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Dear Organizations,

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly changed our lives, and it is unclear when we can return to a semblance of "normal" again.

It is within this context that I share with you our heartfelt regret that the South Bay Youth Basketball League Board of Directors is canceling the upcoming 2020 season.

You may feel that making this determination four months before the first game is early, but the planning to produce a ten-week league with 18 divisions for 170 teams and 1600 families is a year-round endeavor. Typically, by now, SBYB would already have reserved the gyms, and we would be one month into the registration process.

However, unfortunately because of the "safer at home" directive issued by Governor Newsom and LA County officials, we are unable to secure gyms and make plans for our fall league.

Please know what an immensely difficult decision this was for our board. This community league is often the foundation for lifelong relationships between kids, parents, families, coaches, players, referees, scorekeepers, mentors and proteges. Of the 12 board members, only two of us still have children in the league; the rest of us continue to volunteer because SBYB is such an important part of our larger community, we want to make sure it is available for future generations.

COVID-19 has reached every part of our community. To those in our community who have been affected, we offer our sincerest condolences.

Because we are all affected by this disease – physically, economically and socially – we believe community is more important now than ever before.

SBYB will continue to have a presence in the community despite a missed 2020 fall season. We look forward to partnering with you again when the league resumes in 2021.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,

Warren Wong
President
South Bay Youth Basketball

Along with the SBYB Board Members

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