Dear Southbury Business Community:

The resilience of our community has been incredible. I have spoken to many of you, but I want to remind everyone that my office line is open and feel free to call me if you have questions about anything. I want to hear from you and understand your needs. My business cell is: 203-586-9782 or you may e-mail me at: EcoDevDirector@southbury-ct.gov.

UPCOMING:

 THURSDAY, April 9th – 1-2pm: Governor Lamont is hosting a statewide conference call for employers at 1 pm Thursday, featuring officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the departments of Economic and Community Development, Banking, and Insurance. Call: 888-456-0356; Passcode: 2802806#

Topics include:

- Federal Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Grants
- o Connecticut initiatives to assist businesses and residents
- Mortgage deferment and assistance
- Health insurance grace period
- THURSDAY, April 9th at 2:30 p.m. Danbury Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business update conference call on tax, insurance and employment areas impacted by COVID-19. Submit your questions in advance by 8:00 p.m. Wednesday night, April 8th to: pj@danburychamber.com. Register here.

4-8-2020 REPLAY of TODAY'S WEBINAR - Business During & After Covid-19: with David Salinas & Pete Sena of Digital Surgeons and District New Haven. Companies of all industries and sizes must think differently about business moving forward. Some things are expected to go back to the usual, while others will likely stay in the new normal.

David and Pete are the yin and yang of business and marketing strategy, Grit and Wit. Cofounders of Digital Surgeons, District New Haven, and more. They've worked with everyone from Lady Gaga and UTC. Click: HERE

4-7-2020 Webinar on "Accessing Stimulus Loans & Programs" with James Barger from KeyBank, Jeffrey Klaus from Webster Bank, and Brian Kerrigan from Whittlesey. Offered by: Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Recording of the presentation here.

Update on CT Recovery Bridge Loan Program – Click: HERE

Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers by CT DECD. Click: <u>HERE</u>

If you are a business or nonprofit extraordinarily impacted by this crisis, beyond what the CARES Act is able to handle, and feel that you may be eligible for FEMA assistance, please see the attached guide (excerpt) for information, and the application, and then use the contact information below:

From FEMA Region 1:

Send your agency's point of contact info to the following email address:

DEMHS.PA@ct.gov

Dana, Frank, or Mark will be one of the people from CT that receive the email and should be able to assist you further.

The POC should include:

Entity name

POC Name

POC Email

POC phone number

Entity address

These are state personnel that will be assisting with the FEMA relief for businesses.