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SBA Disaster Loan Declaration Form

The Ohio Development Department is working directly with Governor DeWine's office to facilitate a disaster declaration form for businesses to be eligible for SBA Economic Disaster Injury loans.

To expedite this process, small business should complete the [Disaster Loan Declaration form](#). Once completed, please email the form to: james.laipply@development.ohio.gov.

Once that declaration is made and the SBA has confirmed it, the agency will be able to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million per small business to assist with economic recovery.

The form can be found online at <https://ohiombe.com/archives/14448>

SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations in designated areas of a state or territory to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made for designated areas within a state, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to all affected communities as well as updated on our website: SBA.gov/disaster.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

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is to
challenge
government**

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- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Visit SBA.gov/disaster for more information.

What is Social Distancing?

Social distancing should be practiced by everyone, whether or not exposed to the virus.

This broad set of measures includes avoiding hand shakes, crowds, staying at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from people, and, most importantly, staying at home if you feel sick.

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Source: www.npr.org



publisher's thoughts

Celebrating Women's History Month

By Ronda Watson Barber
Publisher

OhioMBE and OhioFBE are celebrating fabulous Black Women who are making a difference during Women's History Month. We salute these Queens who do the damn thing!


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Just my thoughts...rwb

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Celebrating Women's History Month
BLACK EXCELLENCE

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guest column

Let's talk about the March 17th primary election!

By Emilia Sykes
Ohio Minority Leader



Emilia Sykes

First thing first. The election was not delayed. A court did not order it and the legislature did not change it. As such the election date has not changed from March 17th. There's more on that.

Dr. Acton, did not change or delay the election with her order. Her authority through the order closed down the locations where voting was

to occur. While in practical application it appeared to change the election, because people couldn't vote in person, However her order DID NOT and could change or delay the election date. Just the ability to access the physical building where election activities would have been held. She did not overstep her authority. Stop yelling at her. She's a hero.

The Secretary of State does not have the authority to change or delay the election. Period. He does not have the authority to extend absentee voting. Period. There is no election on June 2nd. There could be one on that date but it has not been set by the legislature or a court.

Ohio's primary election was March 17th. It came and went. And as a republican House member argued it should have been yesterday in court. That's arguable for sure.

FORTUNATELY the Ohio Democratic Party filed a lawsuit yesterday to preserve the right to vote beyond March 17th. This was a good move. Not a partisan move. And it may preserve the right for people to vote who had not already voted early. I hope their lawsuit prevails. Thank you ODP.

So what's next?

Let's hope the lawsuit filed by ODP prevails. If it does, people who haven't voted will be able to do so safely, by mail. Details to be figured out.

The Legislature needs to get its act together. This could have been fixed by calling us back into session. It was not politically expedient, so it didn't happen. Do not give praise for the fact we are coming back next week. Its not deserved. Save that praise for Dr. Acton. She's the real MVP. I'll come back to that.

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Questions to ask those seeking elected office

1. What have you done for Black-owned & minority businesses during your career?
2. What do you promise to do for Black-owned & minority businesses if elected?
3. What Black-owned & minority business do you regularly purchase products or services from?
4. Why should Black-owned & minority business owners vote for you?
5. How important is Black-owned & minority business development to the overall Ohio economy?
6. Are minority business set-asides and goals in city/county/state government still important and why?
7. What can the city/county/state do to improve its purchasing with minority businesses?
8. What should minority owned businesses do to get city/county/state contracts?
9. Is there anything else, aside from contracting that the city/county/state can do to assist MBE's?
10. Who are the major contributors to your campaign?



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The legislature is a co-equal bench of government that should be supporting the Governor and the administration ease the blow from the coronavirus. If we aren't cranking out a bailout or economic support and more for Ohioans you should start yelling. Loudly. Very loudly.

Finally, Dr. Acton is incredible and I'm proud she is leading the public health charge here. Public health is everywhere.



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- Demolition and Asbestos Abatement. Contact Mike Farrenkopf (614- 679-5873 or mifarrenkopf@columbus.gov) or Seth Brehm (614-645-5659 or swhbrehm@columbus.gov).
- Property Maintenance and Miscellaneous Services in November 2019. Contact Audrea Hickman (614-645-8907 or aehickman@columbus.gov)
- Construction trades including: General Construction, Home Improvement, Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing. Contact Tim Tilton (614- 724-3009 or twilton@columbus.gov).
- Lead abatement. Contact Erica Hudson (614- 645-6739 or ejhudson@columbus.gov).

