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Fairplex Sheraton – Necessary Asset for COVID-19 Pandemic

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to express my support regarding Los Angeles County's short-term lease of the Fairplex Sheraton to respond to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic.

COVID-19 has changed life as we know it. Using the Pomona Fairplex as a quarantine site will help us return to our lives safely and in a timelier fashion.

UFCW Local 1428 represents workers in supermarkets and drug stores in the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding areas. Our union strongly believes in building better and stronger communities, and we believe using the Fairplex in this way will help our communities tackle the many challenges resulting from COVID-19.

By providing accommodations to our friends, families, and neighbors, the Fairplex will be a safe space to isolate and heal. This is a temporary but critical piece needed to help flatten the curve of COVID-19. We need more places for people to recover from this terrible virus, and do so safely. Los Angeles County's proposal to use the Fairplex will provide exactly that by offering the Sheraton Hotel – 244 rooms – to serve those who are ill or have been in contact with someone who has become ill.

This will also provide relief to our first responders. The Fairplex Child Development Center will open its doors to children of first responders. This includes law enforcement and health care workers – those on the front lines to protect our families.

Additionally, as a labor union, we care deeply about the economic impact COVID-19 is having on families. By keeping the Fairplex open, tax revenues will continue to come into our cities and communities, allowing an easier return to normal life once these days are behind us.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical asset. I also want to acknowledge Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and the entire Board of Supervisors, along with the Fairplex leadership, for moving swiftly.

Please contact me at MarkRamos1428@msn.com or (909) 626-2222 ext. 246 if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Ramos'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Ramos
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