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## RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Dear {{FirstName}},

As you know, these are difficult times. I hope that you and all the people you hold dear are doing well. I am amazed by how we as a community are finding ways to be together while apart, show up, and support each other as we all navigate the impacts of COVID-19: mutual aid groups, response funds, virtual hangouts, calling in on loved ones and community elders to name a few. We may be practicing physical distancing, but in some ways, we are less socially distant as a community.

**These are unprecedented times and our policy advocacy is more important than ever.** The challenges we are facing now are not new, but are amplified in this moment by the crisis. CPI is committed to figuring out how we can make life better for San Diegans not only in this moment, but also when things “go back to normal.”

**Together with our coalition partners, we are working to ensure that working people and those most vulnerable in our communities are protected and supported.** It is abundantly clear that our fights for living wages, affordable housing, access to healthcare, paid sick leave and good governance were and are the right fights to be in. We

are also thinking about how to hold virtual town halls and other spaces to protect grassroots democracy.

**Our lives depend on workers who are paid very low wages and are provided limited health and safety provisions.** During this public health crisis, it's even more crucial that our local and state government protect San Diego families. Working people make our lives, our cities, and our regions function, now and beyond this crisis. [Click here](#) for our policy recommendations for the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and State of California.

We will continue our fight for working families throughout the San Diego region, including those members of our community that are specially impacted by this emerging situation. Since March 13th, all of CPI's operations have been conducted remotely and online. Follow us [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay updated on the latest news and resources.

In these difficult times, we must remember that we are **one community** and together, we will get through this.

In Solidarity,



Kyra R. Greene, PhD  
Executive Director



**2020 CENSUS**

**“Participating in the Census is one of the easiest and most inclusive forms of civic engagement available to us. It sends that message that, ‘This is who I am; I am here and I matter.’”**



*Dr. Kyra R. Greene  
Executive Director*

CPI is a proud member of [Count Me 2020](#), a coalition of over 100 organizations doing outreach to ensure a complete and accurate 2020 Census count, especially the individuals considered “Hard-to-Count” in our region (San Diego and Imperial Counties). We get **one chance every ten years** to make a difference that can last a generation.

Census data is used to distribute over **\$1.5 TRILLION** annually, nationwide, for programs that support our communities.

**The Census can be completed from home online or by phone.** For more information about the 2020 Census, including resources in multiple languages, visit [www.CountMe2020.org](http://www.CountMe2020.org). Please make sure that you and all of your household is counted.

**BE COUNTED TODAY**

**NEW WEB REPORT**

**WE NEED YOUR VOICE!**

Join us at the County Evening Budget Hearing to demand that our Board of Supervisors **invest** in programs and services that support **healthier, sustainable and thriving** communities for all working families, especially Black, Brown, Indigenous and low-income families!

**Wednesday, August 12th @ 5:30 pm**



Annually, CPI releases a series of **Poverty, Income, and Earnings Reports** providing the latest data and insight on regional poverty, income, and earnings. These reports are used by advocates and policymakers to make informed, positive changes that improve the environmental, mental, and physical health of our community.

We would like to thank the **San Diego County Board of Supervisors** for supporting this year's report series. Our San Diego County report is now up on our website. Regional reports on the City of San Diego, North County, South County, and East County will be released soon.

[READ THE REPORT](#)

**VOTE**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made the difficult decision to cancel our Students for Economic Justice (SEJ) fellowship program this summer.**

While SEJ is an integral part of our organization and our mission, the safety of our community during these unprecedented times are our top priority. We will prevail through this together, and when we do, we look forward to offering our SEJ program again. We thank you for your support and understanding.

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