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**Cc:** [Ken Cutler](#); [CEO](#); [County Counsel](#); [Ryan Gruver](#); [Jill Blake](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on supervisors meeting pertaining to COVID-19  
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District 3 resident

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From: Jason Howard [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:30 PM  
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
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Hello-

I'm writing you all today to provide comment on the meeting I just watched regarding Nevada County's COVID-19 efforts. Perhaps I should first state that I've been in your shoes, as an elected official, about a decade ago in a different part of the state. So, I've got at least some understanding of what you're dealing with. I've also been paying close attention to this, what is now a likely pandemic, unfold across the world. I'm acutely aware of the data; I've kept up to date on study and information from many of the medical journals. I believe this allows me to write to you today as an informed citizen.

It is my belief we're underplaying the severity of this situation at every level of government. While I understand the urge to not cause panic, we've got very limited time to get the public sober and on the same page. The messaging from the county needs to be significantly more urgent. We need to employ any and all mechanisms at your disposal to reduce potential for community spread.

Please consider this: Italy is a country about the same population and area as California. It's economically similar. It's healthcare is similar. 18 days ago they had roughly the same number of cases as California. They've now shut down the entire country. I can't imagine they came to that conclusion easily. There are now plenty of reports from doctors on the front lines in Italy telling of very difficult choices. Choices of literally life and death. Choices like: do we put this younger patient or older patient on the one available ventilator and likely let the older patient die.

This is probably the hardest thing you'll have to deal with in your elected career. But you're elected to make hard choices, even when it's not obvious to the public why they're necessary. Indecisiveness on your part would be, in effect, forcing our doctors to make much more awful decisions a bit later.

I'm happy to share any further thoughts with you. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone [REDACTED].

Thank you very much for your time,  
Jason Howard