

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 26, 2021

The Honorable Robert J. Fenton, Jr.  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C St. SW  
Washington DC 20024

Dear Administrator Fenton:

Thank you for your leadership to ensure a coordinated approach to using Defense Production Act authorities and assistance with vaccine distribution efforts through reimbursements for associated costs to our state and local governments. Ensuring equitable vaccine access to the vulnerable and underserved populations is a shared goal, which is why we are requesting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consider partnering with the City of Anaheim to establish a COVID-19 mass vaccination site in Anaheim.

Within the County of Orange, Anaheim has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, becoming a hot spot for the virus. Those living in the city's severely affected neighborhoods have found it difficult to access vaccines due to limited supplies, mobility issues, and other chronic barriers. Anaheim, the 10<sup>th</sup> most populous city in California, serves more than 350,000 residents, which have seen extremely high numbers of COVID-19 cases, and tragically deaths. Expanding access to vaccines in Anaheim, through FEMA's mass vaccination site's fair and inclusive distribution will aid in closing the inequitable vaccination gap.

Anaheim has the significant ability to host multiple mass vaccination sites utilizing their many large-scale venues throughout the city. The City has honored their partnership with the County of Orange by hosting the County's first large COVID-19 vaccination point of distribution (POD) for all Orange County residents at the Disneyland Resort on January 13, 2021. The second POD site at the Anaheim Convention Center is opening February 23, 2021, augmenting vaccinations currently provided through the Anaheim Super Pod at Disney Resort.

We thank Mayor Sidhu and Councilmember Valencia for their leadership and bringing forward good common-sense solutions for the residents of Anaheim. The city has been working diligently with community partners to provide testing, financial support, food resources, and additional aid to struggling residents and businesses. We urge you to establish a direct partnership with the City of Anaheim to establish a COVID-19 mass vaccination site in Anaheim.

Respectfully,



J. LUIS CORREA  
Member of Congress



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