



**A Message from our President,
Gail Pekelis,
Rehab Specialists**

This January and February 2021 have been busy working strategically to revitalize our Chamber Board in order to assist our Encino Chamber Business Community & Organizations to emerge from Covid 19 with strength and success.

Chamber members have received and continue to have access to all of the most recent available Small Business loan and grant information:

Starting at 6amT, Wednesday, Feb. 24, the U.S. Small Business Administration is launching a 14-day exclusive PPP loan application period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees.

This is part of the SBA's efforts to promote equitable relief for Mom-and Pop businesses during COVID-19. Link to **press release** –

<https://www.sba.gov/article/feb/22/SBA-prioritizes-small-businesses-paycheck-protection-program>

Please visit the Encino Chamber of Commerce website for additional

Business resources. If you do not find what you are looking for, please call our business office and we will make sure to track down the information and provide the assistance you need. That is why we are here – FOR YOU, FOR YOUR BUSINESS stability and success.

<https://encinochamber.org/>

I am thrilled to announce our first major Program of 2021. Our 2021 Virtual Installation Gala **#Encino Strong** *It takes a community!*

Will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021



Our Honoree's are Essential and Non-essential Community members who have worked tirelessly assisting our Encino community survive and tolerate this challenging time.

Dr. Moshe Arditi, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Pastor April Belt, New Friends Homeless Center

Lusy Gradzhyan, Lusy's Mediterranean Café

In addition we will Honor our Outgoing President, Susan Du Brin & 2020 Board of Directors.

Please Save the Date March 20 @ 6:00. It will be a momentous event, for sure!

The Chamber's committees continue to meet, plan and work with the community despite all of the limitations.

Disaster Prep continues to prepare our city for any future natural disasters by working with elected officials, community leaders, first responders and other organizations . Please join us so that you are part of this help for your home and work. Meet other business and community folks who are dedicated to helping Encino recover when a disaster strikes. Join our team of volunteers who will be ready to help in an emergency!

The next meeting is March 3 from 12:00 -1:00. Contact the Chamber business office (818) 789 - 4711 for a *zoom link or email* Linda@encinochamber.org

Health & Wellness: The next meeting will be March 4 from 12:00-1:00.

This is where you will find information, resources and programs:

Blood Drives C.P.R & First Aid classes

Free Health Screenings

Non-Profit Organizations Outreach & Fundraisers

Health Resources

Please continue to watch your emails, social media and our Chamber Website as we continue to roll out 2021 programs, events and committees for all of the Encino Chamber Businesses & organizations to join, connect, re-vitalize and find success.

Stay well, Stay connected,

Gail Pekelis

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