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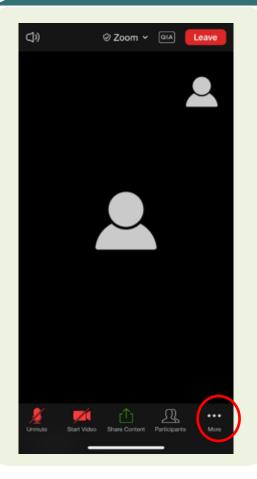
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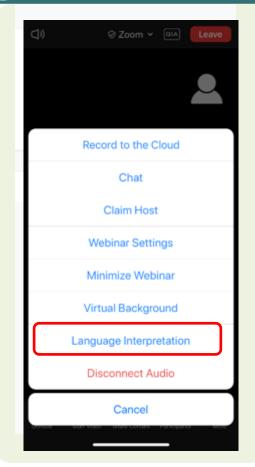


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LISC Boston Executive Director Karen Kelleher IXL Managing Director Hitendra Patel

Beyond Six Feet Apart Program Description

Tina Petigny, LISC Senior Program Officer

Panel Discussion

Moderated by Tia Vice, LISC Boston

Questions from Beyond Six Feet Apart Accelerator Participants

Audience Questions submitted through Chat



About Local Initiatives Support Corporation

LISC is one of the country's largest community development support organizations, but we have deep local roots, having invested more than \$300 million in Massachusetts communities over 35 years.

Housing





Health and Resiliency



Economic Opportunity



We prioritize equity in our investments, from affordable housing and quality schools to growing business and connecting community with financing, technical assistance and resources to build capacity and stability.

Capacity Building





LISC's Response to COVID-19 in Massachusetts

While everyone is affected by COVID-19, LISC is unapologetically focused on mitigating the effects of the crisis on underserved people and organizations, who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and its economic effects. LISC is driving four critical solutions for small businesses hurt by COVID-19.

- ✓ Emergency Grants
- ✓ Technical Assistance
- ✓ Flexible Financing for Recovery
- ✓ Economic Stability and Housing Affordability

We prioritize minority- and women-owned and led enterprises and enterprises serving low-income communities, as well as the organizations and networks that support them. All our programs are all delivered in a manner that builds the capacity of the small business and community development ecosystems.



Doris Montoya of Doris's Peruvian Pastries in Marlborough received a LISC emergency grant.



Our Goals for the Beyond Six Feet Apart Accelerator

We launched the program to assist minority-owned small businesses to get back to work safely and strategically in the wake of COVID-19. More specifically, we set out to do three things.

- Provide a structured, digitallyenabled planning process, supported by consulting teams, to respond safely and strategically to COVID-19.
- Better understand the challenges small businesses and owners of color are facing at this time
- Develop impactful, responsive tools that can be deployed at scale throughout the small business support ecosystem.



The dining room of Mei Mei in Boston was closed by COVID. Social distancing presents a particular challenge for their small dining space. Mei Mei advanced its reopening strategy through the Beyond Six Feet Apart Accelerator.



A Powerful Partnership with the IXL Center



LISC partnered with the IXL Center to create an innovative, digitally-enabled program with an audit and planning tool that can be scaled for use by other providers. IXL is a global innovation company with unique roots in business consulting and education. MBA students trained and supervised by IXL provide consulting services to clients to create a plan for a safe, strategic reopening.







"This program challenged us to rethink how to make our business safe for our customers."

Owner of Esteem Hair

IXL Managing Director Hitendra Patel gives a TEDx talk about democratizing innovation.













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The Beyond Six Feet Apart Team



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Tina Petigny Senior Program Officer Managing Director LISC Boston



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Our Funding Partners

The Beyond Six Feet Apart Program is made available to business clients free of charge. This is made possible by the generosity of donors to LISC's Rapid Relief and Recovery Fund.



Beyond Six Feet Apart Accelerator



Each business is paired with an MBA student consulting team, trained and supervised by the IXL Center, to work with them throughout the five-week program. The clients and consultants collaborate with other businesses in their sector during weekly sector-specific workout groups.

Participating Businesses

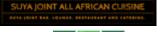
Food & Beverage













Personal Services









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Day Care

Professional Services





Celeb Massage





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A Structured Planning Process

Every business and owner is different and requires different tools and strategies, but each business will go through the same comprehensive planning process with their team.