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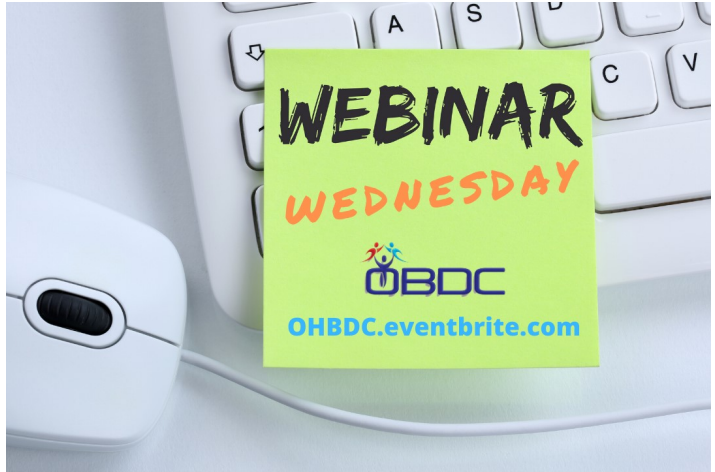
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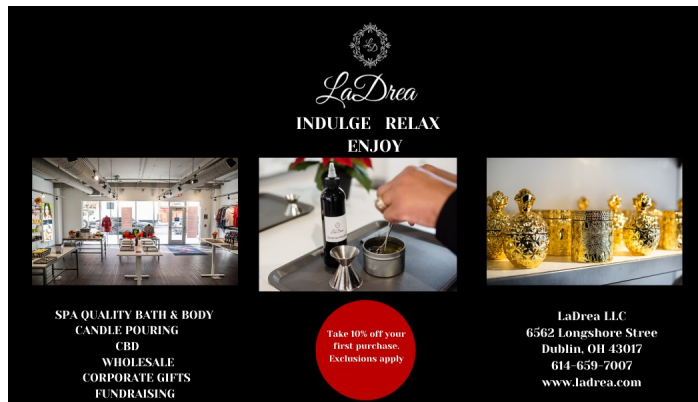
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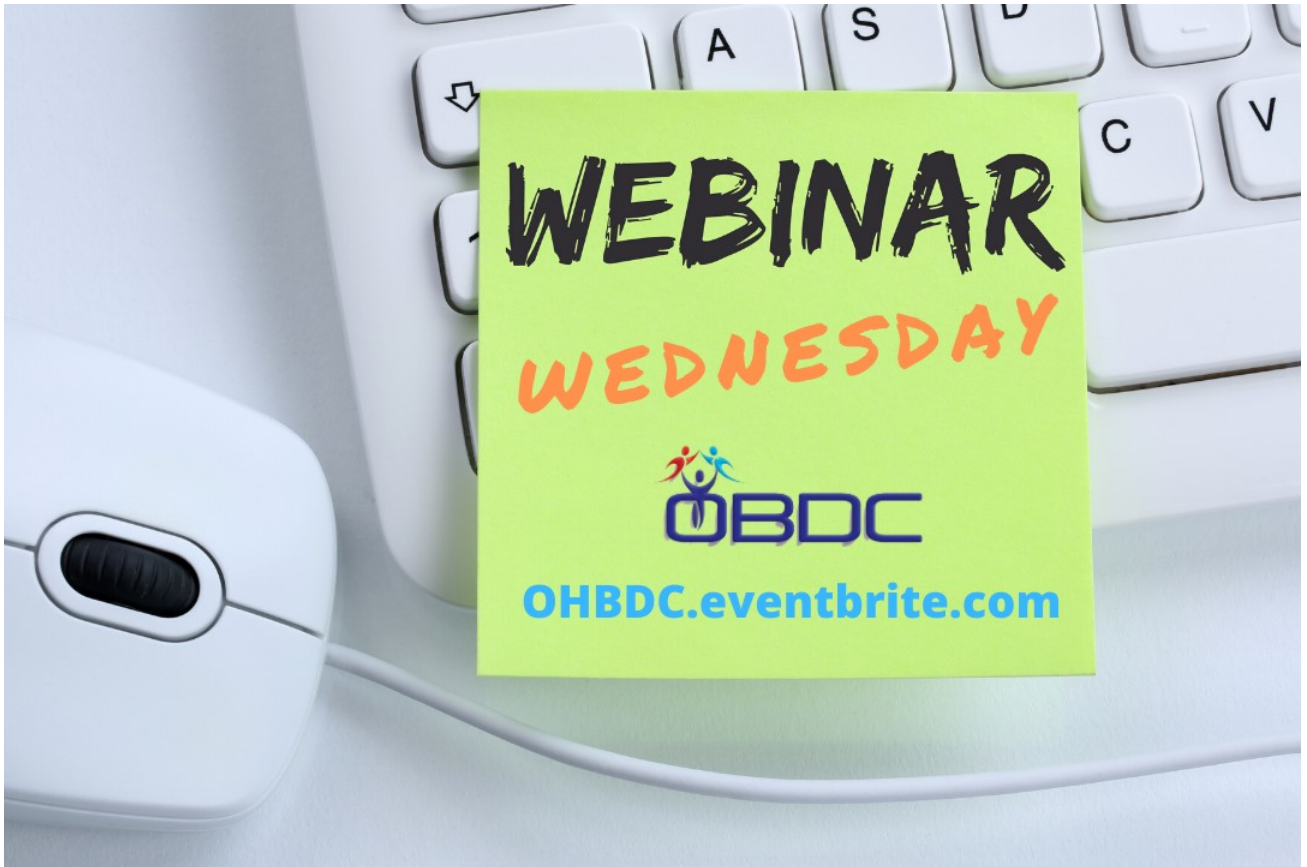


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