

1. **Lt. Governor McKee: Opening Remarks**
 - a. Will be hosting a 5pm special FB Live broadcast focused on George Floyd & the protests & riots across the nation, including Providence & the question: do black lives matter? Yes or no?. LG McKee does not condone the violence that occurred, including the crime that occurred against already struggling small businesses. He supports peaceful protests, calls for justice for Floyd & the Black community, & reform.
 - b. After this call, LG will be walking through downtown Providence with Brother Gary of Black Lives Matter (BLM)
2. **LG introduces Joe Rodio, Legal Counsel to Lt. Governor McKee (on for Qs)**
3. **LG introduces SBA Director Mark Hayward: Federal Update**
 - a. 2,500 EIDL loans approved
 - b. Potential that more loans will be requested due to the vandalism that occurred during the Providence riots (25 businesses must have physical damage)
 - c. \$150 billion left in PPP (as of 6/2); make sure you apply per the June 30 deadline
 - d. Contact SBA: RhodeIsland_DO@sba.gov
4. **LG introduces DLT Assistant Director Matt Weldon: UI Update**
 - a. Receiving about 1k claims/day; roughly 238k UI claims; 61k PUA; 24k TDI
 - b. DLT is working on automating WorkShare to accept applications online
 - i. Send WorkShare inquiries to LtGov20@gmail.com & LG McKee's staff will get them over to Director Weldon
 - c. DLT will get back to you; they have thousands of callbacks a day
 - d. If you do not report earnings during your weekly certification & you are audited, you will be fined with interest & penalties
5. **LG introduces DBR Director Liz Tanner (invited): Regulation/Reopening Update**
6. **LG introduces the Gift it Forward Panel (RISmallBusiness.org) featuring:**
 - a. Justin Gontarek of [OceanSide Graphics](http://OceanSideGraphics.com) (invited)
 - b. Chris Parisi of [Trailblaze Marketing](http://TrailblazeMarketing.com)
 - i. Updated site is LIVE
 - ii. Categories like "how to open" & "info & resources" etc.
 - iii. Email cp@trailblaze.marketing
 - c. Lori Giuttari of Visual Thrive (ShopLocalRhodeIsland.com)

- i. When you click on “shop local” it will bring you to ShopLocalRhodeIsland.com (formerly RIThrives.com)
- ii. This is a searchable site by location, product, gift card etc.
- iii. Events can be added to this site too

7. LG introduces Small Business Panel featuring:

a. Senator Sandra Cano

- i. Finding that minority owned businesses are lacking a voice, getting resources & qualifying for fiscal aid like PPP
- ii. Member of Joint Legislative COVID-19 Task Force
- iii. Brought up question about allocating funds to local contractors (small businesses); what is this procurement process of the field hospital? \$0 were allocated to minority owned businesses (10% minority business mandatory quota has been lifted during the pandemic)
 - 1. In her discussion with minority owned businesses, she found that they did NOT know the CARES Act money was going to be allocated for projects like this

b. Jose Marcano of JM Painting & Plastering

- i. Emphasizes hiring RIs with RI money; when you use RI dollars to hire out of state companies, RI companies have to place their workers on UI if they don't have jobs; Senator Cano points out the new aid is to help RI businesses so let's use it on RI businesses in an equitable way
- ii. Currently operating at 50% capacity; has some municipal & state jobs now, but they need more jobs & they have the capacity to do so

c. Senator Leonidas Raptakis

- i. Discussed overregulation of small businesses & bureaucracy (lots of red tape); state agencies need to work for small businesses & not against

d. Paul Joyal of Ocean State Cigars

- i. LG McKee helped Paul open his business before it was slated to (originally in Phase 3)
- ii. Says it's hard to get things done unless you know someone; “the system works when you can be heard & when you have access,” but not everyone does

- iii. Never received any federal aid; only survived because he sold a previous business; “small businesses constantly fall through the cracks”

8. Lt. Governor McKee: Closing Remarks