\*\*\*City Letterhead\*\*\*

DATE

Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA E-mail: ExternalAffairs@gov.ca.gov

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thanks you for your leadership and efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis. Cities remain on the front line helping residents stay safe and in their homes, delivering emergency services, and supporting local businesses and community organizations. However, as emergency costs continue to grow, city revenues to fund local services are plummeting. COVID-19 is having devastating impacts on city budgets and services statewide.

Based on the League of California Cities analysis, California cities are projecting a nearly

**$7 billion general revenue shortfall** over the next two fiscal years. This shortfall will grow by billions of dollars if stay-at-home orders to protect public health extend into the summer months and beyond.

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ projects that these shortfalls will impact our core city services, including [Customize: police, fire service, emergency management, and planning and housing, and a majority of the cities surveyed anticipate lay-offs or furloughs, which will further impact core city services for residents, as well as the employees.]

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has stepped up to protect and serve our community. [Add any city specific details here.] The necessary measures our city has taken are costly. In order to continue to be a full partner with the state in saving lives, protecting our communities, and ultimately recovering from this crisis, **we need your help.**

City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has joined the Support Local Recovery coalition and we are calling on you to immediately support the following actions:

* Provide **$7 billion in direct and flexible state funding** to support critical local services and allocate CARES Act funding for all cities for COVID-19-related expenditures.
* Advocate to secure **$500 billion in direct and flexible funding from the federal government** for all cities nationwide to support critical local services.

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appreciates your consideration of our requests and look forward to further discussing in the coming days how together we can continue to best protect Californians and reopen our economy. Thank you again for your leadership and partnership during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Your Senator

 Your Assembly Member

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