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## **HEART Plan Delivers Lifeline to Orange County Businesses and Residents Using \$101 Million in CARES Act Funding**

*Vice Chairman Do and Supervisor Bartlett's Proposal Would Reinvigorate Orange County*

Today, Orange County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Andrew Do, First District, and Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, released their \$101 million HEART Plan to deliver a much-needed boost to Orange County small businesses, community service programs, and residents. The Plan supports Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee's suggestion at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting, that the Board consider a plan which allows for the equal distribution of funds amongst the five supervisorial districts.

The HEART Plan is consistent with the CARES Act and federal guidance. It provides a comprehensive and responsible approach to meet the most urgent needs facing Orange County.

- Help for small businesses that currently remain closed
- Expenditures to support communities affected by COVID-19
- Assistance to nonprofits providing direct services to Orange County residents
- Reimbursement to Orange County cities for direct COVID-19 expenses
- Temporary food assistance for vulnerable and at-risk populations

The primary purpose of CARES Act funding is to meet the core public health and safety challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Vice Chairman Do and Supervisor Bartlett strongly support the County Executive Officer's analysis that \$453 million of the \$554 million of CARES Act funding allocated to Orange County is needed for vital COVID-19 response functions.

Vice Chairman Do and Supervisor Bartlett are proposing the HEART Plan to dedicate the remaining \$101 million of CARES Act funds toward economic support services. The HEART Plan takes into account County obligations to provide an effective public health and safety response, the potential for additional funding coming to municipalities under the HEROES Act, and the State's May Budget Revise.

The HEART Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 19th.

Orange County Vice Chairman [Andrew Do](#) represents the First District communities of Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Midway City. In his second term, Vice Chairman Do has reformed Orange County's mental health services, expanded access to health care, and led efforts to combat homelessness.

Supervisor [Lisa Bartlett](#) represents the Fifth District communities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, and Wagon Wheel. She is a strong supporter of projects she believes will improve economic development, property values, and overall quality of life. She currently serves as President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

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