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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 28, 2020

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
California State Senate, 19th Senate District
State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
The Honorable Monique Limon

California State Assembly, 37th Assembly
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State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jordan Cunningham
California State Assembly, 35th Assembly District
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: County of Santa Barbara – State Budget Priorities

Dear Delegation:

As we enter the final weeks of the State Budget deliberations after the May Revise, we wanted to remind you of the most important budget issues for the Santa Barbara County post the May Revise.

1. *CARES Act Funding* - Protect the Governor's proposal to distribute CARES Funding to Counties with populations fewer than 500 thousand. We are concerned about any attempts to change the current distribution, in which the County of Santa Barbara receives \$45.7 million.
2. *Realignment backfill* - In the current year alone, combined 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment revenues will fall \$1.7 billion short of achieving the base funding level. A portion of the sales tax directly funds critical state services under the 1991 and 2011 realignment structures, including public health, behavioral health, a number of human services programs, and public safety. Delaying the receipt of revenue into the next fiscal year will have dramatic impacts on realignment allocations among counties and between critical programs that could permanently complicate counties' ability to deliver services in both the budget year and future years. We need your help in backfilling this realignment revenue loss, which would mean \$11.5 million to the County.
3. *340B Withdrawal* - The Governor's May Revise cuts back funding for the 340B clinics that was agreed to in the January State Budget. We urge you to restore this funding which means \$4.7 million to the County.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Nancy Anderson at 805-568-3403 or NAnderson@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



Cliff Berg

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