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MSBIA Members,

Hey everyone, hopefully, you and your families are doing well and are continuing to be healthy in this time of what I call Battleground Covid-19. As you know we have been operating remotely since March 18 as we have been under the same Safer at Home order from Governor DeSantis as you have. Being remote does not mean we have been inactive, on the contrary we have been remarkably busy advocating

on behalf of the building industry to be designated as an essential industry. Thanks to the herculean efforts of NAHB and our leaders in Washington they were able to get the Department of Homeland Security to label building as essential and our Governor and local elected officials have followed suit. I cannot thank our elected officials and their administrations enough for doing so.

So what have else we been doing for you? We have been working very closely with both Manatee and Sarasota County governments their economic development corporations, chambers of commerce and other business associations to deliver any and all business worthy information to you. This has been done thru the update of our website and all forms of social media. You may feel we have overshared, and for that I am sorry, but it is necessary in these unprecedented times.

In addition to our weekly Building Official Forum on Zoom, we have had U.S. Rep. Greg Steube, State Sen. Joe Gruters, Manatee Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Chairman of the Sarasota BOCC Mike Moran, Director of Governmental Affairs for Sarasota County Rob Lewis, FHBA Board President Michael Bourre and FHBA CEO Rusty Payton, NAHB First Vice Chair Chuck Fowke and NAHB Chief Economist Dr. Robert Dietz on these calls. These individuals are very informed and are able to pass along their knowledge, leadership and information during this crisis, which are only made available thru the critical work we do as your local BIA and through our federation which includes NAHB and FHBA. Look out for more informative and influential leaders as the weeks roll on.

We also know that this time can be financially straining on business budgets so your Board of Directors has authorized a 10% reduction in your dues beginning this May 2020 and running a full year until May 2021. Your Membership helps us to connect with what matters most, advocacy for your businesses.

What are you looking forward to the most when the state finally opens up for business to continue? I am looking forward to getting a haircut, going to church, eating out at my favorite restaurants, shooting sporting clays and spending quality time with extended family, and you.

Be safe and continue to do your part in flattening the curve, we will see you soon!

Jon Mast MPA – MSBIA

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