



Policy Task Force Collaborative Members

RE: Update on **Marin County Pandemic & Latinos Policy Task Force**

September 21, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you and your families are doing well as we remain under difficult conditions. In an effort to maintain our partners, supporters, and collaborators up to date on the progress of our **Pandemic Policy Task Force**, we're sending out this brief summary of recent activities. On Thursday, September 17, the three of us had the opportunity to meet with Assistant City Manager Christine Alilovich, Assistant County Administrator Angela Nicholson, Supervisor Rodoni and his Senior Aid Lorenzo Cordova. The meeting was focused on understanding the purpose of the **Pandemic Policy Task Force**, the outcomes for measuring success, policy approaches & strategies, evaluation & accountability, the role of City & County leadership & staff to support decision-making, and the composition of the **Task Force**. While we did not come to conclusions about these questions, the ambitious agenda provided the opportunity to highlight critical first steps including the composition and nature of the **Task Force**, agreement on framing the approach, and creating a nimble and effective **Task Force** team, authorized to take action and make expedited decisions on behalf of their agencies and entities.

We are very pleased to report that the City and County leadership on the call were all exceptionally supportive and enthusiastic about the potential for deep impact on immediate outcomes as well as short, middle, and long-term planning for housing & economic stability, as well as a broader capacity building for resiliency. In fact, there was a clear commitment regarding the urgency surrounding these efforts and the need to move quickly to identify opportunities, needs, partnerships, operational structures, and next steps.

In response to the urgency, we decided to meet weekly for the coming weeks in order to quickly, effectively, and efficiently launch the efforts. We agreed that this collaboration required deep trust among partners such that if not all the leadership can attend a meeting, that the rest of the team can continue to move forward with the work. We think this is an important agreement to insure continuous advancement for the various tasks.

The group also agreed to focus our efforts on the approach and goals we outlined in our recent letter, where we identify actions under each of the three priority areas of **health, housing, and local business** support. A team of three staff members, each representing the City, the County, or the non-profit/business perspectives, will take the lead in operationalizing the vision we proposed; managing the tasks, timelines, action items, and meetings. The staff member for our non-profit and local business sectors is Ricardo G. Huerta Niño, who has been providing consulting services on a range of priority issues and opportunities. Lorenzo Cordova will represent the County, and Catherine Quffa, the City's Assistant Library and Recreation Director, will be the staff member for the City. We will continue to provide you with updates but reach out to us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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