Dear friends:

First let me begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated doctors, nurses, first responders, pharmacists, mail carriers, custodians, grocery clerks and all essential employees who have remained on the job and focused on keeping us safe during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

To all of you at home taking this seriously, practicing social distancing, wearing masks and following all other health-related orders your efforts are just as important and appreciated. Thank you for doing your part, you are helping to keep your families and loved ones safe as well as the greater community.

The fight against the COVID-19 is far from over but with persistence, perseverance and unity we will win the fight.

I, as well as my fellow Wayne County commissioners, have been working hard to ensure that the citizens and businesses of Wayne County are supported during these difficult times. As co-chair of the commission’s Emergency Funding for Small Businesses and Non-Profit Agencies Task Force, I am pleased to announce that we have expanded the county’s small business assistance programs by an additional $2 million, for a grand total of $14 million in low cost loans available through a partnership with TCF Bank.

I and my fellow commissioners are working hard to ensure that the citizens and businesses of Wayne County are receiving the support they need to make it through this. Together we will rise to the challenge.

Stay safe and be well,

Al Haidous
District 11
Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous was pleased to co-sponsor a recent resolution with Commission Chair Alisha Bell, calling for greater inspections of nursing homes in Wayne County, to better protect our most vulnerable residents.

With nursing home residents making up a significant number of Michigan’s COVID-19 patients and fatalities, the Wayne County Commission has called on the state to increase inspections of nursing homes and nursing care facilities.

“There has been a lack of inspections by state officials in the past and when COVID-19 hit, I heard of cases of negligence,” said Commissioner Haidous. “We need to do something so these facilities follow procedures and support the senior citizens who live there and lead healthy lives.”

Statistics compiled by the Wayne County Department of Health, Human & Veterans Services show that more than 10 percent of all county COVID-19 patients and 40 percent of all fatalities involved nursing home patients. (Excluding figures from Detroit.)

Because the state is responsible for licensing and regulation of nursing homes, the resolution strongly encourages the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems to increase inspections to ensure facilities in Wayne County are fully implementing all precautions necessary to protect patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also implores the Bureau of Community and Health Systems to conduct inspections unannounced, to ensure they provide a true representation of how facilities operate on a day-to-day basis.

A reminder to take part in 2020 Census

If you have yet to complete your 2020 Census form, please take the time do so. This information as is vitally important in determining everything from how much federal revenue Wayne County will receive to how county, state and U.S. Congressional districts are drawn.

You can respond to the Census form that came in the mail in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. In December, the Census Bureau is scheduled to deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

Please take time to respond to the census and make sure your friends and neighbors respond as well. The deadline to respond has been extended to Oct. 31 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information visit https://www.waynecounty.com and click on the Wayne United button.

Everyone counts!
Guidelines for re-opening businesses continue

While stay-in-place orders remain in effect throughout Michigan, staff members from the Wayne County Economic Development Department and Public Health Division are working on guidance agreement guidelines to protect staff and customers once businesses and government offices re-open.

Guidelines include:
• Remote work arrangements.
• Environmental cleaning and disinfection.
• Personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing for employees.
• Social distancing for customers.
• Employee screening procedures, including taking temperatures.
Questions or concerns? Commissioner Haidous is available to assist you

As always, I maintain an open door policy with constituents and this continues throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Constituents with concerns about County issues are encouraged to contact me:

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