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**Comments** Thank you for providing a small measure of relief to your residents and businesses by rebating Underground Utility Taxes paid for the past two years. This is a step in the right direction.

I will reiterate the concerns perviously expressed that, absent meaningful financial support from the City of Pasadena many of the local small businesses you are assisting with this modest financial contribution will not be able to reopen once the COVID-19 crisis passes.

While furloughed and laid-off workers can collect enhanced unemployment benefits, their employers may not be able to access Federal support soon enough to prevent permanent closure. Your assistance is needed now.

Please consider the financial support we have requested for the past few weeks and do your utmost to help your local small business community that may not be able to ever recover from the income losses sustained by closures. Also, consider the thousands of employees that earn a living working for, managing and owning these local small businesses. Those employment opportunities will not exist if the businesses that sustain those jobs cannot reopen once the Safer at Home orders, as necessary as they are, are rescinded.

Thank you,

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