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Fairplex Sheraton – Necessary Asset for COVID-19 Pandemic

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to express support of the Los Angeles County's short-term lease of the Fairplex Sheraton as a response to the COVID-19 (or Novel Coronavirus) pandemic. COVID-19 has changed life as we know it and with the use of the Pomona Fairplex as a quarantine site, we will be able to return to our lives safely and in a timelier fashion.

With a strong belief that *Together We are Stronger*, the NAACP, Pomona Valley Branch has partnered with Pomona and its surrounding communities to advocate for and support the wellbeing of all community members. We know that our community will meet this moment through this opportunity to use the Fairplex to tackle 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, as more places are needed for people to recover from this terrible virus, and to do so safely. Los Angeles County's proposal to use the Fairplex is going to provide exactly that, by offering the Sheraton Hotel and its 244 rooms to serve those who are ill or have been in contact with someone who has become ill. This is a temporary but critical piece needed to help flatten the curve of COVID-19.

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

The NAACP Pomona Valley cares deeply about the economic impact COVID-19 is having on families. By keeping the Fairplex open, tax revenues will continue to be generated in 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 jrellisroyston1@verizon.net or (909) 620-0433 if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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