



## LICI—Américas responds to COVID-19

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Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,

LICI-Américas hopes you and your loved ones are healthy and well. Like everyone else, we are closely following the news about COVID-19 and its progression throughout the US and the world. This pandemic hits close to home for all of us as we face unprecedented challenges for our work and our day-to-day lives.

Our commitment to our diverse communities across the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America remains as strong as ever, knowing how deeply the current pandemic affects our communities across borders. We acknowledge the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic and applaud governmental and volunteer efforts to protect our individual and public health, including directives such as stay-at-home orders. The very fabric of our lives and routines has been forever altered changing where we may work, our expectations of government authorities, and how we conduct ourselves on a daily basis.

A number of us are staying in our homes to avoid congregating with others and taking extra precautionary cleaning measures, following the governmental guidelines for remaining healthy distances from others. At the same time, we acknowledge that many among us are conducting essential work outside of our homes. In particular, those health care professionals attending those who are ill are an inspiration to the rest of us, as are farmworkers and construction workers as well as those restaurant owners and workers providing to-go and delivery sustenance. We are also mindful that the US Latino community may be the most exposed to the negative economic effects of the pandemic. For many of those who have now lost their jobs,

LICI-Américas pledges to do everything we can to provide information and take helpful actions to identify prospective employment opportunities and appropriate needs based services.

Despite being a relatively modest sized nonprofit, the Board of Directors and team at LICI-Américas remain committed to serve Latin American and Caribbean communities in the United States and the other 34 nations of the Américas. Our soon to be launched website and Facebook page will provide useful information for addressing the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and staking out a more economically secure future.

We hope you will join us as we continue to work in collaboration and partnership with other organizations in virtual events, forums and webinars across international borders, and, in the future, in-person group events as circumstances permit.

We wish strength and health for you, your familia, and your circle of friends.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrés E. Jiménez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' at the end.

Andrés E. Jiménez Montoya, President and CEO  
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