



# CITY OF OCEANSIDE

July 23, 2020

The Honorable Mike Levin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1626 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

## **RE: DIRECT AID FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN COVID STIMULUS PACKAGE**

Dear Representative Levin, Senator Feinstein, and Senator Harris:

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing to express support for direct local government assistance as we continue to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. More robust and direct stimulus is needed for local governments to both rebuild the economy and maintain essential services in housing, emergency operations, public safety and more. The lack of direct local government assistance may force drastic cuts that will delay the provision of government services, cancel infrastructure projects, force layoffs, and more.

As a provider of police, fire, and water in the City of Oceanside, proportional access to direct federal relief resources would help our City confront COVID-19 and overcome related unbudgeted safety-related expenses and revenue losses. Access to capital as our state and nation struggle with an economic downturn and unprecedented unemployment situation will be key for continuing operations unhindered, restoring our local economy, and preparing for the next inevitable disaster.

Oceanside is facing significant challenges in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and our resources are becoming more constrained by the day. The City is simultaneously dealing with a disastrous pandemic impacting our residents in addition to dealing with a budget revenue shortfall affecting our City workforce and services. As you consider an additional Coronavirus Relief package, we urge you to continue to support efforts to ensure the safety of our residents.

Thank you for your important work and leadership during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss  
MAYOR