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SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Update:  
FY 2021-22

This is to provide you a summary overview of our WIOA Rapid Response services through the entirety of FY 2021-22.

### **Rapid Response Overview**

The Antelope Valley, Pomona Valley, and Southeast LA America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) serve as the Los Angeles County Local Workforce Development Area's (LDWA) Rapid Response teams that offer information on financial benefits, training, and reemployment services to layoff-impacted individuals and struggling businesses. From July 2021 through June 2022, the collective team reached 237 businesses and assisted 8,818 employees, helping individuals by connecting them with our AJCC system. This represents a major decrease from the 434 businesses and 23,253 workers in the previous year.

In terms of number of employees affected, the Manufacturing industry was the most impacted, reaching 2,409 displaced workers, nearly double the employees of the next highest industry, Retail Trade (1,253). The Healthcare and Social Assistance industry was in third with 1,245 employees affected. In terms of number of businesses, however, the Retail Trade industry was at the top of the list, with 57 businesses reached, more than double the next-highest industry, Manufacturing, for which there were 25 businesses reached. In third was the Administrative and Support and West Management and Remediation industry with 23 businesses. Smithfield Foods, Inc., also known as Farmer John, was the most impacted company by far, with 1,500 affected employees (more than 1,000 more than the second-highest company, TEEMA in Pomona). Located in Vernon, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District, the business is classified under Manufacturing and worked with the Rapid Response team in June 2022.

The 1<sup>st</sup> District had both the highest number of impacted businesses and affected employees with 103 companies and 4,559 workers. The 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District had the second-most businesses (46) and the third-most affected employees (949). The 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District was third in terms of number of businesses (45) and second in terms of affected employees (2,489). The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial Districts were fourth, with 25, and fifth, with 18, respectively. The two (2) districts are switched in terms of number of employees, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District had 505 affected employees, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District had 316.

It is important to note that the numbers reflected in this report do not encompass all Rapid Response efforts in the Los Angeles Basin, as the other six (6) workforce development boards also serve the businesses in their respective LWDAs through Rapid Response. DEO and its Rapid Response teams constantly coordinate with each of the other WDBs to ensure a smooth process and mitigate confusion for the businesses.

A summary of numbers by Supervisorial District and Industry can be found in *Rapid Response Activity by Supervisorial District* (Attachment I), and a full listing of organizations served, their locations, and numbers of affected employees can be found in *Rapid Response Activity Detailed Listing* (Attachment II).

### **Next Steps**

An update on LA County's Rapid Response services will be provided to the WDB at the next quarterly meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Attachments:            Attachment I – *Rapid Response Activity by Supervisorial District*

                                 Attachment II – *Rapid Response Activity Detailed Listing*