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Avon Lake’s Community Improvement Corporation pledges financial support to local restaurants and bars

Avon Lake, Ohio: On Sunday, March 15, Avon Lake’s Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) announced through its president, Janice Lapina, that their organization is committed to supporting local Avon Lake restaurants and bars ordered to close by the State of Ohio due to Coronavirus outbreak. The CIC makes their announcement the same day as the order in hopes that restaurants and bars in Avon Lake will take some degree of hope that there is support from their community. The members of the Avon Lake CIC are Janice Lapina, Joe Carson, Ross Vincent, Erin Rudy, and Steve Luca

The Avon Lake CIC, established in 2013, provides funding and advisory services to the citizens and businesses of Avon Lake, Ohio to advance and promote economic growth. The effort announced today, providing financial support to restaurants and bars closed due to Coronavirus, has not yet been finalized into a program. But the CIC sees the importance in announcing their commitment to these businesses now, in a moment when the business owners need reassurance the most. The CIC will be providing updates soon on the process for this program.

“This move from our CIC is extraordinary,” says Ted Esborn, Avon Lake’s Economic Development Director. “Seeing the frightening situation that these small businesses are in, Avon Lake’s CIC is shifting its full focus to this crisis, and at a time when those business owners can still take some hope in this news.”

Here is what the members of the Avon Lake CIC have to say about this decision:

Ross Vincent: "The Avon Lake CIC is a group of Avon Lake citizens who have come together to promote the growth of our local businesses and community. In these unprecedented times, we can think of no better way than this to use our resources to help our neighbors in need."

Janice Lapina: “It is unfortunate how COVID-19 is crippling the world. It’s important to take action and help each other out. Therefore, Avon Lake CIC has committed to assist our independent restaurant and bar owners during this time of uncertainty.”

Steve Luca: “The time for all of us – our great City, its individuals, businesses, faith based organizations and others – to act is now. The Avon Lake CIC is honored to provide support to our local business community during this moment of uncertainty and instability in our society. We only ask that others who may be in a position to help, please consider doing your part. “

Joe Carson: “During these very difficult and challenging times, we realize that our local restaurants and bars may suffer disproportionately and we want to be there to support them. We have funds available to provide grants to the owners to help offset loss in revenue. We need to come together as a community to help each other out.”

Erin Rudy: “This is an unprecedented situation but we are happy to do what we can to assist our local entrepreneurs. We are hopeful that this spirit of support will persist throughout the community during this challenging time. “