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MEMORANDUM

- To: Vendors
- From: Derrick Surrette, Executive Director
- Date: July 31, 2020
 - Re: 2020 Annual Convention- MAS Membership Meeting Important Information!

Due to the increasing uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the MS Association of Supervisors (MAS) is transitioning its 2020 Annual Convention to a Membership Meeting and educational seminars. All convention activities not related to our business meeting and educational seminars have been removed from the agenda, including the Expo Show. We have reluctantly decided to not have exhibit booths or an exhibit hall at this year's meeting, due to the uncertainty of whether safe distancing can be maintained in an exhibit hall setting with vendor booths. Our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our attendees.

We are offering the option for anyone to receive a full refund on their registration if they cancel their registration prior to the date of the Membership Meeting for any reason. Please let Yamaiky Gamez (<u>ygamez@massup.org</u>) know immediately if you will not be attending and we will cancel your registration at no cost. Refunds will be processed after the MAS Membership Meeting August 10-12,2020. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and you are more than welcome to attend the Membership Meeting and educational seminars – we just will not have an exhibit hall with booths available this year. MAS Membership Meetings will be live streamed via Zoom.

As a reminder, If you are registered and do not feel comfortable, or are concerned about your health, or have been sick with fever, cough, sneezing, loss of taste or smell, or exposed to someone who has tested positive, or have any other concerns you should not attend the Membership Meeting or educational seminars.

Everyone attending the Membership Meeting and educational seminars will be required to sign a waiver and abide by various public health protection procedures, including social distancing and wearing a mask at all times. The mask requirement will be strictly enforced, and anyone not properly wearing a mask will be required to leave the premises. MAS will provide mask if you do not have one.

Again, you are vital to our organization and to Boards of Supervisors around the State. We did not make these changes lightly and apologize again for any inconvenience these changes will cause. We look forward to you joining us next year under hopefully normal circumstances! If you have any questions, please email Yamaiky Gamez at <u>ygamez@massup.org.</u>