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County Executive Sam Page Asks Economic Development Partnership and Related Agencies to Help Businesses Hurt by Coronavirus

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (March 18, 2020) County Executive Dr. Sam Page on Wednesday asked the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and its related agencies to make it a priority to help businesses affected by coronavirus.

“As the economic development agencies in St. Louis County, I respectfully request that you prioritize any matter involving COVID-19’s impact on local businesses that may be presented to you,” County Executive Page said in a letter to Rodney Crim, CEO of the Partnership.

“I further request that you consider new and creative ways to use your resources, legal authorities, and personnel to mitigate the negative consequences to our local business community,” Page said.

The letter was sent to Crim as head of the Partnership and as a representative of the Certified Development Company, the Industrial Development Authority, the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, the Port Authority, STLventureWorks, the World Trade Center St. Louis, and other economic development efforts of St. Louis County.

On March 13, Page declared a State of Emergency relating to the presence and spread of COVID-19 in the St. Louis region.

“St. Louis County is doing what it can to limit the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible,” Page said. “Indeed, we are dedicating the maximum resources possible to help our residents through this crisis. Businesses of all sizes have been impacted negatively by COVID-19. I fear they will be impacted even more significantly in coming weeks,” Page said.

“This is a time of tremendous challenges. Together, we will overcome them.”

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