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SUPERVISORS CALL FOR \$30 MILLION IN STIMULUS GRANTS FOR SAN DIEGO SMALL BUSINESSES

Bi-Partisan Team of Lawson-Remer & Anderson Lead Effort

(SAN DIEGO) – Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer and Joel Anderson held a press conference today calling for the County to be prepared to implement \$30 million in support for small business stimulus relief as soon as federal or state stimulus dollars are received.

"While Supervisor Lawson-Remer and I have different political philosophies and represent vastly different districts, we share the common goal of helping the tens of thousands of our fellow residents that are hurting," said Supervisor Anderson. "Business owners are struggling to keep their doors open and their employees working. While this \$30 million stimulus won't solve all the problems, this is another step towards a better future, and I am committed to working together for common solutions that lift everyone in our community."

"Our message to San Diego County's small businesses is clear: we hear you, we're with you, and more help is on the way," said Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer. "COVID is still spreading and small businesses are still struggling, so the County must take action to continue helping."

Joining Supervisors Lawson-Remer and Anderson were Joe Paraiso, owner of Brew Coffee Sport in La Mesa, as well as Fernando Hoyos, owner of Club Pilates in Poway. Both hardworking business owners outlined how COVID has adversely affected their business and

expressed their support for the Supervisors' efforts to have additional stimulus grants available for San Diego's qualified businesses.

"We're thankful that there are people in our local government that are doing their best to help us, and we are truly appreciative," said Mr. Paraiso. "Any help we can get would definitely allow us to stay in business."

The bipartisan effort to further support the region's economy is dependent upon Congress passing a federal stimulus package, as well as the Board approving a joint Board Letter being offered by Supervisors Lawson-Remer and Anderson tomorrow to prepare for the federal support. A copy of the proposed joint Board Letter can be viewed here: https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e80c9d590

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