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April 28, 2020

Mr. Darrell Higueros
444 West Lake St, Suite 1940, Chicago, IL 60606

Mr. Ed Burns
30 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60606

Re: PPEs for Chicago's Disadvantage Communities

Dear Darrell and Ed,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor J.B. Pritzker recently issued an executive order that will require residents to wear face coverings or masks in public situations when individuals are unable to maintain a distance of six feet from others. This is in line with guidance that the Centers for Disease Control issued earlier this month. Many residents are already wearing face coverings on a regular basis using masks, scarves or other cloth material. However, there are residents who may not have the ability to obtain a face covering and/or are in particularly vulnerable communities.

This is why we greatly appreciate Next Generation, Inc. (NGI), SLG Innovation and Global Footprints for your generous donation of 30,000 surgical masks for disadvantaged Citizens of Chicago. It makes it even more special knowing that both of your businesses are minority owned and you personally know many of the challenges faced by our community.

I have spoken with Mayor Lightfoot on your contribution, and she passes on her personal thank you for being great Corporate Citizens. Once the world returns to normal, both the Mayor and I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in a more official capacity.

We understand that you are working with several larger corporations to provide additional donations. We genuinely appreciate your partnership with the City of Chicago and your leadership in this effort. Let me know how I can help.

Thank you again for your support during these unprecedented times!

Sincerely,

Gilbert Villegas
Alderman of the 36th Ward