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PRESS RELEASE: Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC), along with several other city organizations and departments, have joined forces to assist all businesses affected by COVID-19 in Brownsville, Texas.

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As of March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster in Texas due to COVID-19, and as a result has triggered several federal, state and local agencies to begin assisting businesses with vital resources intended to assist those affected by the disease.

As a result of ongoing developments, the BCIC has launched a new website, assist.brownsvilleedc.org, for businesses to register via email address or mobile number to receive resources immediately that can help alleviate the ongoing situations. The website also contains submittable forms where business owners or managers can submit important information to the BCIC regarding their ongoing state of operations. The data submitted by business owners in the community through this new website will help all organizations and departments of the city continue to develop new programs that will help absorb some of the impact that is expected by COVID-19. In addition, the site will continue to update throughout the upcoming days and weeks to ensure all guidelines on behalf of the Central of Disease Control (CDC) are available to the business community.

“Our community is built on the fabric of several businesses that have decided to locate in Brownsville, Texas. It is not only imperative that we do our very best to provide our local businesses with the needed resources to withstand such events but also continue to provide the best servant leadership and customer service they need to address the ongoing events” said, Josh Mejia, Executive Director of the BCIC. In addition, Josh Mejia mentioned, “I could not be more proud of the vigilance and teamwork shown by our organizations and departments in favor of helping businesses in the community. As we continue to work alongside each other for the community, we also must emphasize once again the importance of following CDC’s guidelines to avoid the possible spread of COVID-19.”

“The health and wellness of our citizens is of the utmost importance. In that same vein the health and wellness of our business community is equally important,” says Michael Limas, Chair of the Board of Directors. “BCIC is working diligently with our federal, state and local partners to maximize all opportunities available to assist businesses during these challenge times. We ask for your patience as we navigate effectively through a wide array of issues.”

The BCIC, alongside its partners, will continue to monitor developments to ensure our community is informed with news and updates. We look forward to the collaborative success we will achieve as a community, which has withstood much greater events in the past thanks to the unique resilience we hold as the largest city in the Rio Grande Valley.

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