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Lenny Mendonca, Director
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RE: Governor's Budget - Regions Rise Together

Dear Director Mendonca,

Our purpose for this letter is to acknowledge and thank this administration for their efforts to facilitate business expansion in the Inland Empire.

Governor Newsom's "Regions Rise Together" strategy includes a proposed budget allocation for four positions in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to be located throughout the State and provide a focus on bringing businesses and economic development to their respective regions. We are grateful and excited that the Inland Empire has been chosen as one of the regions that will be allocated one of the four representatives.

The City of Ontario stands ready to spearhead a much-needed economic development expansion in the Inland Empire, and we are prepared to welcome all new residents, businesses, and developers who desire to invest in our great community. We believe it is time for the rest of the State to see the potential our region has to offer and acknowledge that we can provide the same amenities to businesses and residents that any other part of the State can.

We would like to encourage both the State Senate and Assembly to work with Governor Newsom to ensure that this allocation remains on the final version of the budget. This investment will be the catalyst to revitalize several regions that are prepared provide communities a better quality of life through improved business attraction, retention and expansion.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Leon
Mayor

c: The Honorable Senator Connie M. Leyva
The Honorable Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez

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