Alignment & Onboarding

- Onboarding of stakeholders (Cultural Sensitivity module, MCI, Digital Tools)
- Business audit to understand the current state of business (Case For Change)
- CEO Alignment for 'What's Next' strategic focus

Adapt: Make the Business Safe

- · Develop key personas for the business
- Map their Journeys and identify unsafe process steps
- · Identify beyond six feet apart solutions for making the journey maps safe

Pivot the Business

- Identify Key Trends and Insights for the Business
- Develop BOM with new opportunities to capture the lost demand
- Prioritize new opportunities that have fit with Strategic objectives

Implementation, & Investment Plan

- Develop a communication strategy and plan to activate demand
- Develop a Go-to-market plan for implementing new opportunities
- · Include digital capacity building and financial/investment plan with ROI



Engaging Small Business Experts to Build Ecosystem Strength

We invite small business support professionals, technical assistance providers and experts to participate in the program in various ways so that we could benefit from their insights about how to effectively support the business clients and create scalable solutions.





Dee DiceSmall Business
Development
Director, Valley CDC

Davida Carta Photography





















Weekly Webinars on Reopening Topics

Weekly expert webinars explore practical challenges to be incorporated into the reopening plan. Business owners and experts discuss and devise real solutions in real time. We'll focus on leveraging digital tools and financing your plan.





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3 STEPS TO PIVOT STRATEGICALLY

The marketing 5 P's people, product, price, promotion and place

- 1) Recognize how consumer needs have changed
- 2) Modify offerings to provide value
- 3) Lean on social media and digital marketing or any emergent alternative channels to reach your target audience

#1 CHANGING CONSUMER NEEDS

WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH



- 1 in 3 individuals are very concerned
 - Becoming infected, economic impact, job security
- 9 in 10 consumers have changed their shopping behavior
 - Stepping back from the non-essential
 - ☐ Increase in online orders / click-and-collect

Numerator Survey 3/31/2020

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Standout needs

- Successfully manage work from home
- Keep kids educated and entertained
- Cost-saving promotions/deals
- Reassurance/safety
- o PPE/Protective gear
- Brands doing good/giving back
- Resources & information to navigate economic impact

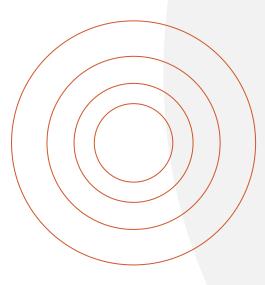


BUILDING BLOCK 01

Informal research



- How have their needs changed?
- How can you improve their customer experience?
- Internal analysis: what are my resources and capabilities?
- Competitors: What are they doing? What has been successful? Can we become collaborators?
- Are you able to help/give back to your community?



#2 MODIFY OFFERINGS TO PROVIDE VALUE

REMAIN RELEVANT IN A QUARANTINE ECONOMY

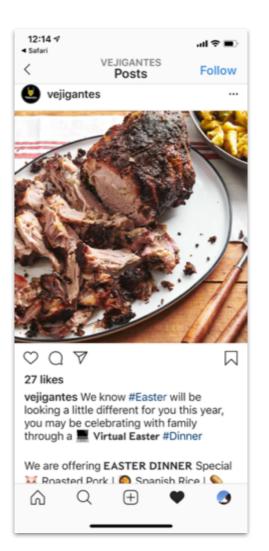
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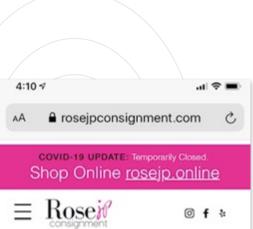
UPDATE WEBSITE TRANSITION ONLINE

- Deliver a good mobile experience
- Be informational and timely
- Quickly show your customers their options
- Keep your message positive and COVID-19 sensitive





