



April 13, 2020

Ms. Alison Lehman, CEO
County of Nevada
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: SR 20-1986 Resolution authorizing \$100,000 to establish a Nevada County Relief Fund

Dear Ms. Lehman,

On behalf of the Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Grass Valley Downtown Association it is our pleasure to write a letter in support of SR10-1986 authorizing \$100,000.00 to establish the Nevada County Relief Fund.

Our organizations are on the front lines of the small business community, interacting daily with our memberships, fielding calls and emails inquiring how to survive the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. The Federal funding programs through the SBA (Paycheck Protection and Economic Injury Disaster Loans) are available to many, but not to all. Those who have applied for funding have acknowledgement of application, but no idea if they've qualified or the timeline for funding. Those who are not eligible don't know where to turn.

Frustration is rampant, and the fear factor enormous. Being hit with this shutdown after our small businesses were beginning to recover from the losses of the PSPS shutdowns has been devastating. Fear that they will perish before loan funding is granted is a reality. Businesses need funding now.

What gives us hope is the County of Nevada's effort to establish a Disaster Relief Fund that will grant micro loans to small businesses and nonprofits. We are very much in favor of the creation of one central fund to which the community may donate with confidence that those donations will directly benefit small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the disaster.

The objective is economic resiliency. We believe that the resolution creating the Nevada County Disaster Relief Fund will be met with favor by the community, and our small towns with big hearts will meet the fund-raising challenge and support the community through the Nevada County Disaster Relief Fund.

Sincerely,

Joy Porter, Chair of the Board
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