



**CITY OF CARSON
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: ALL CITY OF CARSON EMPLOYEES AT HOME
SHARON LANDERS, CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
FROM: PREPAREDNESS
SUBJECT: UPDATE REGARDING THE END OF THE \$600 PER WEEK ENHANCED
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT
DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020

Dear Employee:

I hope you are doing well and know we miss having you here working productively for the residents of Carson. This unprecedented pandemic has continued for so much longer than was initially expected and the recent spike in COVID-19 cases has been very alarming.

We continue to post COVID-19 updates on the Human Resources page found on our City of Carson External Website homepage, under the Human Resources/COVID-19 Employee Information, Notices and Resources. For those of you who are sheltering at home, please ensure that you confirm your personal email address with Human Resources if you have not already done so. This will allow us to contact you more directly.

I felt that it was important that I update you on what is happening on the federal and state levels, which, depending upon the final resolution, may impact those of you who are currently receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits from the State Employment Development Department (EDD). The federal UI benefit of \$600 per week provided by the Cares Act ended as of July 31, 2020.

Congress continues to negotiate whether this will be reinstated in the next round of Cares Act funding. In the meantime, an Executive Order signed by the president extends the enhanced unemployment benefits, but at the reduced rate of \$400 per week. Under the new order, the federal government would cover \$300 in enhanced aid per person per week and states would be responsible for the remaining \$100.

On the State level, state lawmakers are considering creating the State's own \$600 weekly unemployment benefit for Californians if Congress does not reinstate the federal coronavirus benefit. We are following all of this closely and are hopeful that a favorable resolution will be reached in the next couple of weeks with an agreed upon enhanced unemployment benefit that is made retroactive.

For the moment, things will remain status quo in terms of what you will be receiving from the City. We will advise you of your options related to paycheck adjustments in the event that the ultimate resolution of this issue in Washington is not favorable. Please stay healthy and safe.

Sharon Landers
City Manager/Director of Emergency Preparedness