

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Frank & Thelma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:27 PM
To: BOS Public Comment; Cookson@asm.ca.gov
Subject: LETTER TO REOPEN please
Attachments: COVID letter.pdf

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Please see attached PDF. Thank you.
Thelma.

May 11, 2020

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board County of Nevada
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Nevada County Stay-at-Home Order Stage 2 Reopening

Dear Ms. Patterson Hunter and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

As residents, neighbors, and business owners in Nevada County, we care deeply about our communities. On March 19th, Governor Newsom issued his shelter-in-place order, closing non-essential businesses and prohibiting all non-essential travel. We knew that it was the right thing to do, to protect our community, business, and the traveling public. We commend the Governor for making this difficult decision and taking early action in the fight against COVID-19 and supporting the County of Nevada, issuing Stay-at-Home guidelines to keep us safe.

We're heartened that the data on the Nevada County COVID 19 Dashboard is a clear indication that our community has been successful in following the State and Nevada County Stay-at-Home guidelines and that those afflicted with COVID 19 have recovered. Our curve is flattened, with no new cases reported.

Daily, we wait for news from our Supervisors that measures have been taken to follow the examples of neighboring counties whose COVID 19 data mirrors our own. The Supervisors of those counties have written letters to the Governor and reopened their counties with precautions in place. We, in Nevada County, are compelled to remain sequestered and non-essential businesses are mandated to remain closed. It is difficult to watch our friends and neighbors go down the hill to neighboring counties to purchase goods and services while many of us are on the brink of financial collapse. Dollars spent outside of Nevada County; dollars that would help us recover economically, were we open.

In addition, many of those forced into confinement suffer health and mental health issues.

It is our feeling that you, as our elected officials, have chosen to not stand up for us. If you do not help us reopen, many small businesses in Nevada County will perish. We ask the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to stand with the constituency of the County. Please support our right as citizens to open our doors, our right as business owners to serve our community, and support us in restoring our livelihoods.

Governor Newsom is overstepping his authority by continuing to hold counties to the statewide order as businesses suffer. He is acting outside of the bounds of state law clearly defined, "The governor shall proclaim the termination of a state of emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant."

We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors write a resolution asking California's Governor to immediately adhere to state law and terminate the current State of Emergency declaration, give local control back to the County of Nevada and reopen our businesses.

Sincerely,


Thelma Lowery

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Heather Bazzocco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:31 PM
To: BOS Public Comment
Cc: Cookson@asm.ca.gov
Subject: Nevada County Stay-at-home Order Appeal Letter

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We're heartened that the data on the Nevada County COVID 19 Dashboard is a clear indication that our community has been so severely afflicted with COVID 19 have recovered. Our curve is flattened, with no new cases reported.

Daily, we wait for news from our Supervisors that measures have been taken to follow the examples of neighboring counties who have reopened to the Governor and reopened their counties with precautions in place. We, in Nevada County, are compelled to remain sequestered from friends and neighbors go down the hill to neighboring counties to purchase goods and services while many of us are on the brink of recovering economically, were we open.

In addition, many of those forced into confinement suffer health and mental health issues.

It is our feeling that you, as our elected officials, have chosen to not stand up for us. If you do not help us reopen, many small businesses will be forced to stand with the constituency of the County. Please support our right as citizens to open our doors, our right as business owners to operate.

Governor Newsom is overstepping his authority by continuing to hold counties to the statewide order as businesses suffer. He is delaying the termination of a state of emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant."

We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to write a resolution asking California's Governor to immediately adhere to state law and the County of Nevada and reopen our businesses.

Sincerely,
Heather Bazzocco

Heather Bazzocco
[REDACTED]

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Jim Chiesa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:10 AM
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: County reopening

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To the board,

I have a small business in this county now going on 36 years and as a county we have "really" in the past taken care of ourselves pretty well. I feel that our county is relative (in the human sense) to South Dakota where their governor had taken the time to educate their citizens and put the weight of their actions to the local businesses and overall the population of that state and never closed businesses down or restricted their population other than to be smart about their daily lives in a protective manner and life has gone well for them.

Just like for many years a vast majority in the North state have had the thought of separating from the southern part because we are not in masses and our mentality is so vastly different and we have the escapees from those areas that want that "better life" that we all enjoy here. I know so many business owners in our western county and we are all at the point that we need be mindful, but be open for business. The Governor just doesn't understand that with disease there will always be loss of life and that is heart felt to us all, but the type of economic situation in our not to distant future is real and the trickle down effect is going to be massive. The federal government can not keep sending money to everyone and the inflation bubble to come will be unimaginable.

I, like so many businesses are pleading with you to save our small towns, you just watch the news and know that it is a trend that is gaining great strength to open our community, we are ready (and the honey doo's are crowding the transfer station:)).

Thank you for listening,

Jim Chiesa

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Vicky Reeder [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:07 AM
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: Questions on reopening Nevada County

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- 1) I am concerned that if Nevada County opens before Sacramento and the Bay Area, we will get visitors bringing a higher rate of coronavirus. How will the BOS prevent that?
- 2) What is the criteria for shutting down again? For example, if we have 1 death do we shut down for another 14 days?

Vicky Reeder