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SUBJECT: Agreement with San Rafael Chamber Educational Foundation

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Dear Board Members:

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RECOMMENDATION: Authorize County Administrator to execute an agreement with the San Rafael Chamber Educational Foundation, in the amount of \$50,000, to provide COVID-19 Disaster Relief funds for San Rafael small businesses.

SUMMARY: The Marin County Public Health Shelter-In-Place Order dated March 16, 2020 and the second Order dated March 31, 2020 have adversely effected businesses in San Rafael and throughout Marin County. The small business community has been impacted beyond its ability to respond and presents a challenge that the County alone will be unable to address. The economic impact of the current pandemic is likely to cause County sales tax and, potentially, property tax, revenues to fall significantly. This will limit the County's resources available to support the local business community as we focus on efforts to sustain core public health and safety functions.

To help bridge the gap until federal and state funding is available, the San Rafael Chamber Educational Foundation has proposed the establishment of the San Rafael Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund to aid San Rafael small business owners by providing qualified businesses with one-time grants in amounts up to \$5,000. County funds will match the \$50,000 that the City of San Rafael is contributing. Additional contributions are being sought to bring the fund up to \$175,000.

The San Rafael Chamber Educational Foundation will administer the fund and distribution will be to businesses that meet specific eligibility criteria. It is anticipated that other cities and towns in Marin can use this model to develop similar funding partnerships with their chambers of commerce to assist their local businesses in remaining solvent through these unprecedented times.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available in our current year budget for this purpose.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator