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39-B.	**Favor**	Adam Haverstock	Thank you Superviors for the opportunity to speak today. Adam Haverstock, Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce. We represent the business community in the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills right on the border with Ventura County. I am here today to ask you to support Item 39-B on the supplemental agenda. Which would create a process for a city or regional variance process within LA County. Even though LA County has seen some difficult public health metrics in relation to Coronavirus, the situation is much better in Westlake Village and Agoura Hills. While the County's cases are in the tens of thousands, Westlake Village and Agoura Hills combined have 41 total cases and zero deaths. The survival rate for COVID-19 in our community is 100 percent. Last week, Ventura County received a County variance from the state. As a result, residents from our area are making the short drive across the county line to shop at stores that are open. Item 39-B would keep that economic impact and tax revenue within LA County. Please support item 39-B to help our local economy and business community.

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		Batta Vujicic	I commend our Board of Supervisors for there diligent leadership and considering Safer at Work in our Communities ordinance. I Support and strongly urge Board to approve this ordinance.
		Brad Jensen	

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39-B.	**Favor**	Clara Karger	We support the Safer At Work and Safer In Our Communities motion authored by Chair Barger and Supervisor Hahn as a proactive and intentional effort to rebuild our communities, help businesses and workers and adjust to a new normal while therapeutic treatments and a vaccine for COVID-19 are developed. As the motion indicates, Los Angeles County is comprised of unique cities and regions experiencing varying impacts related to COVID-19. The Board's approval of this motion would provide County support to interested cities and regions seeking partial variances. Partial variances would allow more people and communities to safely and more quickly recover from the economic consequences of COVID-19 public health orders. We are also pleased to see the opportunity for the County as a whole to proactively pursue a variance from the State's public health criteria when it becomes appropriate to do so. Intentional planning is crucial to bringing our regional economy back to full strength. We thank Chair Barger and Supervisor Hahn for bringing this motion forward and appreciate the Board of Supervisors' leadership during the COVID-19 public health crisis. CCA stands ready to partner with you during the reopening and recovery of our economy.
		Donna Duperron	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a georgraphy spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening. The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery. Sincerely, Donna Duperron President & CEO Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

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39-B.	**Favor**	Douglas E Sullivan	I am in favor of 39 B opening businesses back up.The current shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic is an unfair unconstitutional overreach . While many publicly traded large businesses such as Costco supermarket chains and many other large businesses such as Vons Petsmart allowed to remain open many small businesses have not and they provide the same services small mom and pop Florist shops, eye glass stores, pet grooming businesses with only one or two employees are told they can't be open these businesses are most able to actually implement the health departments rules and objectives these businesses should be allowed to reopen it is very unfair when same business across the county line in Ventura County the Westlake side are allowed to re open but the same small business in LA County side can't re open the city of Westlake Village had only eight cases of the Covid since this all started and no deaths it is a small city in LA County of 9000 people we should be allowed to open our small business thank you for your time and hope you do what is right for a hard-working Small business owners.

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39-B.	**Favor**	Esta P McIntyre	On behalf of My Health Studio, I feel that obtaining a variance for the City of Westlake Village is of the utmost importance. We are on the border of Ventura County whose businesses opened last week. We are just across the street from Ventura County on the Ventura/Los Angeles line. Our data supports a local variance with 6 total cases of COVID-19, and 0 deaths. Our survival rate is 100%. The businesses in Westlake Village will not be able to last if we cannot obtain this variance. Of our 15 years in business, MHS has been in this City for over 12 years. We are not an "at-will" gym, meaning that clients do not come to our facility at any time to use a piece of equipment. They arrive by appointment only. We are structured more like a physical therapy office. We work closely with the MS and arthritis communities. Movement is critical to their wellbeing. Much of our focus is on obesity and wellness. When we found out we would not be back at the studio, we sent our clients home with all our equipment so they would be able to work at home. We are prepared to open, going above and beyond the COVID-19 safety requirements. We have done a walk-through of our facility identifying everything that one would touch with their hands, beginning with the front door. Wherever possible, we will be installing hands-free options throughout the studio for hand sanitizer, soap, faucets, hand towels and trash cans. We have purchased air purification systems. We are making available disposable gloves, masks as well as re-usable gloves and using thermometer scans upon entry. 1. We are taking this opportunity to freshen up with touch-up paint, deep cleaning of floors, walls, equipment and anything that can be disinfected. 2. We have invested in a disinfectant fogger along with UV light wands which we plan to use after each use of equipment. 3. We are requiring our visitors to put disposable slippers on when entering or to change shoes when working on our maple floor. We have always had a sparkling clean environment – indeed we are known for our level of cleanliness. Now, we will strive for "hospital" clean. 4. We will continue to stream private coaching and classes. We have researched and purchased the technical equipment needed to make the virtual experience the best it can be for our clients who choose not to, cannot (or should not) leave their homes. We have been working closely with Spectrum to ensure that our band width can accommodate all who remote in. 5. We will be offering "virtual only" memberships (along with hybrid memberships) going forward. 6. We will open our studio in phases, starting with mostly virtual and one-on-one coaching. 7. When we allow in-person classes again, we will observe all social distancing protocols. Our class sizes will only allow for 6 at a time, 6 feet apart, with no lingering after appointment times. The remainder of class participants will participate online from their homes. Although we have not been identified as such, we consider the work we do to be essential to the health and wellbeing of our clients. In our total of 15 years in business, we see our customer community as friends and family. We want to keep everyone – employees, friends and family safe and in excellent health. We love what we do and would have to lose our business. We implore you to consider this variance. We would be happy to have any representatives view our studio and COVID-19 solutions. Thanks very much. ~ Esta McIntyre | My Health Studio

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39-B.	**Favor**	Genevieve M Clavreul	Kudos to Supervisors Barger and Hahn for authoring this motion. Let's hope that the Governor allows for such variance.
		Holly Schroeder	
		Juan Garza	
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		Karen K Lewis	Our businesses need to reopen based on the proposed variance. This is a suburban center and all neighboring merchants are following CDC and Public Health guidelines for phased reopening. WLV has seen only 6 cases of Covid-19. But since our neighborhood center is adjacent to Ventura County, many businesses in the community are already open. This is unfair competition and our business may not survive if we remain closed to the public much longer.
		Marcel Rodarte	
		Michael Dutra	While we still need to proceed with some cautions, I believe the areas of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, fall more into line for opening businesses like Ventura County and not Los Angeles county. The stats have 6 total cases of Covid in Westlake Village and 33 cases in Agoura Hills. Our community of Conejo Valley has done a wonderful job of stay at home and the density of our area if much different than most areas in LA County. The businesses are suffering as people are shopping/dining at open businesses less than a mile away. I believe as long as we keep social distancing practices along with masks inside a business (unless eating), the spiking would be minimal, if it evens happens.
		Mike Alfred	
		Mollie Engelhart	I support item 39-B. Our restaurant recently opened in the Whizin Market Square for take-out and delivery only. We have joined the thousands of small businesses trying to remain afloat during this time but we need the support of our local government. Agoura Hills is very close to the border of Ventura County. Ventura County has received a county variance, so all of it's businesses reopened last week, while ours have to remain closed or are operating in more limited capacities (to-go only). According to the latest figures, Agoura Hills has only had 33 total cases of COVID-19 and has had no COVID related deaths. Our community's COVID-19 survival rate is 100 percent. Our businesses will not be so lucky unless we receive relief. Without a local variance, my business will go under.

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39-B.	**Favor**	Nancy Starczyk	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors: In March, when LA County enacted its Safer-at-Home order to reduce the health risk of COVID-19, there was a lot that was unknown about the virus. Since then, Los Angeles County has successfully flattened the curve and reduced the strain on our health care system. We have also learned much about how to contain the spread through hygiene and sanitation practices, social distancing, and keeping those who have been exposed to the virus quarantined. But along the way, the economic devastation of the Safer-at-Home order deepens with millions of Angelenos facing unemployment and businesses on the brink of bankruptcy. Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening. The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery.

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39-B.	**Favor**	Rob de Geus	The City of Westlake Village urges your strong support for the motion being put forth by Chair Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn to work with the State of California to obtain a variance on behalf of interested cities including Westlake Village and concurrently move forward toward obtaining a countywide variance. The City of Westlake Village is immediately adjacent to the County of Ventura, which received and began implementing a countywide variance on May 20, 2020. The data and science of COVID-19 infection rates in the City of Westlake Village is less than Cities in Ventura County and the same hospital data and health care metrics used to approve Ventura County's variance apply to the City of Westlake Village. Yet our City is faced with businesses on one side of the street, located in Ventura County, reopening while similar businesses located on the opposite side of the street, located within Los Angeles County, that must remain closed. The data and metrics used to approve Ventura County's variance apply to the City of Westlake Village and this region of LA County and we should be reopening at a commensurate pace with Ventura County. The City of Westlake Village meets all of the necessary requirements to receive the variance. Our community has acted responsibly throughout the emergency and can safely and responsibly reopen consistent with State guidelines. Granting a local variance will enable our community to enter the next tier of economic recovery, saving jobs to generate income for suffering individuals and families as we work toward safely rebuilding our local and regional economies. The City of Westlake Village strongly urge your support for the motion. The City of Westlake Village looks forward to partnering with the Board of Supervisors, public health officials, our residents, businesses and other key stakeholders to ensure successful advancement into safe reopening of businesses Respectfully, Westlake Village City Council
		Ron F Finley	
		Tiffany Rau	

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39-B.	**Favor**	Tiffany Rau	May 22, 2020 Submitted to: publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/ Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors: In March, when LA County enacted its Safer-at-Home order to reduce the health risk of COVID-19, there was a lot that was unknown about the virus. Since then, Los Angeles County has successfully flattened the curve and reduced the strain on our health care system. We have also learned much about how to contain the spread through hygiene and sanitation practices, social distancing, and keeping those who have been exposed to the virus quarantined. But along the way, the economic devastation of the Safer-at-Home order deepens with millions of Angelenos facing unemployment and businesses on the brink of bankruptcy. Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening. Marathon Petroleum Corporation fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery. Sincerely, Tiffany Rau Tiffany E. Rau Director Government and Public Affairs, Southern California

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39-B.	**Favor**	Tim M Kazules	* I own Five Threads Brewing Company, a small brewery less than one freeway exit from the Ventura county line. Over the weekend I received countless calls from my patrons who reside in Venura county asking if we were open for them to come patronize us. I had to tell them that we are actually located inside LA county and were actively working to get a variance in place for our region so that we could walk in pace with our neighboring Thousand Oaks in Ventura County. We have lost 90% of our business since the shutdown and are surviving on the limited government assistance that has come through. • Westlake Village is on the border of Ventura County. Ventura County has received a county variance, so all of it's businesses reopened last week, while ours have to remain closed or are operating in more limited capacities (to-go only/curbside retail). • The data supports a local variance. Westlake Village has 6 total cases of COVID-19. • There have been 0 deaths in Westlake Village; our community's COVID-19 survival rate is 100 percent. • Our businesses will not be so lucky. Without a local variance, my business will/may go under.

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	Oppose	Peter S Alamillo	Unnecessary identity politics and pandering to special interest groups. Waste of taxpayers money.
	Other	Gina V Viola	It is imperative that people returning to work have health insurance. Will you be requiring employers to provide health insurance to everyone being forced to return to work? LA County needs a universal healthcare plan so that we can reopen knowing that workers can go to the doctor when they get sick.
		James E Enstrom	Comment sent to Public Comments
		Vicki Shapiro	see emailed comments

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From: Sue Arellano <SueArellano@scvedc.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:42 PM
To: PublicComments
Cc: Holly Schroeder
Subject: Letters of support for public record - agenda numbers 12 and 39-B
Attachments: Minimum wage motion letter of support.pdf; County variance motion letter of support.pdf

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Submitted on behalf of Holly Schroeder, President & CEO of the Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation.

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

The minimum wage in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County is scheduled to increase on July 1, 2020. This increase comes in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and government-mandated closure of businesses, which has already had egregious impact on the future viability of businesses throughout the County and State.

A motion is now under consideration to study a delay in wage increase of either one year or one and a half years. Los Angeles County is already one year ahead of the State's timeline to move minimum wage to $15/hour. Such a delay would better align the County and State wage increase schedules and relieve struggling businesses of additional financial burden.

The Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation fully supports the motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to postpone this scheduled minimum wage increase in the unincorporated areas of the County. Over 92 percent of businesses in LA County have 20 or fewer employees and many are already struggling for their very survival. Postponing an increase will eliminate additional costs and hardship to businesses at this time.

Sincerely,

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From: Vicki <vshapiro@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:22 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: 39-B Public Comments re Reopening Plan

To the L.A. County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to you on behalf of my daughter, Team Santa Monica, and swim teams throughout L.A. County that wish to return to swim practices with strict social distancing guidelines in place.

As you may know, the CDC has determined that the coronavirus cannot spread in chlorinated water. And like golf, which is already permitted in L.A. County, swimming is a solo, outdoor activity that involves even less contact with others than tennis, which is also already permitted under phase 2. Unlike virtually every other sport, swimmers, including our local Olympians like Jordan Wilimovsky, cannot replicate their training outside a pool. Nor does any other activity provide the same zero-impact exercise that many residents depended on their pools to provide before the pandemic.

Many states, including those that have taken a science-based approach to Covid-19 restrictions, have reopened outdoor swimming pools at 25-30% capacity for supervised swim team practices and limited lap swimming. This week the CDC announced new guidelines for reopening public swimming pools, and USA Swimming announced similar guidelines weeks ago. We urge L.A. County to allow outdoor public, private, and school swimming pools to open now for supervised swim team practices and limited lap swimming under strict social distancing protocols that allow swimmers to return to the water while safeguarding their health. Such guidelines include:

- Reducing pool capacity to 25-30 percent;
- Prohibiting swimmers from changing or showering at the facility;
- Allowing one person to use restrooms at a time and requiring cleaning between uses;
- Prohibiting swimmers from sharing equipment such as kickboards; and
- Requiring coaches and lifeguards to enforce social distancing at all times.

The continued closures of pool facilities threaten **440 small business** owners that collectively employ **3400 employees** in California. Together these employees lose $10 million per month in wages, and swimming facilities across our state lose $2.5 million per month in revenue from fees that teams like ours would normally pay, thus further exacerbating local budget deficits.

To the extent state restrictions prevent L.A. County from reopening swimming pool facilities, we urge the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to request a variance from those restrictions, as San Diego has requested for its pools. Social distancing and other operations protocols for swim facilities can minimize risk while giving our swimmers the opportunity to safely return to the water.

Respectfully,

Vicki Shapiro

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From: Julie Welch <jewelie122@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:28 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: COVID Reopening

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Dear LA Country Officials,
I'd like to take a moment to weigh in on the reopening discussions.
I live in the Pasadena area, and would like to throw my vote on the table to **Re-Open quickly** in the following categories:

1) Businesses = ALL... We really need to re-establish local commerce, including restaurants, which are a large part of my local community.
2) Gatherings = Up to 100 people... I feel that people will respect distancing if they could at least see each other and fellowship in person.

As you have said...we have been very tolerant in this time, and--for the most part--well-behaved, but please let us move on now. All evidence suggests that we no longer need to adhere to such strict guidelines and, in fact, have started to face dire consequences in our economy and community by staying secluded. In all my dealings around the city, I have found people to be considerate and self-regulating; we appreciate your advice up to now, but I believe we can take it from here.

Please **trust the people of Los Angeles County** to operate in our best interest and safety for ourselves. All living comes with risk, and we need to be the primary assessment **for our own risks individually**.

It's time to Re-Open.

Thank You for the opportunity,
Julie Welch

Guzman, Adela

From: ANITA FISCHER <neets70@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:45 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: LA County Board Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express **my disagreement over the extended lockdown** orders for LA County. We've gone from "stay safe, stay at home" to "flatten the curve" to "find a cure" (Mayor Garcetti's preposterous claim that we won't reopen until we find a cure). The lockdown was justified at the beginning of this crisis when we didn't know much about this virus. However, we have more information now that tells us these lockdowns are overprotective and even inefficient. More data is coming in suggesting the lockdown is actually leading to increased sickness and death.

At the beginning we were told we needed to "follow the science". Well, the **science is now telling us that most people are not at risk** of dying from this virus. We were told our hospitals would be overrun, but that did not occur. The peak has come and gone, and we are still being told to stay at home. We've seen other states and countries open up their societies without seeing an increase in infections or deaths.

The **economic damage that has been done because of this lockdown will be far worse** than the toll the virus has taken on our communities. I'm concerned for the well-being of the people under my care. especially my children. Children are resilient but this lock down is causing depression and fear. The mental health of all is at risk, we as humans were not created to be isolated. As a dance teacher my students are suffering both physically and mentally. If we don't get our people back to work and reactivated, the outcome could be catastrophic.

The phased **reopening of society needs to happen NOW**. This can be done safely and effectively if we are given the right leadership. Please will you put aside your political and ideological agendas and provide that leadership for our community.

A.Fischer RAD RTS
Miss Anita’s School of Dance
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Guzman, Adela

From: Colleen Golden <goldenapp@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:37 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Quarantine

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear La County Board of Supervisors,

You must reconsider the "Safer at Home" policy that is currently in place.

This poor decision making has cost so much to LA County. Beyond the cost of keeping us medically untreated (unless it's COVID 19) related, the cost of of business, education and charity.

Phase 1 must begin immediately with Phase 2 being implemented by first week of June.

The infrastructure is crumbling, act now!!

On another note* The County's new electronic voting device is void in giving a traceable receipt for your vote, this must be changed immediately too!

Sincerely,
Colleen Golden

Guzman, Adela

From: Darlene Simone <shortsubject@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:41 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Extended Lockdown ramifications

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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The **economic damage that has been done because of this lockdown will be far worse** than the toll the virus has taken on our communities. Being an early childhood educator and operator of a working and open preschool, I am very concerned about the impact of this shutdown on our youngest. Children need to learn to be social and to interact with their peers. My parents who have chosen to remain at home have spoken about how the isolation has really taken it's toll on our young preschoolers. Not only is it devastating to our children, but many preschools are going to be forced to shutter their doors because of the financial devastation looming over our heads.

The phased **reopening of society needs to happen NOW**. This can be done safely and effectively if we are given the right leadership. Will you put aside your political and ideological agendas and provide that leadership for our community?

Thank you for the opportunity to register my thoughts.

Darlene Simone
Director
Living Way Day Care Center

Guzman, Adela

From: Gent, Zulma <ZGent@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:23 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Letter of Support Re: Motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn
Attachments: 5-22-2020 Letter to LAC BOS.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached the letter of support on the motion to direct the County's Health Officer to work with the State to request a partial variance on behalf of interested city and regions. The letter outlines the guidelines of the roadmap to modify the *Stay-at-Home Order* along with the City's achievement/outcome of the goals.

Best regards.

Zulma Gent
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May 22, 2020

Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Suite 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support of Motion to Direct the County's Health Officer to Work with the State to Request a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and regions

Dear Honorable Supervisor Hahn,

The City of Torrance continues to applaud you and your colleagues for the outstanding performance in handling the many challenges of COVID-19.

As we move into the recovery and reopening phase we need to move quickly, deliberately and cautiously to get our businesses open and thriving once again. It is important that we continue to be driven by the scientific data and the unique needs of each community.

The City of Torrance supports your motion to direct the County's Health Officer to work with the State to request a partial variance on behalf of interested cities. The City of Torrance has met and in some instances exceeded the goals outlined in the recovery and reopening phase. The City of Torrance along with other South Bay cities would like to expedite the process of opening the doors of small businesses and restaurants.

In reviewing the motion being set forth by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and yourself, it appears the City of Torrance would qualify. The State Public Health Officer issued guidelines regarding the Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order Guidance to County Governments. Listed below are those guidelines along with the City of Torrance's outcome and/or achievement:

No more than 25 new cases per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days or less than 8% testing positive in the past 7 days.
Goal Met - As of May 22, 2020 there are 345 cases and 44 deaths with a population size of approximately 148,000. Please note that of 345 cases that 40 of the deaths reported in Torrance were from skilled nursing facilities.

Stable hospitalization of COVID-19 individuals on a 7-day average of daily percent change of less than 5% or no more the 20 COVID-19 hospitalizations on any single day in the past 14 days.
Goal Met – The City of Torrance is the health care hub in the South Bay with Torrance memorial Medical Center and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Hospital. Both hospitals have indicated that they have surge capacity to meet the demands should there be future cases.

Daily testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents per day.
Goal Met – With the combination of our major hospitals and the efforts of the Torrance Fire Department, testing was provided directly to our seniors in their homes and drive-thru test sites in the South Bay region.

Testing availability for at least 75% of residents within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas.
Goal Met – The local hospitals and testing locations are conveniently located for easy access. Through the efforts of the Torrance Fire Department Emergency Medical Services testing can be schedule at home if needed for senior citizen and individuals with special needs.

For counties that have no cases, at least 15 staff per 100,000 county residents trained and available for contact tracing.
Note - Under jurisdiction of Los Angeles County.

Hospital capacity to accommodate a 35% surge in Covid-19 cases while maintaining care to non-COVID-19 cases.
Goal Met – Our two local hospitals Providence Little Company of Mary and Torrance Memorial Medical Center assured us they are equipped with the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and are skillfully prepared to care for both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 cases at the present level and in the event of surge of hospitalization.

Sufficient protective supplies for essential workers, including having more than a 14-day supply of PPE for Skilled Nursing Facilities.
Goal Met – The Torrance Fire Department continues to work with nursing facilities to ensure there is ample supply of PPEs.

Temporary housing for 15% of homeless residents.
Note - Los Angeles County and State of California have initiated Project Room key which aims to provide temporary housing to homeless residents.

The City of Torrance is ready to get the doors of our businesses open and to assist businesses with the implementation of the guidelines of social distancing, wearing of masks, and sanitizing work area/washing of hands and all other guidelines of the State and County safety protocols. The City has taken proactive measures to establish draft guidelines, established a business resource section the City's COVID-19 dedicated website and has used social media and webinar to prepare businesses for reopening.

We are also exploring open streets as well as parking lot expansion to allow restaurants to expand their footprint and provide service utilizing social distancing protocols in a safe manner. Torrance has dedicated staff at our parks as Park Ambassadors to educate the public about wearing face covering and maintaining the 6 -foot distance. We have also dispatched Environmental Quality Officers and Park Ranger to monitor our businesses and public facilities.

The Torrance community has been responsive in following the Safer at Home Order and we are confident that even after we reopen the economy, Torrance residents and businesses will continue to be vigilant and control the spread of COVID-19 in our city.

The City of Torrance is confident in the community, businesses, and staff that with early planning and hands-on approach it behooves us to move forward with the reopening of our businesses and restaurants. These businesses need to open to get the economy moving and get people back to work. Staff will continue to communicate and assist businesses with ensuring the guidelines are met.

We appreciate your support and consideration.

Again, we would like to thank you and your colleagues for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Furey
Mayor, Torrance, California,

cc: Supervisor, Fifth District (Chair): Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Second District: Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, First District: Hilda Solis
Supervisor, Third District: Sheila Kuehl

Guzman, Adela

From: Juan Garza <juan@sixheron.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:02 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities
Attachments: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities - CC4SRJPA.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, attached please find our letter in support of item 39-B. This is a follow up to the registration I submitted online to this effect. Please let me know if any questions.

Juan

Juan Garza

Executive Director - California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority

562-882-7474

May 24, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Fifth District
Chair - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 869
Los Ángeles, CA 90012

The Honorable Janice Hahn
Supervisor, Fourth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Ángeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, I am writing to express our respectful support for your proposal and intent under Item 39-B during the May 26th meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The motion as proposed is in reference to the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20, which instructs the State Public Health officer to "establish criteria and procedures – determine whether or how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from statewide directives". Your proposed motion would instruct the County Health Officer to 1) work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County and 2) immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

I am confident our member cities would each be interested in working with the County's Chief Executive Officer in applying for a variance as proposed under Item 39-B. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 882-7474 or via email at juan@sixheron.com. Thank you for your leadership.

Respectfully,



Juan Garza
Executive Director
California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority

Cc: Governing Board Members, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority

Guzman, Adela

From: Juan Garza <jgarza@bellflower.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:57 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities
Attachments: Motion.pdf; ATT00001.htm; SUPPORT - Item 39-B - Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities - BELLFLOWER MAYOR GARZA.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Good afternoon,

Attached please find my letter in support of item 39-B. This is a follow up to the registration I submitted online to this effect. Please let me know if any questions.

Juan

Juan Garza

Mayor - City of Bellflower

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May 24, 2020

The Honorable Janice Hahn
Supervisor, Fourth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
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RE: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

I am writing to express my respectful support for your and Supervisor Barger's proposal and intent under Item 39-B during the May 26th meeting of the Board of Supervisors. My support is submitted in my capacity as a member of the City of Bellflower City Council.

The motion as proposed is in reference to the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20, which instructs the State Public Health officer to "establish criteria and procedures – determine whether or how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from statewide directives". Your and Supervisor Barger's proposed motion would instruct the County Health Officer to 1) work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County and 2) immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

I am confident the City of Bellflower would be interested in working with the County's Chief Executive Officer in applying for a variance as proposed under Item 39-B. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 882-7474 or via email at jgarza@bellflower.org. Thank you for your leadership.

Respectfully,

Juan Garza
Mayor
City of Bellflower

CITY OF
Palos Verdes Estates

May 25, 2020 Via Email

The Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County 4th District Office
302 W. 5th Street, #200
San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: County Request for Variance from the State – Motion by Supervisors Hahn and Barger

Dear Honorable Supervisor Hahn:

The City of Palos Verdes Estates greatly appreciates and commends your leadership in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and your commitment to protecting the well-being of your constituents. We are pleased to hear that you and Supervisor Barger are presenting the Motion before the Board on Tuesday, May 26th for the County to request a Variance from the State to move further into Stage 2 of the Resilience Roadmap issued by the Governor.

We are now in early Stage 2, where retail (curbside and delivery only), related logistics and manufacturing, office workplaces, limited personal services, outdoor museums, child care, and essential businesses can open with modifications. Stage 2 expansion will be phased in gradually. However, some counties may move through Stage 2 faster if they are able to show greater progress, have met the readiness criteria and worked with the California Department of Public Health.

We believe that certain regions within our county are unique and are managing the situation well. Thus, a city or regional variance makes practical sense rather than a simple county-wide variance. For this reason, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for your Motion on behalf of the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

Sincerely,

Ken Rukavina, PE
Acting City Manager

Copy: City Council

City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

Mary Campbell, Mayor *mcampbell@hermosabeach.gov* *310.214-0048*

May 25, 2020

Chair Kathryn Barger
Honorable Members of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" Motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn to allow cities to responsibly pursue variance from Public Health Orders

Honorable Supervisors:

As Mayor of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, I am writing to formally state my strong support for the above referenced motion – slated for consideration at your May 26, 2020 meeting – recommending the Board of Supervisors instruct the County Health Officer work in collaboration with the County CEO and County Counsel to:

A. Work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County; and,
B. Immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

As we begin to ease back from California Governor Newsom's "Stay-at-Home" order and LA County's Department of Public Health regional "Safer at Home" order, it is important to understand and take into consideration the local and regional differences in determining how to best achieve both a safe and expeditious reopening of our local economies and way of life.

This motion, once passed, will assist in forwarding this aim. It will also serve to help address the very real sense of urgency upon us at this juncture as we balance the important dual priorities of maintaining our control and containment of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and also bringing our economic and social infrastructure back online in a safe manner.

Local small businesses are the backbone fueling our small beach city economy, character and overall sustenance. This and all the categories recommended for consideration of potential variances are each vital to consider from the local perspective as we move forward.

Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 signed on May 4, 2020 instructed the State Public Health Officer to establish criteria that could drive sound decisions on potential local or regional departures from statewide directives in the attempt to address legitimate differences in localized areas. The State Public Health Officer subsequently issued a Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order Guidance, listing specific criteria to help guide variance requests, thus providing for a sound foundation for the Supervisors' motion above.

City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

Mary Campbell, Mayor *mcampbell@hermosabeach.gov* *310.214-0048*

By working with local health officers, county boards of supervisors and other authorities, the intention is that a nuanced approach to the easing of restrictions could be beneficial in potentially allowing for local and regional customization, where appropriate, within the overarching statewide phases of recovery. It is based on all these factors, that I urge you to support this motion as another important tool in establishing the best path forward.

I also want to personally thank you each for all your efforts on behalf of the residents of LA County to diligently serve our public health imperatives during this ongoing public health emergency and to simultaneously seek a careful balancing of the multiple priorities inherent in our COVID-19 recovery phases.

Sincerely,

Mary Campbell
Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach

Guzman, Adela

From: Rachel Michelin <RMichelin@calretailers.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 2:04 PM
To: PublicComments
Cc: Ryan Allain; Steve McCarthy
Subject: Public Comment - Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities
Attachments: CRA Letter of Support - County Variance Motion 5.26.20.pdf

On behalf of the retail industry in Los Angles County, as well as the state of California, attached is CRA's comments regarding the Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities agenda item.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Rachel

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May 25, 2020

Submitted to: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

In March, when LA County enacted its Safer-at-Home order to reduce the health risk of COVID-19, there was a lot that was unknown about the virus. Since then, Los Angeles County has successfully flattened the curve and reduced the strain on our health care system. We have also learned much about how to contain the spread through hygiene and sanitation practices, social distancing, and keeping those who have been exposed to the virus quarantined.

But along the way, the economic devastation of the Safer-at-Home order deepens with millions of Angelenos facing unemployment and businesses on the brink of bankruptcy.

Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening.

The California Retailers Association fully supports Motion 39-B **Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities** on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Rachel Michelin
President & CEO

~~Marathon Petroleum~~ Company LP
2350 E. 223rd Street
Carson, CA 90810
Tel: 310-847-3996

May 22, 2020

Submitted to: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Rau

Tiffany E. Rau
Director
Government and Public Affairs, Southern California

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Councilmember

May 23, 2020

The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
Supervisor, Third District
County of Los Angeles
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Meeting 05-26-20
Agenda Item 39-B: SUPPORT

Dear Supervisor Kuehl:

Thank you for speaking with Westlake Village City Manager Rob de Geus and me on Friday to discuss the City's request to secure a variance for purposes of moving into advanced Stage 2 recovery. We appreciated your candor is discussing the challenges facing Los Angeles County in addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and current limitations, which prohibit the County from granting local variances. We were pleased to receive your ongoing commitment for partnering with the City of Westlake Village in facilitating a safe and sustainable recovery.

I am writing to urge your strong support for the motion being put forth by Chair Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn at next Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting under Agenda Item 39B. The motion commits the County of Los Angeles to work with the State of California to obtain a variance on behalf of interested cities and concurrently move forward toward obtaining a countywide variance.

As you know, the City of Westlake Village is immediately adjacent to the County of Ventura, which received and began implementing a countywide variance on May 20, 2020. This creates a unique and frustrating situation in our community. Businesses literally on one side of the street, located in Ventura County, may reopen while similar businesses located on the opposite side of the street, located within Los Angeles County, must continue to remain closed or available only for curbside take-out and delivery. This disparity is further exacerbated by the fact that the hospital serving our community is located within Ventura County. The same hospital data and health care metrics that were used to approve Ventura County's variance also apply to our community.

We are pleased to learn that Los Angeles County is already achieving some of the benchmarks that meet statewide variance criteria. The City of Westlake Village believes that our community meets all the necessary requirements to receive a variance. As of May 22, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reports 43,052 cases of COVID-19 throughout the County. The City of Westlake Village has experienced six (6) cases, with no deaths; a number that has remained unchanged for over a month. This represents 0.00014 of all cases reported in Los Angeles County.

Westlake Village residents have responsibly abided by health orders and significantly limited the spread of the disease in our community. Local businesses that have been able to operate throughout the pandemic or have opened on a limited basis because of modified health orders have employed all safety protocols necessary in limiting spread of the disease. Businesses that are located immediately adjacent to our City can open because their owners have demonstrated the ability to successfully comply with public health directives. Many businesses in Westlake Village have abided by health orders and kept their doors closed. This has resulted in job losses and economic devastation.

COVID-19 does not respect political boundaries. As the economy moves toward recovery, every resident and business must make the commitment to personal health and safety. As public health officials continue to remind us, until a vaccine is widely available, our best methods for limiting the spread of the disease continue to be the use of physical distancing, wearing face coverings and vigorous hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.

Local business owners are committed to implementing the appropriate health and safety guidelines to ensure the protection of their workers and customers. Our community members have acted responsibly throughout the emergency. The granting of a local variance will enable our community to enter the next tier of economic recovery; while saving jobs, generating income for families, and working toward rebuilding our local and regional economies.

I strongly urge your support for the motion. The City of Westlake Village looks forward to partnering with you, the other Members of the Board of Supervisors, public health officials, our residents, businesses and other key stakeholders to ensure successful advancement further into Stage 2 and onto an early, full and safe reopening of all businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Kelly B. Honig

Kelly Honig
Mayor

cc: Members of the City Council
Members of the Board of Supervisors
Representative Julia Brownley
Senator Henry Stern
Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin
Terry Dipple, LVMCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Danielle Borja, Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

Guzman, Adela

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:33 PM
To: PublicComments
Cc: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: FW: Local Variance - Support for Agenda item 39-B
Attachments: Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce - Support of Agenda Item 39-B.pdf; Request for local variance for Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes Region [7].pdf

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From: Danielle Borja <dborja@conejochamber.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Sheila <Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: Charnofsky, Tessa <TCharnofsky@bos.lacounty.gov>; senator.stern@senate.ca.gov; assemblymember.irwin@assembly.ca.gov; ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Local Variance - Support for Agenda item 39-B

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

In alignment with the coalition memo provided on May 22, 2020 (attached for reference) with over 85 supporters, the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce has attached a letter of **support** for the Board of Supervisors agenda item 39-B. This motion commits that the County of Los Angeles will work with the State of California to obtain a variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County.

Thank you for your assistance on this urgent issue facing our business community.

Sincerely,

Danielle Borja

Danielle Borja
President / CEO
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
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From: Danielle Borja <dborja@conejochamber.org>
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM
To: "sheila@bos.lacounty.gov" <sheila@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: "TCharnofsky@bos.lacounty.gov" <TCharnofsky@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Request for Local Variance for Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes Region

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

As the President/CEO of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am reaching out today to ask for your assistance in requesting a local variance from the LA County Department of Public Health for the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills in your district.

Attached to this email is a coalition memo signed by over 85 businesses in Westlake Village and Agoura Hills that are required to remain closed or operate in a limited capacity because of the Los Angeles County Health Order despite the data suggesting conducting business in our area is safe.

Less than one mile away, across the Ventura County line, restaurants and destination retail opened for business yesterday, and residents of LA County in our community are making the short drive and taking their dollars to businesses in Ventura County.

Using a "one size fits all" approach to public health in Los Angeles County is going to needlessly cause the permanent closure of many businesses. Please be our champion and assist us in getting a local variance (effectively a waiver) for Westlake Village and Agoura Hills.

If you have any questions, or would like to meet to discuss this issue, please contact me on my cell at 805-338-5721 or at dborja@conejochamber.org.

Thank you for your assistance on this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

Danielle Borja



Danielle Borja
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GREATER CONEJO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 25, 2020

The Honorable Shelia Kuehl
Supervisor, Third District
County of Los Angeles
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CC: Members of the Board of Supervisors, State Senator Henry Stern and Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin

RE: Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Meeting (5.26.20) – SUPPORT for Agenda Item 39-B

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

On behalf of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce and over 900 businesses that we represent, we want to urge your strong support for agenda item 39-B. This motion commits that the County of Los Angeles will work with the State of California to obtain a variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County.

As you know, we have a coalition of over 85 local businesses and community organizations in the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills from a wide variety of industries that also support a local variance for the Conejo Valley region. While public health is always the paramount concern for Los Angeles County, our region has performed much better than our neighbors in more densely populated regions of the County.

Both cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills are in the Conejo Valley and all commerce for residents of these two cities customary travel across the county border which is a geo-political boundary and not reflective of how commerce is shared between all residents and communities within the Conejo Valley. Most notably in Westlake Village, businesses 100 feet from the county line are closed or operating in limited capacities while businesses in Ventura County are allowed to be open.

This shutdown is having real economic impacts on our otherwise safe communities that have already suffered through the economic impacts of the Woolsey Fire last year.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Danielle Borja, MBA
President/CEO, Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Guzman, Adela

From: Brad Jensen <bjensen@sgvpartnership.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:52 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: May 26th - Motion 39-B - Support
Attachments: SGVEP LACBOS Motion 39-B - Support - Request for Variance to Reopen Parts of LA County.pdf

Attached is a support letter for Motion 39-B for the May 26th meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The support letter is from the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.

Best regards, Brad

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May 25, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St., Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support - Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in Our communities

Dear Supervisor Barger and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, I write in strong support of Motion 39-B. The Partnership is a regional business organization covering the 31 cities and 2 million residents of the San Gabriel Valley.

After nearly two and a half months of the Safer-at-Home order, L.A. County has made substantial progress in reducing the spread of the coronavirus. Many essential businesses, health care facilities, government agencies and other organizations have adopted strict sanitation practices, maintained social distancing, and made every effort to avoid the spread COVID-19.

But these efforts to reduce the spread of the coronavirus have come with an extraordinarily high cost as millions of Angelenos now face unemployment and tens of thousands of businesses are on the brink of bankruptcy. LAEDC estimates that county unemployment will reach 32% in May.

L.A. County has more than 10 million residents, with immense variation in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating the entire county as a single entity, with an all-or-none reopening based on countywide data is illogical and counter-productive. In a county this large, there is a reasonable case to allow the areas of the County where there are have been relatively few cases of and deaths from the COVID-19 to re-open sooner than other areas which continue to struggle to contain the virus. Many parts of L.A. County do not pose a significant risk in a resurgence of the spread of the virus if they are authorized to reopen.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership fully supports **Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities**, which will allow L.A. County to request a State variance and swiftly move the qualifying areas of the County forward to pursue a vital economic recovery.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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From: Ron Hasse <publisher@scng.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:50 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Support of Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities
Attachments: SCNG Letter of Support Motion 39-B .doc

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter of support for Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities.

Respectfully,

Ron Hasse
Publisher, Los Angeles Daily News
President, Southern California News Group

May 25, 2020

Submitted to: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

In March, when LA County enacted its Safer-at-Home order to reduce the health risk of COVID-19, there was a lot that was unknown about the virus. Since then, Los Angeles County has successfully flattened the curve and reduced the strain on our health care system. We have also learned much about how to contain the spread through hygiene and sanitation practices, social distancing, and keeping those who have been exposed to the virus quarantined.

But along the way, the economic devastation of the Safer-at-Home order deepens with millions of Angelenos facing unemployment and businesses on the brink of bankruptcy.

Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening.

Southern California News Group fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Ron Hasse
Publisher, Los Angeles Daily News
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MEMORANDUM

May 22, 2020

To: Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Public Health Officer Dr. Barbara Ferrer

From: Coalition of Businesses and Organizations in Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes

Re: Request for Local Variance for Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes Region

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The undersigned are a coalition of local businesses and community organizations in the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills in the Conejo Valley / Las Virgenes region of Los Angeles County. We would like to formally request a local variance for our region within Los Angeles County. We are requesting that our region be granted permission by Los Angeles County Public Health to adhere to the health orders issued by the State of California, rather than the more restrictive local order for Los Angeles County.

Better Public Health Metrics in Conejo / Las Virgenes

While public health is always the paramount of concern for Los Angeles County, our region has performed much better than our neighbors in more densely populated regions of the County. Please see the chart below that illustrates that Conejo and Las Virgenes areas have not seen the same propensity of new cases and deaths as the rest of the county. Even when accounting for the smaller population, the cases and deaths per capita do not compare to the rates seen in Los Angeles County.

Metric	Los Angeles County	Conejo / Las Virgenes*
Total Cases	40,857	39
Total Deaths	1,970	0

* Conejo / Las Virgenes is the combined data for the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills.

Metric	Westlake Village	Agoura Hills
Total Cases	6	33
Total Deaths	0	0

Access To Adequate Health Care Capacity

In addition to the hospitals within Los Angeles County, our region is served by the Los Robles Health System in nearby Thousand Oaks. In fact, Ventura County has 153 available hospital beds in the event there is a surge of cases in our region. The state standard for a county variance is to have the capacity to withstand a surge of 35%, which our local health systems can accommodate.

Adverse Effect On The Local Economy

Since our cities are located so close in proximity to Ventura County, many of our residents have chosen to make the short trip over the county line to purchase goods and services from businesses that are allowed to open under their order. This is tax revenue and economic impact being left on the table, when it is safe for our residents to shop in stores locally.

In some cases, most notably in Westlake Village, businesses less than 100 feet from the county line with Ventura County are closed and similar businesses that happen to be in Ventura County are allowed to open. This shutdown is having real economic impacts to our otherwise safe communities.

Support From Local Businesses and Community Organizations

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101 North Eatery and Bar - Westlake Village
Aspire Dance Studio - Westlake Village
Bamboo Room - Westlake Village
Batta Vujicic - Westlake Village
BCBC Nails - Westlake Village
Bio SoCal – Westlake Village
Calvary Community Church - Westlake Village
Candu Graphics - Westlake Village
Engen Enterprises, Inc., dba Taco Bell - Westlake Village
Five Threads Brewing Company, LLC – Westlake Village
Glass Arts Collective – Westlake Village
Golf & Tennis Management Inc. - Westlake Village
Heart Boutique - Westlake Village
Human Hybrid Athletics - Westlake Village
Jeanine Lynn Fitness - Westlake Village
Let's Create Something, Inc – Westlake Village
Lindero Oaks, LLC - Westlake Village
Lozano's Jewelry – Westlake Village

JG Management - Westlake Village
JLW Financial & Insurance Services – Westlake Village
Keller Williams Realty / Tim Velasquez – Westlake Village
Kirk Jewelers – Westlake Village
Knows the Code, LLC - Westlake Village
Malibu Sundowner Tasting Room - Westlake Village
My Health Studio - Westlake Village
Novo Cafe - Westlake Village
Nevers, Palazzo, Packard, Wildermuth & Wynner. PC - Westlake Village
Oaks Christian School - Westlake Village
Office Evolution - Westlake Village
Prime Realty Inc. - Westlake Village
Residence Inn by Marriott - Westlake Village
SCJM 2 LLA dba Sport Clips Haircuts - Westlake Village
Selleck Development Group - Westlake Village
Shaina Aleece Photography - Westlake Village
Smash RX, LLC & The Therapist Den - Westlake Village
The Drapery Guy, LLC - Westlake Village
The Gallery Restaurant - Westlake Village
The Shoppes at Westlake - Westlake Village
Tim Joyce Homes Inc. - Westlake Village
Total Woman Gym + Spa - Westlake Village
Urban Vejie - Westlake Village
Wades Wines - Westlake Village
Westlake Office Court, Ltd. - Westlake Village
West Oaks Park LLC – Westlake Village
Westlake Village Inn - Westlake Village
Yarrow YMCA - Westlake Village
Zin Bistro Americiana - Westlake Village

Agoura Fitness - Agoura Hills
Agoura Hills Town Center Joint Venture - Agoura Hills
Basta - Agoura Hills
Black Diamond Leadership- Agoura Hills
BL Dancehall and Saloon - Agoura Hills
California Community Church - Agoura Hills
CARES Compassionate and Reliable Estate Solutions - Agoura Hills
Carmichael Associates - Agoura Hills
Chalkline CrossFit – Agoura Hills
Courtyard by Marriott - Agoura Hills
DJM Commercial Real Estate – Agoura Hills
Emil’s Bake House - Agoura Hills
Fordney Foundation – Agoura Hills

FOY Life – Agoura Hills
Gateway Church – Agoura Hills
Hatch Cafe & Market - Agoura Hills
Havasi Wilderness Foundation - Agoura Hills
Homewood Suites by Hilton- Agoura Hills
Jung Shim Energy Wellness, Agoura Hills
Key Pointe Asset Management, Inc - Agoura Hills
Knows the Code, LLC - Agoura Hills
LA Woolsey Fire Long Term Recovery Group - Agoura Hills
Lisa Rauschenberger, Stylist – Agoura Hills
Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization - Agoura Hills
Pacific Office Interiors - Agoura Hills
Pacific Patio – Agoura Hills
Paulson and Associates Inc. – Agoura Hills
Schmitz & Associates, Inc. - Agoura Hills
SDG Associates - Agoura Hills
Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel - Agoura Hills
Swanky Salon Inc. – Agoura Hills
Tavern 101 - Agoura Hills
Tavern Tomoko I Ladyface Brewery - Agoura Hills
TechAhead Inc. - Agoura Hills
The Agoura Park - LA Fitness Center - Agoura Hills
The Canyon Group/Agoura Hills City Mall - Agoura Hills
TownePlace Suites by Marriott - Agoura Hills
Twisted Oak Tavern and Brewery - Agoura Hills
William M. Hang, DDS, MSD - A Professional Corporation - Agoura Hills

Caruso - Calabasas
The Commons at Calabasas - Calabasas

City of Hermosa Beach

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May 25, 2020

VIA EMAIL: JLaMarque@bos.lacounty.gov

Chair Kathryn Barger
Honorable Members of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: **Please allow cities to responsibly pursue variance from Public Health Orders**

Honorable Supervisors:

I currently serve as a councilmember at the City of Hermosa Beach, and I support Supervisors Hahn and Barger's motion that provides support from Los Angeles County for cities requesting variances from the phased business re-opening schedule. I am sending this letter individually as a councilmember, and it is not being sent on behalf of the entire City Council.

I request that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County Health Officer to work in collaboration with the County CEO and County Counsel work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County, to allow a safe and expeditious reopening of our local economies and way of life.

One of the most important, and difficult, roles of elected officials is to reach the appropriate balance of priorities for our constituents. As we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all attempting to balance the important priorities of maintaining our control and containment of the COVID-19 virus pandemic while also bringing our social infrastructure back online in a safe manner.

Hermosa Beach's small businesses, many of which are owned and operated by Hermosa Beach residents, are essential to the character and quality of life of Hermosa Beach residents, and the survival of the economy of Hermosa Beach. It is crucial for us to work together to allow these small businesses to survive this crisis. Requiring these businesses to remain closed for weeks or months will almost guarantee that most of them will not survive this crisis.

The motion includes the following statement regarding the dire economic conditions of Los Angeles County residents:

> "As the largest driver of the State's economy, the once thriving Los Angeles County economic health must be restored while simultaneously maintaining and preserving the

> health and safety of our residents. Current economic projections paint a dire picture. There have already been over one million unemployment claims in Los Angeles County since mid-March. Furthermore, experts predict that over 750,000 jobs will be lost from the retail and food-service industries alone, and that 75% of the total jobs lost will be those earning $50,000 or less." Emphasis added.

In addition to the concerns I have regarding the current and future negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Hermosa Beach small businesses, and the quality of life of our constituents, I am also similarly concerned about the dire impacts resulting from jobs lost from the retail, food and other service industries to workers that may not live in Hermosa Beach. Workers earning $50,000 or less are suffering significantly as they may not have the resources to withstand significant loss of income for an extended period of time. The impacts to these workers being out of work for months may be devastating and life changing to them and their families, and we owe it to them to take all necessary actions to minimize the disastrous impacts on their livelihood and their quality of life, while still maintaining our control and containment of the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

It is my understanding that some cities in Los Angeles County have already allowed many of their small businesses to re-open, while taking the appropriate social distancing and other precautionary measures. I believe the motion, if passed, will allow us to take into consideration the local and regional differences between Los Angeles County cities, in determining how to best achieve both a safe and expeditious reopening of our local economies and way of life.

Thank you all for all your efforts in serving the residents, businesses and other stakeholders of Los Angeles County during this ongoing public health emergency. You and your staff have done an outstanding job responding to the needs of our community during this difficult time, have taken tremendous efforts to keep us informed and educated about the changing impacts of COVID-19, and have taken responsibility to improve availability of testing for our residents, and have taken many more actions to keep us safe during this difficult time. I also specifically thank and acknowledge all the first responders in Los Angeles County, those working directly for Los Angeles County as well as for any of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, for their courageous commitments and sacrifices in attending to the most vulnerable in our communities during this crisis.

Sincerely,



Hany Fangary,
Councilmember

City of Hermosa Beach

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Michael Detoy, Councilmember *mdetoy@hermosabeach.gov* *626.437.7089*

May 25, 2020

Chair Kathryn Barger
Honorable Members of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" Motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn to allow cities to responsibly pursue variance from Public Health Orders

Honorable Supervisors:

As a Councilmember of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, I am writing to formally state my strong support for the above referenced motion – slated for consideration at your May 26, 2020 meeting – recommending the Board of Supervisors instruct the County Health Officer work in collaboration with the County CEO and County Counsel to:

A. Work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County; and,
B. Immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

As a first responder, I have seen the devastating and deadly effects of COVID-19 firsthand. I feel fortunate to know that the State of California, and Los Angeles County, was quick to implement aggressive social distancing guidelines to help flatten the curve. As we begin to ease back from California Governor Newsom's "Stay-at-Home" order and LA County's Department of Public Health regional "Safer at Home" order, it is important to understand and take into consideration the local and regional differences in determining how to best achieve both a safe and expeditious reopening of our local economies and way of life.

This motion, once passed, will assist in forwarding this aim. It will also serve to help address the very real sense of urgency upon us at this juncture as we balance the important dual priorities of maintaining our control and containment of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and also bringing our social infrastructure back online in a safe manner. Local small businesses, both retail and restaurants, are the backbone fueling our small beach city economy and character.

Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20, signed on May 4, 2020, instructed the State Public Health Officer to establish criteria that could drive sound decisions on potential local or regional departures from statewide directives in the attempt to address legitimate differences in localized areas. The State Public Health Officer subsequently issued a Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order Guidance, listing specific criteria to help guide variance requests, thus providing for a sound foundation for the Supervisors' motion above.

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By working with local health officers, county boards of supervisors and other authorities, the intention is that a nuanced approach to the easing of restrictions could be beneficial in potentially allowing for local and regional customization, where appropriate, within the overarching statewide phases of recovery. It is based on all these factors, that I urge you to support this motion as another important tool in establishing the best path forward.

I want to thank all the health care workers, grocery workers, first responders and other essential workers who have put their lives at risk serving the residents of Los Angeles County. I also want to personally thank you each for all your efforts to diligently serve our public health imperatives during this ongoing public health emergency, and to simultaneously seek a careful balancing of the multiple priorities inherent in our COVID-19 recovery phases.

Sincerely,

Michael Detoy

Michael Detoy
Councilmember, City of Hermosa Beach

Guzman, Adela

From: Jack Miller <cjmiller1@live.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:03 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Resolution support
Attachments: Letter to LA County - signed.pdf

To the LA County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger:

Thank you for submitting the resolution to carve out the North County to be able to move independently from the rest of LA County.

Please see the attached letter of support on behalf of our congregation.

We are praying for the US, CA, LA County and the Antelope Valley.

Charles (Jack) Miller
Pastor, Potters House Christian Center of Palmdale

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May 25, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair, Supervisor, Fifth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Barger:

On behalf of our church, we want to thank you for your continued leadership during this COVID-19 crisis.

It is with this in mind that I write you today to support your motion on the Safer at Home Order and request that the Board of Supervisors allow flexibility for the City of Palmdale to comply with guidelines provided by the State to prevent any further damage to our local economy. In addition, we request that the Board of Supervisors consider a regional approach you are supporting to reopen for Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and the surrounding North county communities. The infection rates in our area remain very low and our medical capacity is high compared to cities within the rest of Los Angeles County.

Since this crisis began, the City of Palmdale has taken great steps to "flatten the curve" and those results have shown. As of May 20, 2020, Palmdale accounted for only 585 cases of the County's 40,857 COVID-19 cases, or just 1.4%. When combined with the data from the other two major cities in the North County region, the total confirmed cases account for 4.1% of total number cases in Los Angeles County.

Moreover, our local health care system has remained strong, with unburdened emergency rooms and surge capacity in place. Our Antelope Valley Mall COVID-19 test site continues to operate daily and has conducted nearly 9,500 total tests. Our City staff continues to find creative ways to educate our residents regarding safe practices and our South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) continues to meet the record number of requests for food and goods it receives daily.

However, these steps have not come without a cost. As noted in the City of Palmdale's April 30, 2020 letter, 23% of the businesses surveyed stated they are "very likely to close" if the stay-at-home order was extended beyond May 15th. That number continues to grow with each passing week. Every week I hear from business owners and residents who tell us they are near a tipping point where they may consider permanently closing their doors.

Looking at the data from the three cities in the North County region, we have answered the call and "slowed the spread." It is for this reason our church believes that our past actions justify our requests.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Charles J Miller
Pastor, Potters House Christian of Palmdale

Guzman, Adela

From: brutus350@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn
Cc: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Call to Action
Attachments: Letter to County of Los Angeles and Kathryn Barger25May2020_demarzio.doc

Please see attached.

v/r,

Steve DeMarzio

May 25, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair
Supervisor, Fifth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street
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Dear Supervisor Barger:

On behalf of myself living in Palmdale for over 22 years, I want to thank you for your continued leadership during this COVID-19 crisis.

Even though I currently serve as Vice President on the Westside Union School District Board of Trustees, I am writing to you instead as a resident of Palmdale and full-time senior engineer in the defense industry also located in Palmdale. I do know that the City of Palmdale remains committed to the health and economic well-being of its residents. It is with this commitment in mind that I write you today to support your motion on the Safer at Home Order and request that the Board of Supervisors allow flexibility for the City of Palmdale to comply with guidelines provided by the State to prevent any further damage to our local economy. In addition, I request that the Board of Supervisors consider a regional approach you are supporting to reopen for Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and the surrounding North county communities. The infection rates in our area remain very low and our medical capacity is high compared to cities within the rest of Los Angeles County.

Since this crisis began, the City of Palmdale has taken great steps to "flatten the curve" and those results have shown. As of May 20, 2020, Palmdale accounted for only 585 cases of the County's 40,857 COVID-19 cases, or just 1.4%. When combined with the data from the other two major cities in the North County region, the total confirmed cases account for 4.1% of total number cases in Los Angeles County.

Moreover, the Antelope Valley's local health care system has remained strong, with unburdened emergency rooms and surge capacity in place. The Antelope Valley Mall COVID-19 test site continues to operate daily and has conducted nearly 9,500 total tests. Palmdale City staff continues

to find creative ways to educate its residents regarding safe practices and its South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) continues to meet the record number of requests for food and goods it receives daily.

However, these steps have not come without a cost. 23% of the businesses surveyed recently stated they are "very likely to close" if the stay-at-home order was extended beyond May 15th. Some of those business owners I personally know. That number continues to grow with each passing week. Everyday my City receives correspondence from business owners and residents who tell us they are near a tipping point where they may consider permanently closing their doors. **That will irreversibly damage the economy of "Aerospace Valley" and force many productive people to leave further depressing the economy!!**

Looking at the data from the three cities in the North County region, we as a region have answered the call and "slowed the spread." It is for this reason I believe that the city's past actions justify my request.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very Respectfully,

//signed//

Steven P DeMarzio
Concerned Citizen, City of Palmdale

CC: Members of the Board of Supervisors

Guzman, Adela

From: Steve Hofbauer <SHofbauer@cityofpalmdale.org>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Barger Leibrich, Kathryn; Barger, Kathryn; ExecutiveOffice
Cc: Saynne Redifer; JJ Murphy
Subject: Letters of support for Supervisor Barger's and Hahn's Resolution to open the North County
Attachments: Donna.pdf; Nicoletta.pdf; Susan.pdf; Lindsey.pdf; Danielle.pdf; Bart.pdf

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing this letter to urge you to allow Palmdale and Lancaster to open up again!! We are being held hostage, when we have been lied to! We have near empty hospitals, a triage unit at the AV Fairgrounds that I do not believe has even had one patient in it. We were told that we would be "safer at home" for 2 weeks. I have lost how long it had been, but it is much longer than we have been told.

We have a pretty low death rate, which to be honest, is really the only numbers that I am concerned about. Suicide rate is up, people are depressed, losing their business, federal money is not being given to many in need. It is time to step up and take back control of our lives and let us save what we can of the economy. I know this is a serious virus, and it can be deadly. But every day that I get in my car, there is a chance I could be hurt or killed.

Please do what is right and get the ball rolling to a new normal. Please do not make me regret voting for you.

Thank you

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Mayor Hofbauer and Board of Supervisors,

My name is Nicoletta Stavole. I appreciate your service and ask for your help. I have many concerns pertaining to the current political climate and COVID-19. I have worked in the service industry for six years, specializing in wine education. I have worked with small businesses, have a small business, and a family.

Although I sympathize with COVID-sufferers, I also realize that each year people die of influenza. 2018-2019 there were 34, 1547 influenza deaths, and 2017-2018. There were 61,099 influenza deaths, according to the CDC. This year so far, there are only 6,158 influenza deaths but 60, 299 COVID-linked deaths. Is it possible that we are exchanging one category for another? Pneumonia deaths are more alarming this year that are not linked to COVID-19. There are 81,318 pneumonia deaths. The majority of pneumonia and influenza deaths affect the elderly. Does it not stand to reason that the baby boomer population would create a larger platform for these deaths this year? A large group of people that approach the vulnerable age bracket all at one time would certainly increase influenza and pneumonia death rates.

I also would like to state my concern over the current restrictive stay-at-home policies and their relationship to the first amendment. The first amendment states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for the redress of grievances.” When I see many different signs that say, “Stay at home” and “no group gatherings,” displayed by the county, local, and state governments, I grow increasingly concerned for our rights as United States citizens. When I see, first-hand, businesses being commanded to close even in areas where COVID-19 has lower numbers like in the Antelope Valley of California, I become increasingly aware of the possibility of “big” government. A one-size-fits-all is never a solution for the United States.

There are 30.2 million businesses in the United States that employ 58.9 million people, according to the SBA. Although there has been temporary relief from the CARES act, there is not enough relief to keep the small business going for longer than a few weeks. Not all businesses are getting help. There is not enough help to be given. Our government was not created to support these businesses. They need the ability to continue business without being shut down or given such tight restrictions that make it impossible to survive. Our damaged economy will continue to plummet if these businesses who are already suffering have to open at half capacity. Their debt will continue to rise until they are forced out of business. All the jobs they provide will be lost, thus continuing the unemployment crisis.

Unemployment is skyrocketing during this time. The extra money given is tempting many Americans to be complacent and not go back to work. I can’t tell you the number of times I’ve heard, “I make more money on unemployment, so I’m not going back to work right now.” Why, during this time, have we changed unemployment? It should not

be used as a stimulus. Otherwise, it promotes communistic values. No one has to work to earn what he has. The government simply provides it. As a society, we are becoming dependent on the next government hand out.

There is also a concern for those that lost their jobs unwillingly and didn't qualify for unemployment. The suicide and mental health of those facing COVID or government mandates are unrealized at this time. The unrealistic fear and mental stress will certainly bare its mark on humanity as we go forth.

There has been much talk of anti-body testing, mandatory vaccines, and possible temperatures taken in business doorways. I oppose all of these. This is a pathway for over-government. People must have the freedom to say what is allowed to be injected into their bodies and who they give the right to see their individual "health" information. When we have privacy rules such as HIPAA already in place, how can we even entertain thoughts of taking people's temperatures in public at non-health facilities?

Even though COVID-19 tracking apps and reporting hotlines seem benign, I argue that they are malignant. I hope the McCarthyism days have shown us that reporting people and tracking them will not only divide our country but will also be a gateway for corruption.

The balance of government control had always been a tricky issue. Our forefathers created three branches to keep us in check. I understand we have significant challenges before us, but we can not forget who we are. We are the United States of America. We left a land of tyranny for this one. I urge you to vote and make the appropriate decisions. I will, in turn, vote for those individuals that hold to our constitution.

Thank you for your time,

Nicoletta Stavole

To LA County Board of Supervisors and Mayor Hofbauer

It is time to open all businesses.

There is NO reason that a small business, with less customers cannot enact safety precautions just like a big box store. The damage that has been done to the economy and to families is far worse than any impact the virus has had or will have.

I 100% support opening all business.

Further, Antelope Valley should not be lumped into the same catagory as the highly populated, melting pot of the Los Angeles areas.

I request you **immediately** separate Antelope Valley from down below.

Thank you,

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Dear Mayor Steve Hofbauer and Board of Supervisors,

This letter is to ask you to PLEASE open our city back up!! Our numbers are low compared to other LA County cities.

I'm sure all businesses would be willing to comply with safety rules to be able to open back up! IT IS TIME!!

Our kids need to be back on school, churches need to reopen, and our people need to get back to our "normal" lives!!

Please hear our hearts!!!

Thank you!!
Lindsey McGriff

Dear Mayor Hofbauer and Board of Supervisors,

I have been a resident of the City of Palmdale for 16 years and I feel that we naturally social distance in our small community. I'm seeing businesses suffer and people falling into depression as this pandemic continues. I have a home childcare and I'm suffering from loss of children which is hurting me financially. I may have to close and I'm hearing of other childcares as well.

Our community can not go back to work if we don't have adequate childcares to serve them if we are all closed. We need to get back to work and just follow guidelines to continue to social distance, sanitize and wear masks if needed.

Thank you for serving Palmdale with all your dedication and values.

Daniele Jenkins
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Mr. Mayor and Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to pass along my ideas on moving forward from an economic perspective regarding business shutdowns due to Covid.

I own one of the four breweries in the Antelope Valley. There are two of us in Lancaster and two in Palmdale. Our brewery, Bravery Brewing is the oldest brewery in the Antelope Valley (now opened for 8 years). There have been two breweries in the AV that have failed and gone out of business; one fairly recently. Our industry is not the automatic money maker some people think it is. We are also the largest brewery in the AV and produce more beer than the other three combined. As a family owned small business, we have put our life savings into our business and have worked hard to expand and provide a great service to our community. This comes with a huge financial investment. I am friends with all the owners of the other AV breweries, and I am also friends with many of the restaurant owners in the Antelope Valley because we provide them with our beer. So there has been a lot of conversation going on between all of us for the past two months, and I believe we are all on the same page with the things I lay out below.

So, I would like to approach what I have to say on two different fronts as far as support from what I would like to see from local government. I will talk mostly about how things look in my industry - the beer manufacturing industry, because that is what I am an expert on.

First, when and how to reopen. This past Friday I was told by a friend who owns a brewery in Kern County that his brewery and all breweries in Kern have been allowed to return to sit down service with some restrictions. If my brewery was located only 10 miles to the north, we would be in Kern County and would have been open for business this Memorial Day weekend. It is hard for many of us small business owners in the relatively sparsely populated Antelope Valley to see the difference between us and much of Kern County.

In our business, our highest margins are from selling a customer a glass of beer. We have not been able to do this for more than two months. We are blessed to have been allowed to sell beer to go and for home delivers, but this gives us a very small profit margin, and with overall sales that have dropped more than 50% we are bleeding money; more on this later. I can tell you that we in the craft beer brewery business are very responsible when it comes to serving people beer. We are not a dive bar; we are not a night club and we are not a sports bar. In fact, we have no TVs. Most of our customers come in for one or two beers over the course of a couple of hours and just talk. So, we need to get back to selling beer by the glass ASAP, and we know we can do this as responsibly as the folks up in Kern County.

Second, we need more help. We tried to apply for the PPP loan on the first day it was available. We were literally turned down on that first day by our community bank. I've heard a similar story from many other small business owners. We applied for the $10,000 federal grant and after a week got an email saying that they were looking into it, and ever since, crickets. We tried to get the $10,000 grant from LA County but were unable to find where to apply on their website. After numerous emails with no response and unanswered calls, we gave up on that one too. Early on we made a decision to lay off 11 of our 13 employees. That helped our financial picture somewhat, but we quickly realized that the only way we could survive under the current rules was to not pay bills. So here is what we have not been able to pay: Our mortgage payments, our property tax payment to the County, our production taxes to the state and federal government, our LLC fees to the state, and thanks to the Governor's program on sales tax, we are not paying the sales taxes we collect. But this is simply burying us in debt.

So on this front here is what our business and I'm certain many others are looking for. A couple of days ago I saw an article in the AV Press and was floored. It was about a program the Kern County Supervisors had just approved. It is called Kern Recovers. This is exactly what my business needs. Here are the highlights from their website:

The Kern Recovers Program provides $25 million in forgivable loans of up to $75,000 each to local small businesses like restaurants, gyms, and salons to directly mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19. While similar to the federal Payroll Protection Program, the county's program provides increased flexibility and will only be available to local small businesses with less than 50 employees and under $5 million in annual revenue. Interested businesses don't need to be customers of the banks in order to apply for the loans, nor will they be required to become customers.

I don't know where the money for this is coming from and certainly $25 million will not be enough, but it's a start. I would implore the LA County Board of Supervisors to adopt a similar program to help keep as many businesses as possible afloat. Another thing we need is less regulation coming out of this. A great example was early on when ABC allowed restaurants who have an alcohol license to sell customers beer or margaritas to go with their food purchase. This was done quickly with few regulations and no application form and no fee. Already I have seen ABC coming up with new policies that require an application form and a non-refundable fee.

Lastly, we need a moratorium on the minimum wage increase. We need this both at the County and State level. Even before Covid, many small businesses would have gone under just due to having to pay their lowest paid employees $15 per hour which after SS, Medicare, unemployment and workman's comp it is more like $20 per hour. You can't fool math, and people will not pay $25 for a cheeseburger and fries.

In the state of California nearly half of all workers are employed by small business. I believe it is imperative that local government does all it can to keep as many of their businesses as possible in business. Although I shop and dine at Walmart, Amazon and multi-billion-dollar restaurants chains, I can't imagine a world where these are the only choices we have.

Again, thank you for this opportunity. I hope it make a difference.

Bart Avery

From: Ana Fonseca
To: English, Stephanie
Cc: PublicComments
Subject: Logix Federal CU support letters
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Good morning Stephanie,

I hope you and your family are doing well.

I have attached the letters in support of the two motions on the Board of Supervisors agenda this morning.

Take care,
Ana

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May 26, 2020

Submitted to: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

There is no question that the Santa Clarita Valley economy has been severely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In fact, WalletHub has ranked the city of Santa Clarita as the 3rd hardest hit city in California with respect to unemployment rate, and 17th in the nation. Beyond restaurant and retail closures, our community has suffered further massive unemployment. Magic Mountain, SCV's largest private employer, is closed. Princess Cruises, Santa Clarita's second largest private employer, has stopped global operations through summer. The film sector, a once-thriving industry in SCV, is closed. Our aerospace industry, already impacted by the 737 Max, is further devastated by the vast drop in air travel and plummeting of new airplane orders. Consumer product manufacturing (unless PPE), another major sector in Santa Clarita, is closed. Even our community hospital, Henry Mayo Newhall, is experiencing layoffs due to the very strong stay at home messages put forth by our government, and residents are not accessing needed emergency and life-saving care.

Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is devastating. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. The Santa Clarita Valley has been a model of adherence to government criteria, and the numbers in our region show no significant risk in reopening. The Santa Clarita Valley, including both the City and the unincorporated area of LA County, should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening.

Logix Federal Credit Union fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Ana E. Fonseca

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May 25, 2020

Chair Kathryn Barger and Honorable Members
of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" Motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn to Allow Cities to Pursue Variance from Public Health Orders

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Thank you for your ongoing support and continued efforts on behalf of our communities. We understand the tough choices every elected leader has to make during this unprecedented time.

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, I am writing to support the "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn to allow cities within LA County to pursue variances from the Public Health Orders, which is agendized for the May 26, 2020, County Board of Supervisors meeting.

On May 20, 2020, the City of Manhattan Beach wrote to Supervisor Hahn requesting immediate action to eliminate retail curbside-only restrictions and allow Manhattan Beach retail businesses to fully open under State and County guidelines. That same day, Supervisor Hahn responded and proposed a plan to allow retail businesses to reopen with safety protocols, and asked Governor Newsom to level the playing field for "non-essential" and "essential" retail businesses.

In accordance with this previous request, the City of Manhattan Beach would like to continue on the path of economic recovery and reopen our local economy by pursuing a variance from the Public Health Orders. The City recognizes that the entire region of Los Angeles County is grappling with similar economic concerns and the County must balance those with addressing our collective public health. However, the City recognizes that the Coronavirus will continue to exist for the foreseeable year. As a region, we must learn to live with the virus and manage it by taking the appropriate safety measures to minimize the risk of transmission, while also allowing businesses that meet State and County health protocols to reopen to assist

with our economic recovery.

Additionally, while we take pride in being Los Angeles County residents, we recognize that the County covers over 4,000 square miles, is made up of vast urban and rural communities, broken up across seven valleys, several coastal regions and multiple urban centers. COVID-19 is impacting each city in our County differently.

The rate of infection in Manhattan Beach remains very low. Since Public Health began tracking COVID-19 cases, the City has only 76 positive confirmations. In context, this means Manhattan Beach has less than one quarter of one percent of all positive cases in Los Angeles County. More recently, the number of new daily positive cases has dramatically decreased in Manhattan Beach. Since the beginning of May, the City is averaging an increase of 0.4 cases, while LA County is averaging 937cases per day.

Manhattan Beach falls under the South Region of LA County EMS reporting area for hospital availability. Over the past two weeks, the South Region hospitals have had an average of 245 beds available for surge and also maintained an average of 45 ICU beds over the past 14 days. The South Bay can accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 patients within the existing infrastructure. In addition, hospital facilities have robust plans to protect hospital workers, both clinical and non-clinical with PPE, while simultaneously maintaining plans to grow surge capacity, if needed.

Therefore, the City of Manhattan Beach firmly supports the "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn, and respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to approve the same. The City of Manhattan Beach has a strong interest in a City variance and looks forward to submitting a request to the County so our local economy can begin to reopen.

I thank you and express the City Council's appreciation for your efforts on placing this motion before the County Board of Supervisors. Should you have any questions or would like follow-up information on this matter, please contact our City Manager, Bruce Moe at bmoe@citymb.info or 310-802-5053.

Sincerely,



Richard Montgomery
Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach

CC: Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
Honorable State Senator Ben Allen
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May 22, 2020

Submitted to: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

In March, when LA County enacted its Safer-at-Home order to reduce the health risk of COVID-19, there was a lot that was unknown about the virus. Since then, Los Angeles County has successfully flattened the curve and reduced the strain on our health care system. We have also learned much about how to contain the spread through hygiene and sanitation practices, social distancing, and keeping those who have been exposed to the virus quarantined.

But along the way, the economic devastation of the Safer-at-Home order deepens with millions of Angelenos facing unemployment and businesses on the brink of bankruptcy.

Los Angeles County has more than 10 million residents in a geography spanning more than 4,000 square miles, with huge regional variations in population density and COVID-19 hotspots. The economic damage of treating all LA County as a single community, with an all-or-none reopening based on Countywide data is destructive. The County must be allowed to consider the data, safety protocols put in place, and flattening of the curve on a regional basis, to accelerate opening on a regional basis. Many regions of the County show no significant risk in reopening. These regions should be allowed to move forward with stages of reopening.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports Motion 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities on the Supplemental Agenda for the May 26 Board meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to work with the State to obtain a regional variance to swiftly move conforming areas of the County forward to pursue economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Donna Duperron
President & CEO

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

May 25, 2020 Via Email

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
The Honorable Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Suite 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Motion to Work with the State to Obtain a Partial Variance relating to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20

Dear Chair Barger and Supervisor Hahn:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports your motion to work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County; and to immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole. In fact, the City supports the consideration of a full variance to allow all businesses to open with perhaps stay-at-home orders applying to those 65 years old and older or with underlying health conditions.

We believe this is the right, sensible and responsible approach to reopening, rather than subjecting a vast region with such diversely impacted communities to the same guidelines. To date, Rancho Palos Verdes has seen only 86 confirmed cases of COVID-19 out of a population of about 42,000 residents. Though we have succeeded in avoiding overwhelming L.A. County's health care system, we fear that delaying safely reopening will worsen the economic health crisis created by this pandemic. We project that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rancho Palos Verdes could potentially lose 9% of its revenue this fiscal and next fiscal year, impacting core city services. Our business community desperately needs our help to recover from the devastating toll of this crisis.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to pass this motion and make it possible for communities that are prepared to reopen to do so as safely and soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Cruikshank
Mayor

cc: Ben Allen, Senator, 26th State Senate District
Al Muratsuchi, Assembly Member, 66th Assembly District
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association
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May 25, 2020

Honorable Janice Hahn
Supervisor, 4th District
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012
VIA EMAIL

Re: Support for Motion to Allow Local Variances from State Requirements to Support Small Businesses

Dear Supervisor Hahn

Our community and our local small businesses, like all other communities throughout California, are coping with the harsh realities of a statewide shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the protective measures put in place have been guided by the expertise of our State and County health officials, the toll they have taken on the Statewide economy is undeniable. And, more poignantly, the toll they have taken on small businesses like those primarily present in Lomita has been devastating. Our local businesses – many of them family owned and operated - have been unable to conduct business for more than 60 days now and each day they are unable to open is another day closer to permanent closure. It is for this reason, we sincerely thank you for your efforts to provide equal opportunity for success to small businesses throughout LA County by allowing them to reopen with the same safety protocols as larger businesses.

With that said, there is more to be done. The City of Lomita strongly supports your motion to the Board of Supervisors to pursue variances from State requirements for local communities and for the County as a whole. This is a data driven approach that will allow local small businesses to operate safely, while protecting the health and safety of the residents of our County, and the City of Lomita fully supports this effort.

Despite limited resources of our own, the City of Lomita is doing its part to assist businesses in our community in their efforts to conduct business, keep people employed, and sell their goods and services to the public while complying with all orders. Our measures provide forgivable loans of up to $5,000 for Lomita businesses to help them jump start their business activities and provide a vital lifeline to workers and business owners as they being to reopen.

The City has also developed an expedited permitting process to allow restaurant and retail businesses to use the outdoor spaces surrounding their businesses to implement distancing and other measures needed to safely reopen. Throughout the local emergency, the City of Lomita has remained committed to providing as much flexibility and leniency as possible to residents and businesses as they comply with State and County restrictions.

Lomita has provided support to the local business community to the greatest extent possible while working with the Lomita Chamber of Commerce to develop strategies to preserve and face the challenges that threaten the stores and shops that make our City unique.

The South Bay region in general has been less affected by the pandemic in comparison to other parts of the State. As of today, there have been only 48 positive reported cases of COVID-19 in the City of Lomita, representing only 0.002% of our population.

For all these reasons, the City of Lomita supports your motion to work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of cities like ours and immediately, upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

The City of Lomita recognizes your leadership in these efforts to restore equity to our business community and your continued efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at 310-325-7110 x 115 or rsmoot@lomitacity.com.

Sincerely,



Ryan Smoot
City Manager

c. Mayor Gazeley and Members of the Lomita City Council
Ben Allen, California State Senator, 26th District
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May 24, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair
Supervisor, Fifth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Suite 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: May 26, 2020 Agenda Item 39-B Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities

Dear Chair Barger and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Since 1957, the California Contract Cities Association has advocated for strengthening the local control of its member cities. As we deal with the harsh realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must also be cognizant of the need for cities to reopen safely.

Businesses and governments of all sizes and levels have seen a significant decrease in revenues with the real possibility that some cities and businesses may not be fiscally viable soon.

While we applaud the state and county's approach to flatten the COVID-19 curve, we must also explore how we can begin to safely open areas of the county that meet the criteria as outlined in today's motion.

Los Angeles County is as diverse as the entire State of California and a one-size-fits-all approach may not be the best solution in many cases. Allowing cities to begin to reopen shuttered businesses as long as those cities meet the criteria and do not see any significant increases in the spread of COVID-19 is just and desperately needed in these unfortunate times.

We encourage all city leaders to continue to ask their constituencies to adhere to CDC, state, and county health officer guidelines until such time as the orders are lifted. As such, the California Contract Cities Association would like to offer our support for this motion and encourage support from the entire Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Please contact me at Marcel@contractcities.org or (562) 639-6736 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marcel Rodarte
Executive Director

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May 26, 2020

Honorable Chair and Members of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for "Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities" Supplemental Agenda Item No. 39-B (Barger & Hahn)

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

With this letter, El Segundo City Council offers its strong support for the "Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities" motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn which would allow a city (such as El Segundo) and/or a region (such as the South Bay) to obtain a partial variance from the State to address unique local issues associated with the impacts of COVID-19. If granted by the Governor, this request would allow our local economy to experience immediate relief from the overly burdensome restrictions of the current State of California Stay-at-Home Order.

The City of El Segundo and other South Bay cities have demonstrated an ability to protect their local community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, we should be allowed to immediately forge ahead into the less restrictive aspects of the State's Road Map to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order.

El Segundo, in particular, has maintained very low rates of infection and is epidemiologically stable of COVID-19 cases. For example, there have been just 32 total cases in El Segundo, with only two new cases within the past 14 days. El Segundo has not had a single death related to COVID-19 to date.

As a municipality, El Segundo has provided clear guidance and necessary resources to ensure the safety of critical infrastructure workers. Simultaneously, the City has provided an ample amount of supplies, including disinfectant, hand sanitizer, essential protective gear, and an array of other items. All local public safety organizations are fully staffed and ready to immediately respond to any incident that may occur, including a potential future pandemic surge.

The City of El Segundo has maintained activation of its All-Hazards Incident Management Team which has managed the incident and provided direction to City employees, essential workers, and the public regarding COVID-19 issues since March 18, 2020. The City will continue to maintain this posture as long as needed to remain prepared for whatever future pandemic issues may arise.

El Segundo falls under the South Region of LA County EMS reporting area for hospital availability and as such will continue to have access to ample hospital beds, if needed. Over the past two weeks, for example, the South Region hospitals have had an average of 245 beds available for surge and maintained an average of 45 ICU beds. As a result, our region can accommodate a minimum patient surge of 35%. In addition, hospital facilities have robust plans to protect the local hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with PPE while simultaneously being able to accommodate grow surge capacity, if needed.

The South Bay in general, and City of El Segundo in particular, continues to maintain an emergency operations plan which includes this pandemic as a potential hazard. The City has also developed a reconstitution plan that takes into account COVID-19 risks. These plans can be immediately implemented at the direction of the City Manager and carried out by the City's All-hazards Incident Management Team, City's emergency service agencies, and other community stakeholders.

In closing, El Segundo City Council strongly supports this motion for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to instruct the County Health Officer, working in collaboration with the CEO and County Counsel, to work with the State of California to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities (such as El Segundo) and/or regions (such as the South Bay) within the County. A "yes" vote on Supplemental Agenda Item 39-B would help establish a more flexible State Road Map to Modify the current Stay-at-Home Order, which would greatly benefit our local economy and community.

Should you have any questions, please contact City Manager Scott Mitnick at (310) 524-2301 or smitnick@elsegundo.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

City of El Segundo City Council

Drew Boyles
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CC: County CEO Sachi Hamai
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South Bay City Councils
Scott Mitnick, City Manager

From: Linda Enos
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM]Support for Reopening North County
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:10:54 AM

May 25, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair
Supervisor, Fifth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Barger:

On behalf Greater Works Christian Church and Butler's Coffee we want to thank you for your continued leadership during this COVID-19 crisis.

We are writing supporting the request to reopen Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and the surrounding North county communities. The infection rates in our area remain very low and our medical capacity is high compared to cities within the rest of Los Angeles County.

Our business Butler's Coffee house have been greatly impacted economically due to this current situation. We are a non-profit vocational training facility for youth. We provide a local place for them and many business people to gather. Without in-store dining we are no longer able to provide these services. We understand the need for safety however feel that with proper safety procedures in place it will be safe to continue.

Here are current statistics provided by our city. Since this crisis began, the City of Palmdale has taken great steps to "flatten the curve" and those results have shown. As of May 20, 2020, Palmdale accounted for only 585 cases of the County's 40,857 COVID-19 cases, or just 1.4%. When combined with the data from the other two major cities in the North County region, the total confirmed cases account for 4.1% of total number cases in Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Robert and Linda Enos
Greater Works Christian Church
Butler's Coffee

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Rolling Hills Estates

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May 26, 2020

VIA E-MAIL (evelazquez@bos.lacounty.gov)

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Board Executive Office
Room 383, Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" Motion

Dear Chair Barger:

On behalf of the City of Rolling Hills Estates, I would like to thank and commend the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for its leadership in responding to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates supports the "Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities" motion put forward by Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Barger that would direct the County Health Officer to work with the State of California in allowing cities to obtain a partial variance from State directives, rather than adhere to a "one-size-fits-all" approach. Currently, the ability to apply for a variance from the State only applies to counties, not individual cities.

According to the most recent available data from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the City of Rolling Hills Estates has only 14 total reported COVID-19 cases and no reported deaths. Our City, along with the other cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, falls under the South Region of Los Angeles County EMS reporting area for hospital availability. Rolling Hills Estates data clearly meets the required guidelines determined by the State. Further, over the past two weeks, the South Region hospitals have had an average of 245 beds available for surge and also maintained an average of 45 ICU beds over the past 14 days. The South Bay can accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 patients within the existing infrastructure. In addition, hospital facilities have robust plans to protect hospital workers, both clinical and non-clinical with PPE while simultaneously maintaining plans to grow surge capacity, if needed. Testing is readily available through both Los Angeles County sites, as well as many private medical facilities that have opened access to testing, including a drive-thru testing site at a Rolling Hills Estates local mall parking lot.

As you know, small businesses are the engine of local economies and the stay-at-home orders in response to the pandemic have had a devastating impact. Our Commercial District is comprised of mostly independent, neighborhood-serving retail stores and restaurants. Earlier this month, the four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula submitted a "Peninsula Reopening Blueprint for Businesses" plan, which was developed in partnership with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The plan outlines the social/physical distancing and safeguard protocols for various businesses that would implement the required health and safety measure to ensure the protection of both employees and customers.

Our ultimate goal, like yours and the Governor's, is ensuring the health and well-being of our community. We are committed to taking important and necessary public health measures, while still allowing our small, local businesses to safely reopen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Greg Grammer
City Manager
City of Rolling Hills Estates

From:	ExecutiveOffice
To:	PublicComments
Cc:	ExecutiveOffice
Subject:	FW: Support for Item 39-B Local Variance for Agoura Hills
Date:	Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:49:37 AM
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From: Judy Pickering <judy@techaheadcorp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:34 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 39-B Local Variance for Agoura Hills

I was in the queue to log in my support and wasn't called. Here's my public comment for the record:

I'm calling in strong support for item 39-B — Local Variance — for public comment on the supplemental agenda:

Good morning Supervisors.

- *I am a manager at TechAhead, a mobile app developer in Agoura Hills and I support opening up Agoura Hills businesses.*
- *Agoura Hills is very close to the border of Ventura County. Ventura County has received a county variance, so all of it's businesses reopened last week, while ours have to remain closed or are operating in more limited capacities.*
- *The data supports a local variance. Agoura Hills has only had 33 total cases of COVID-19.*
- *There have been 0 deaths in Agoura Hills; our community's COVID-19 survival rate is 100 percent.*
- *Although TechAhead is equipped to operate remotely, we know our local businesses are hurting and some of them may not survive. We support allowing them to open in a safe way in accordance to all health and safety guidelines.*

Thank you for your support!

Judy

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Judy Pickering

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From:	ExecutiveOffice
To:	PublicComments
Cc:	ExecutiveOffice
Subject:	FW: Hon Kathryn Barger- Request for Assistance Antelope Valley
Date:	Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:43:52 AM

From: Kim Cantrell <ralphcantrell007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:20 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: jjmurphy@cityofpalmdale.org; ralphcantrell007@gmail.com; brejniak@cityoflancasterca.org
Subject: Hon Kathryn Barger- Request for Assistance Antelope Valley

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
Supervisor Fifth District
Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

I hope my note finds you and your loved ones well and in good spirits.

I am Ralph Cantrell a principal of AVCOM an organization dedicated to promoting aerospace industries in the Antelope (Aviation) Valley.

As you know the COVID Pandemic has crippled may of the businesses that support the Valley's aviation and aerospace businesses.

It is for this reason that I am writing you today to support your motion on the Safer at Home Order and to request that the Board of Supervisors allow flexibility for the City of Palmdale to comply with guidelines provided by the State to prevent any further damage to our local economy. In addition, the Palmdale City Council had requested that the Board of Supervisors consider a regional approach to reopen the Cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Acton, Santa Clarita, and the surrounding North County communities. Although outside of your jurisdiction, we request the use of your good office to help open up a portion of Kern County which includes California City, North Edwards, Rosamond, and Boron. All of these municipalities directly support Edwards Air Force Base and are, in essence, part of the Antelope Valley.

No one is suggesting that we abandon public health safeguards that will keep everyone healthy (employees and customers alike) until a vaccine can be developed to protect us from the COVID Virus. We at AVCOM support strict compliance with all COVID public health standards. With that being said, we believe the Antelope Valley which includes the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Acton (and parts of Southern Kern County which includes California City, North Edwards, Rosamond, and Boron) has shown that we are ready to take the next steps to restart our businesses especially those that support the Valley's aerospace/aviation firms. These include but are not limited to businesses which repair small engines and compressors, sharpen tools and blades, hotels to support transit engineers and technicians, IT Firms,

Computer repair, gas (nitrogen/oxygen/acetylene) delivery, welding, instrument calibration, and rare fuels.

If I can be of assistance to your good office I can be contacted at

Colonel Ralph Cantrell
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May 25, 2019

The Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County 4th District Office
302 W. 5th Street, #200
San Pedro, CA 90731

Via email: evelazquez@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: **Support for Motion by Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger on Safer at Work and Safer in Our Communities**

Honorable Supervisor Hahn:

While Rolling Hills is a bedroom community, the City is comprised of many business owners operating in Los Angeles County. I appreciate your recognition of the impacts caused by the pandemic and the need to balance the preservation of health and safety of the residents and the health of the economy of Los Angeles County.

On May 19, 2020, the Peninsula cities comprising of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, and Rolling Hills requested a variance to the State's criteria for reopening businesses. The request included data satisfying the State's specified criteria for a variance.

The City of Rolling Hills supports you in your efforts with the State to obtain variances on behalf of cities with Los Angeles County, and take all steps to pursue a variance on behalf of the County as a whole. Thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pieper
Mayor

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John Cruikshank, Mayor Rancho Palos Verdes
Velveth Schmitz, Mayor Rolling Hills Estates
David McGowan, Mayor Palos Verdes Estates

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May 26, 2020

The Honorable Janice Hahn
Supervisor, Fourth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT- Item 39-B – Safer at Home and Safe in Our Communities

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Commerce, we are writing to express our respectful support for your proposal an intent under Item 39-B during the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The motion as proposed is in reference to the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20, which instructs the State Public Health officer to "establish criteria and procedures – determine whether or how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from statewide directives". Your proposed motion would instruct the County Health Officer to 1) work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County and 2) immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

The City of Commerce and the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority would each be interested in working with the County's Chief Executive Officer in applying for a variance as proposed under Item 39-B. Thank you for your leadership.

Respectfully,

Ivan Altamirano
Mayor

Oralia Y. Rebollo
Mayor Pro Tem

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Councilmember

John Soria
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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

May 26, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger Supervisor, Fifth District Chair
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 869
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The Honorable Janice Hahn Supervisor, Fourth District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT – Item 39-B - Safer at Home and Safer in Our Communities

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, I am writing to express our respectful support for your proposal and intent under Item 39-B during the May 26th meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The motion as proposed is in reference to the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20, which instructs the State Public Health officer to "establish criteria and procedures – determine whether or how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from statewide directives". Your proposed motion would instruct the County Health Officer to 1) work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County and 2) immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

The City of Hawaiian is interested in working with the County's Chief Executive Officer in applying for a variance as proposed under Item 39-B. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact my office at (562) 420-2641 ext. 201 or via email at jalvarado@hgcity.org. Thank you for your leadership.

Respectfully,



Jesse Alvarado
Mayor, City of Hawaiian Gardens

cc: Governing Board Members, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority