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March 31, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
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RE: Support for California's Nonprofits During the COVID-19 Crisis

Dear Governor Newsom and Legislative Leaders:

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting California, more than 950 nonprofit organizations recently signed the attached letter requesting your assistance. The nonprofit community serves as a critical partner to the State of California as it responds to this crisis. Our nonprofits perform a wide variety of services like supporting the public health sector, operating educational programs, and fulfilling a multitude of other community needs. In many cases, non-profits are the trusted messengers that serve the most vulnerable communities as they have incorporated cultural competencies and language access into many of their services.

The State cannot address all of the public's needs on its own and requires the collaboration of the nonprofit community. At this very moment, California's nonprofits are stepping up without hesitation to serve their communities, to protect public health, and to support their employees. State and local agencies rely heavily on nonprofits. In order to provide for these collaborations, nonprofits need our immediate assistance in contracting, budgeting, staffing and programming flexibility. The philanthropic sector has fully engaged in supporting these efforts, but the State needs to step in as a full partner. We urge you to work with the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits) and its members to respond to their requests for our assistance in supporting all Californians through taking the following actions:

- All California government agencies should continue to pay on contracts and grants with nonprofits if they are underperforming due to temporary closures and suspension or reduction of services associated with COVID-19. Some examples include senior meal sites that cannot accommodate as many guests, dental clinics that have closed, and services that are being curtailed for people with special needs.
- An expedited or automatic approval process for budget modifications should be instituted to allow nonprofits to move budget-line items associated with existing contracts to new COVID-19 related priorities, such as the cost of disinfecting facilities.

- New and immediate emergency funds should be made available to address increased COVID-19 related costs to nonprofits to support the uninterrupted delivery of essential services that affect public health such as: increased sanitation efforts, take-out meals for the homeless, and pre-packaged food at food banks.
- Programs aimed at assisting employers, tenants, utility rate-payers, etc. through the COVID-19 crisis should be equally available and beneficial to nonprofit and for-profit entities.
- State agencies should be allowed to waive certain certification procedures to let nonprofits provide COVID-19 related emergency and essential services as needed. Nonprofits affect the lives of all Californians every day.

In this time of crisis, we need the collaboration of the nonprofit community. Making these kinds of adjustments to standard practices would facilitate their full engagement with the Administration and Legislature to help all Californians work through the challenges we are facing together. We respectfully request that you work with the leaders of the nonprofit community to address their needs for collaboration, and ensure their ability to assist our collective response efforts. We stand ready to assist in this collaboration.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Respectfully,



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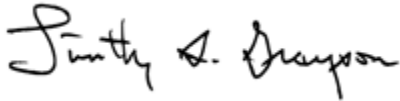
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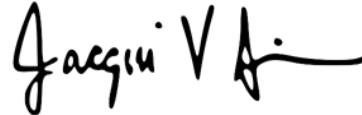
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