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TO: Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board

FROM: Cherylynn Hoff, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON FY2019-20 RAPID RESPONSE/LAY OFF AVERSION FUNDS

This memorandum provides you with an update on the status of 2019-20 Rapid Response/Lay Off Aversion funds.

As background, last August we informed you that the State had reduced the County's Rapid Response/Layoff Aversion funding by approximately \$344,000 for FY 19-20. The Layoff Aversion program proactively provides targeted services to County businesses facing economic and market challenges. The Rapid Response program provides assistance to companies experiencing the negative effects of company closures and layoff events.

WDACS has been working on behalf of the WDB with the State to restore the funding that had been reduced. This update is to inform you that, effective February 3, 2020, the State has awarded the County funds that fully offset the previous reductions. WDACS will be fully restoring the \$344,000 in reductions to the providers of these services through June 30, 2020: \$113,000 to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) for the provision of Lay Off Aversion Services, and \$231,000 to the Southeast LA AJCC, Antelope Valley AJCC and Pomona Valley AJCC for the provision of Rapid Response Services.