Highlights of SELA Survey

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SELA residents are following the crisis closely.
- 92% are following the crisis very or somewhat closely, those who were interviewed in Spanish more closely than those interviewed in English.
- 75% says that we need to do what we can to prevent spread even if economy remains shuttered.
- 82% believe that people in community are following stay at home orders.
- 33% of those ages 60 and older have not left home at all, and another 40 have left home only about once a week.

Economic impact is severe.
- 70% (25%) have lost their job (25%) or had their work hours cut (45%)
- 30% are having trouble with rent.
- 44% say SELA needs help with wages and income.
- Among those who applied for unemployment, 50% have not started receiving payments.

Cash reserves are extremely limited.
- 25% have less than $100 in emergency funds. (30% for those who have lost their job)
- 15% have more than $100 less than $500.
- Another 21% have more than $500 but less than $1000.
- Collectively, 51% have less than $1,000 on hand for emergencies (64% among those who have lost their job)
- 45% say no provision has been made to ease rental or mortgage payments, especially those who were interviewed in Spanish (55%).

Federal stimulus support has been inconsistent.
- 24% say they qualify but have not received any support.
- 11% say they qualify but have received only partial support.
- Only 1 in 3 residents (34%) say they qualify and have received full payment.

Economic aid seen as priority for all.
- 88% support relief fund for undocumented immigrants (this question was asked prior to the program launch, but given the extreme demand we have been seeing in the last week that applications for disaster relief have been open, it is a clear signal that there is a dire need within the community)

Many are still working outside the home.
- Only 40% working at home (51% of those interviewed in English, only 28% of those interviewed in Spanish)
- 41% continuing to work outside the home, including 22% of those 60 and older
- 14% have lost work-based health insurance.
- Of those who lost their jobs, most were in retail/sales or restaurant/food.
- Of those still going to work, main occupations are retail/sales, restaurant/food, janitorial/cleaning, all considered "essential" but also risky.
- 25% of people working do not feel safe in their workplace.

Working/School from home is challenging.
- 88% not receiving support/assistance for expenses.
- 27% say that they do not have enough computers.
- 27% say internet access is unreliable.
- 50% say it is difficult to help children out with their school work

SELA residents rate health care professionals as very trustworthy.
- Hospitals/health care facilities in SELA are rated very favorably.
- Local hospitals, doctors, and nurses are highly trusted.
- Yet 17% are relying on home remedies/self-care for medical needs.

Testing has been spotty.
- 15% have been tested
- 47% would like to be tested but have not been able to be tested.
- 36% do not want to be tested (50% of those interviewed in Spanish do not think it is necessary to be tested — we did not ask this in the survey but as we discussed on the call this may be driven by fear about potentially losing their job)

Residents consider racism against Latinos and immigrants to be a major (58%) or somewhat serious (27%) problem.)

Other topic areas in the survey:
- Census participation
- Trust ratings for elected officials, federal, state, local
- Are people engaging in civic activities, such as contacting elected officials?
- Types of media utilized by residents (e.g. print, TV, internet)
- Personal knowledge of people who have been infected or become ill
- Number of children and elderly in the household
- Modes of transportation
- Key issues in SELA during the crisis
- Role of nonprofits, community organizations, churches, schools in providing food and cash assistance
- Opinions on crisis aid for undocumented residents
- Party identification
- Evaluation of public services in the community