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TO: Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board

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SUBJECT: **WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND  
OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) RAPID  
RESPONSE UPDATE: FY 2020-21,  
THROUGH 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

This is to provide you a summary overview of our Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response services through all four (4) quarters of FY 2020-21.

#### Rapid Response Overview

The Antelope Valley, Pomona Valley, and Southeast LA America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) serve as the Los Angeles County Local Workforce Development Area's (LDWA) Rapid Response teams that offer information on financial benefits, training, and re-employment services to layoff-impacted individuals and struggling businesses. From July 2020 through June 2021, the collective team reached 434 businesses and assisted 23,253 employees, helping individuals by connecting them with our AJCC system and other peripheral resources.

In terms of both number of businesses and affected workers, the Accommodation and Food Services industry was by far the most impacted. Over the fiscal year, the Rapid Response teams engaged with 117 businesses and 7,297 employees. The Manufacturing and Retail Trade industries were tied for second in number of companies, at 61, with 4,111 workers and 1,751 workers, respectively. The Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation industry was second in terms of number of affected employees, with

4,718 at 56 different locations. In January 2021, the team worked with The Bicycle Hotel & Casino in Bell Gardens, a company classified as an Accommodation and Food Services company, which laid off 1,500 employees; this was the company with the highest number of affected employees all year; the second highest was the L.A. Specialty Produce Company, in Santa Fe Springs, with 664 laid off workers.

The 1<sup>st</sup> District had the highest number of impacted businesses and affected employees with 151 companies and 8,827 workers. (Bell Gardens, the location of The Bicycle Hotel & Casino, is in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District.) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District had the second-most businesses (138) and the second-most affected employees (6,844), and the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District was in third for both categories as well, with 85 impacted businesses and 3,011 affected workers. While the 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District had more impacted businesses (35) than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District (25), more affected workers were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District (2,399) than in the 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District (2,172). It is important to note that the numbers do not encompass all Rapid Response efforts in the Los Angeles Basin, as the other six (6) workforce development boards also serve the businesses in their respective LWDAs through Rapid Response. WDACS and its Rapid Response teams constantly coordinate with each of the other WDBs to ensure a smooth process and mitigate confusion for the businesses.

A summary of numbers by Supervisorial District and Industry can be found in *Rapid Response Activity by Supervisorial District and Industry* (Attachment I), and a full listing of organizations served, their locations, and numbers of affected employees can be found in *Rapid Response Activity Detailed Listing* (Attachment II).

### **Next Steps**

An update on LA County's Rapid Response services will be provided to the WDB at the next quarterly meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Attachments:

Attachment I – *Rapid Response Activity by Supervisorial District and Industry*

Attachment II – *Rapid Response Activity Detailed Listing*