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este boletín en español? Haga clic aquí. Dear Neighbor, Last week was busy in Washington, with votes on critical legislation to protect our democracy and prevent police brutality. Senate Democrats just passed the American Rescue Plan, the COVID-19 relief bill proposed by President Biden. The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on the bill Tuesday so we can get it to the President's desk. The bill will extend unemployment at \$300 a week until early September, invest in more vaccines and distribution, help open schools, issue \$1,400 survival checks to those that qualify and more. This newsletter includes information about vaccine eligibility, a helpful list of vaccine sites in our district, and legislative updates from Washington, D.C. Coronavirus & Vaccine Updates Here in California, we continue to make progress in our fight against COVID-19. About 20 percent of people 16 and older have been vaccinated and hospitalizations continue to drop. We recently got more good news on the vaccine front! The new Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been approved by the FDA, and this week President Biden announced that we are on track to have enough vaccine doses for every adult in the country by the end of May. The Biden Administration also announced that free masks will be made available to community health centers and food pantries across the country beginning this month and into May. This means that our most vulnerable will have access to masks at no cost. Updated Vaccine Eligibility LA County hosted a very helpful virtual town hall this week. Watch here! Remember that even if you have received one or both doses of your vaccine, you should continue to keep physical distance, wear a mask, and wash your hands. Until enough people are vaccinated, everyone must continue to follow the CDC health guidelines. Everyone who is eligible for a vaccine should get their shot as soon as possible. Below is a list of those who are currently eligible for a vaccine in LA County, although supplies are limited and most appointments are first come, first served. As long as you either work or live in LA County, you are eligible to be vaccinated as long as you meet one or more of the following criteria for vaccination: Healthcare workers (including in-home health workers) Long-term care staff and residents Nursing home staff and residents Residents age 65+ Veterans age 55+ who are already receiving care from the VA, can be vaccinated at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS). Veterans can call the VAGLAHS COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Line at (310) 268-4900 to schedule a appointment. More information on their website. Government emergency response workers Food or agriculture workers Food services workers eligibility and vaccination information Grocery store workers eligibility and vaccination information, more here. Food manufacturing workers eligibility and vaccination information. Port workers eligibility and vaccination information. Farm workers

eligibility and vaccination information. Education and childcare workers Early Care and Education eligibility and vaccination information here. Public school districts staff eligibility and vaccination information. Independent school staff eligibility and vaccination information. Babysitters and private nannies are not included in this category Long Beach is currently also vaccinating the following groups. Long Beach residents can search for vaccines here. Healthcare Workers Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facility Residents and staff Age 65+ Government Emergency Response Workers Food or Agriculture Workers Education and Childcare Workers Starting March 8th (today), Long Beach residents with disabilities will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals with disabilities who meet the following criteria may show up at the Long Beach Convention Center between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., no appointment needed, to receive their vaccine. Documentation could include a placard, doctor's note or other appropriate information. Individuals must be able to prove that they live in Long Beach. Documentation could include a utility bill or driver's license with current address. NOTE: Pfizer is the only vaccine that is currently approved for use by young residents in eligible categories. Minors in eligible categories must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to be vaccinated. Vaccine appointments and distribution site list [Myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov), [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://vaccinate.lacounty.gov), and [VaxLB](https://vaxlb.com) (Long Beach residents only) are the major appointment hubs to look for and schedule appointments in LA County. Please check them frequently. People without internet can call to make vaccination appointments at (833) 540-0473. My team has been compiling a list of the vaccination sites in the 44th Congressional District. You can see the list [here](#). We may not have captured all of the available vaccination sites and will continue to update it regularly. Please call my office if you have any questions or if you are having trouble finding a site. Most of these have online appointments available on the Myturn and VaccinateLACounty websites, but you can also call the pharmacies to inquire about vaccine availability. Free and discounted transportation to vaccines Lynwood seniors enrolled in the Lynwood Taxi/Dial a Ride transportation program can get a FREE ride to this event. Just call the normal reservation number: (844) 873-0464, or sign up [here](#). The City of South Gate is offering free transportation to the COVID-19 vaccination site at the Los Angeles County Office of Education headquarters in Downey. Transportation is only available to residents 65 years and older who have an appointment. To book a ride, call (866) 612-1275 and provide client #12584. The City of Carson is offering half off taxi rides to all Carson residents traveling to and from vaccination appointments at pharmacies within the city. Carson residents can order a ride by calling (888) 711-8294. Better Access for Small Business Loans President Biden announced changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to promote equitable access to relief for small and minority-owned businesses: Instituted a 14-day exclusivity period, starting this last Wednesday (March 3), for businesses with fewer than 20 employees. Revised the PPP loan formula so it ensures non-traditional businesses, like sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed individuals are not left out. Sets aside \$1 billion for businesses located in low-income and moderate-income areas. Ensures that business owners who use an Independent Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to file their taxes are not excluded from qualifying for a PPP loan. Allows most formerly incarcerated business owners to be able to apply for PPP aid. Makes a change so that if you are delinquent on a federal loan, your business is no longer disqualified from

getting a PPP loan. Reach out to [lado@sba.gov](mailto:lado@sba.gov) or my office with questions

Updates from D.C. Important Votes Last year, Americans across the country spoke out and demanded action to address the crisis of systemic racism and police brutality. Last Wednesday, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to transform the culture of policing in America, reduce police violence and make policing more accountable and responsive to the needs of communities. Black and Latino communities should feel safe from those meant to protect us when we are walking down the street, at work, or at home. You also can share your thoughts on this bill and become a citizen co-sponsor here. The House also passed H.R. 1, the For the People Act, comprehensive democracy reform legislation that expands the right to vote, preserves the integrity of our elections, increases transparency and cracks down on the influence of lobbyists and Washington insiders, holds elected officials accountable, and ends the era of big, secret, special-interest money in our politics.

Legislative Updates On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee introduced the CLEAN Future Act, which sets the U.S. on a path to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and makes record investments in clean energy to transform different parts of our economy. I am proud that two of my bills, the Climate Smart Ports Act and the Energy Resilient Communities Act, are included in this legislation. You can read more about the CLEAN Future Act and my statement on it here. On Tuesday, I participated in a hearing in the Committee on Energy and Commerce on the issue of access to telehealth. I highlighted the need to expand access to this vital service especially for communities who have unreliable access to broadband. We must ensure telehealth is inclusive regardless of technology access. In Community, En Comunidad, Nanette Diaz Barragán

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