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Dear Honorable Los Gatos Town Council Members.

Thank you for considering providing funding to service providers to use to help Los Gatos residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

At West Valley Community Services, we have seen an unprecedented increase in demand for food and rental assistance from clients throughout our service area - Los Gatos included. We have already seen an increase in layoffs and furloughs, which heavily impact low income households - and expect to see that continue for the foreseeable future. We have also seen both returning clients and new clients coming to us from the Town of Los Gatos for the first time as a result of COVID-19.

As a comparison - from July 2019-February 2020, 236 Town of Los Gatos residents received food assistance, and 21 Town of Los Gatos households received \$66,222 in emergency financial assistance.

Since the beginning of March, an additional 10 Town of Los Gatos households began receiving food assistance, and 7 Town of Los Gatos households received \$15,500 in emergency financial assistance.

Support from the Town of Los Gatos would enable West Valley Community Services to help even more Los Gatos residents struggling in the face of COVID-19.

With gratitude.

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