

Domingo F. Vargas
City of Blue Island Mayor



July 16, 2020

RE: Cook County's Distribution of CARES Act Funding to Municipalities

Dear Cook County Board of Commissioners:

Suburban municipalities across Cook County have faced challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and even with those challenges, the City of Blue Island has remained steadfast and dedicated to the safety of our communities.

Though the pandemic response, the operations of the City of Blue Island did not cease or shutdown, our offices adapted to the challenges of serving our communities. In seeing the needs arise from our response, President Preckwinkle and her team put together a comprehensive and equitable process to distribute the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money to underlying municipalities from the federal government.

On behalf of the City of Blue Island, I would like to thank President Preckwinkle and Cook County government for their diligent work in establishing a funding formula to provide the municipalities most affected by COVID-19.

The City of Blue Island will receive \$698,816.33, which will allow for reimbursing any direct COVID related costs like PPE purchases and other operational initiatives to facilitate return to work arrangements in communities. It will be a great relief to our City and how we serve our residents.

We are thankful for the partnership with Cook County in fighting the impact of COVID-19 in our City.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Domingo F. Vargas".

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Mayor
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