- Home caregivers are still going to work every day because their households didn't receive any instructions from the government about the coronavirus. These are low income workers who rely on high risk public transportation to go to work and their jobs to make ends meet.

Other:

- Locally controlled funding and infrastructure should be reserved from all non-critical projects and made available for needs during this unprecedented crisis. All public meetings (e.g., city council and commission meetings) should be cancelled until the CDC lifts its current guidance.
- We need SGV school superintendents to declare a closure of all schools. Most teachers have children of their own to care for. They also need to guarantee payment of wages to faculty and staff.
- AYC is able to provide emergency food by appointment - please call 626-537-0954 and we are looking into how to safely provide emergency child care, safe technology access, and meet other basic needs for low-income youth and families. Funding to support these services would be very, very helpful!
- Currently local park restrooms lack hand soap and/or sanitizers. This needs to change.
- I serve the reentry population, during these hard times we want to make sure that staff at the transition housing are taking proper steps to make sure that people under their care have all the basic necessities- access to health care services (mental and physical), food, clothing, hygienes, resources, and whatever else deem necessary to ensure that they are treated humanely. Resources should also be available for all returning citizens in our community.
- We must provide paid holiday leave and hazard pay for all those in the service industry, and other such industries, who are forced to work despite frequent contact with people and other risks.

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