Community Partners, Friends, and Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic currently affecting all of us has caused the Office of Community Beautification to modify our services. As public servants, OCB wants to take every precaution possible to diminish the spread of the virus in Los Angeles. Our operations continue, and our staff can be contacted via email and phone, should you have any questions about our programs and services. We encourage everyone to be responsible during this crisis, by adhering to Mayor Eric Garcetti’s “Stay-at-home” Order, practicing social distancing, staying calm, informed and prepared. The health and safety of our community is our highest priority. Please see the below for specifics on OCB programs and services.

Sincerely,

PAUL RACS, DIRECTOR

Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification

**PUBLIC INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19**

Graffiti Removal Services

On March 20, 2020, the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti deemed that graffiti removal is an essential service, and authorized OCB contractors to continue to provide graffiti removal, Citywide. MyLA311 Hotline requests for graffiti removal can still be made, and in most cases, crews continue to expeditiously respond to the majority of incidents. Every contractor has been ordered to comply with proper sanitization, and social distancing measures at their various facilities, to lessen the spread of COVID-19. Even without the assistance of court service workers/volunteers, OCB graffiti removal crews continue to provide effective and efficient services to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Public Right-of-Way Cleanup

OCB contractors continue to provide this service, cleaning litter, weeds, trash, and debris from along the public right-of-way, as directed by OCB.

OCB Cleanups and Events

Until further notice, all community cleanup events have been postponed. In addition, the KEEP LOS ANGELES BEAUTIFUL Conference, originally scheduled for May, 2020, has been postponed until further notice.

OCB Warehouse

While all volunteer, community-based cleanups have been suspended, our warehouse remains open on Tuesdays, to provide assistance for graffiti abatement.

Adopt-a-Median Program

Project proposals are being accepted, and business is being conducted virtually. Adopt-a-Median project review timelines may be affected by staffing/workload issues brought about by the current COVID-19 situation. For further information, please contact Program Manager, Gerry Valido at (213) 820-4859 or (213) 761-3160.

Sidewalk Rebate Program

Sidewalk rebate requests are still being accepted, and all business is being conducted virtually. For further information on this program please contact the Program Manager, Ana Huizar at (213) 978-0224.