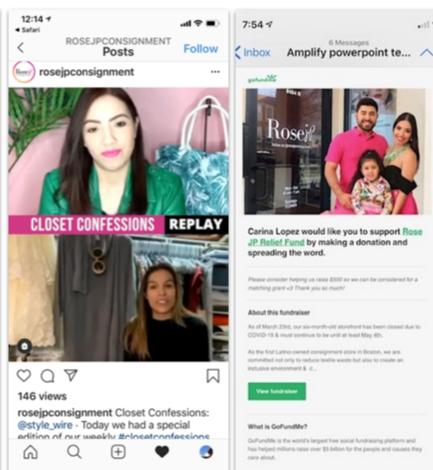


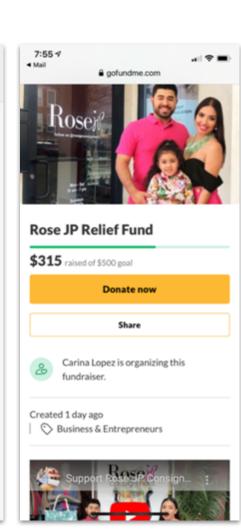


#ShopSmall During COVID-19

As of March 15th, we are closed to the public mandated by governor Baker until at least May 4th. Please consider shopping online, buying a reusable tote, or a gift card for later use once we reopen. Doing so will not only support our ongoing operation, but also many consignors who are currently facing unemployment.













5 WAYS SMALL BUSINESSES CAN LEVERAGE TRADITIONAL, DIGITAL AND GRASSROOTS GUERILLA MARKETING

Don't Panic, Pivot

Traditional Media

- Print (Daily, Community/Ethnic; Specialized)
- Electronic (TV, Radio)
- Online (Blogs, Podcasts with Small Biz focus)





Digital Media Platforms

- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- YouTube/TikTok
- Twitter







Grassroots/Guerrilla

- B2B (collaboration-co-branding)
- B2C (WIFM) Airport
- C2C (Give to Get; Influencers; Faith-based Marketing)







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LIFE MOTTO

when goals can't be reached,
don't adjust goals,
adjust action steps.

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WE HELP FORWARD-THINKING ORGANIZATIONS GROW BY HARNESSING



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Centering those closest to the matter.



Conveying impact.

BUSINESS VS. BRAND







YOUR BUSINESS?

YOUR REPUTATION?

YOUR ETHOS?

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM BUSINESS IS CHANGING.

TAKE THE VIEW OF YOUR CLIENTS.
PERSPECTIVE

HUMANIZE YOUR BRAND.
PURPOSE

VOICE YOUR VALUES.

PROGRESS



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PERSPECTIVE







SERVICE OFFERINGS

SAFETY MEASURES

NEW ETHOS

PURPOSE







WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING DIFFERENTLY?

WHY SHOULD WE BUY FROM YOU?



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PROGRESS







WHAT DOES YOUR BRAND STAND FOR?

HOW ARE YOU USING YOUR VOICE?

PROSOCIAL + PROFIT:
GROWING X GIVING BACK

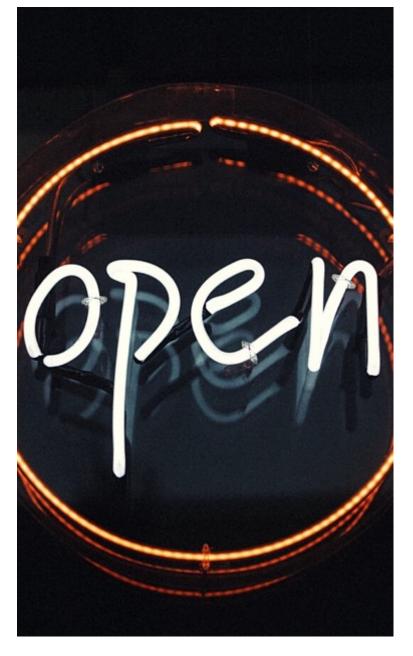
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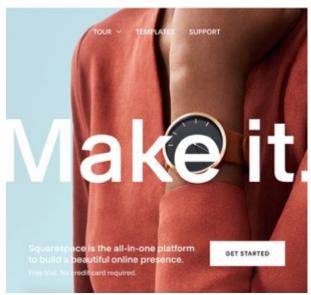
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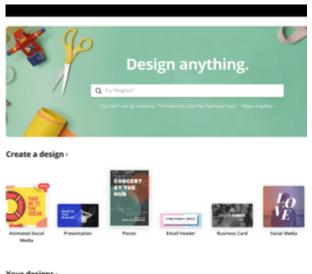
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