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District 111

Tine Mathiasen

From: Rachel Baldwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:23 PM
To: vanessacolomb@protonmail.com; Dan Miller; Heidi Hall; CEO; BOS Public Comment; [REDACTED]
Subject: BOS Item of Interest to the Public

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District 3 resident

District 1 Business Owner

I purchased this business last year and I worked in this salon 12 years ago for almost 10 years as a hair stylist. It was a dream of mine too own this salon someday and I was able to make that come true. I own and operate this salon while also working as a stylist in it and also for the last 23 years in Nevada County

Stray Cuts the salon has been around for 30+ years and have serviced 1000's of people in Nevada County over the years. We have also been in the same building for 20 years now which happens to be one of those oldest buildings in Nevada City if not Nevada County. The majority of stylists who work in Stray Cuts &

Co. have also been working in there 15+years and this has been a great hardship on us all. We understand the need to be safe for the betterment of all and we all plan to take very strict steps to ensure all our clients feel safe returning to our salon. Our licenses are based on the sanitation of the salon as a whole and our individual implements and tools. Our community is extremely important to us and we know that we can be safe and productive in out sanitation protocol and requirements issued to us from here on out.

We want to work! Our clients want us to work. Please give us a date to get back to work so we can try to return to some resemblance of normalcy and routine in our lives.

Sincerely,
Rachel Baldwin

~ Rachel Baldwin Owner/ Hair Designer



From: Bonnie Arbaugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:14 PM
To: BOS Public Comment; Cookson@asm.ca.gov
Subject: Reopen Nevada County

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Life is full of risk. Some are risk takers. They climb mountains, jump out of airplanes, fight for our country, work in hospitals full of many diseases, start businesses, get in cars and ride bikes. I'm sure a boy I knew, who slipped in the shower, fell through the glass and almost died, chose to take showers after he recovered. Those that are afraid or at a greater risk can stay sheltered. That should be their choice. Those unafraid, those brave individuals that think of their families, should be given the fundamental right to open their own business back up and try their best to recoup some of their losses. They should be applauded, not fined and punished. Who would have thought just 3 months ago that a hairdresser could be fined \$7000.00 and sentenced to 7 days in jail, that criminals who actually committed real crimes would be released and she would take their place in jail? What a travesty of justice! The courts, I hope, will be busy, for decades, righting the wrongs, of all the injustices that have been poured out upon innocent citizens.

Our Founding Fathers would be rolling over in their graves if they saw America today, for this country was founded by brave people, settlers, pioneers, and patriots. What will happen if the majority of the people refuse to listen to "real data" about this virus and choose to not go back to work and live in a state of fear? Someone will have to be brave. There must be brave souls to plant the seeds to grow our food, canners to can the food, truckers to drive it to the store and restaurants, doctors to care for the sick, peace officers and the military, who every day take a risk, to protect the rest of us. We need schools back. Why are we closing schools? Children have a very low risk of getting the virus and have no symptoms or very light symptoms. (I have worked in the schools and I fear for many students more in their home environment than being at school). Please look at the facts. The modals have all been wrong. Please do not rely on them to determine policy rather than looking at the data that has been collected.

There must be leaders like President Trump and Vice-President Pence who have been working tirelessly for this country to keep it from dissolving away into nothing. We ask you to **lead** with integrity and honor as you were elected to do.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie and Ken Arbaugh



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From: herb thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:46 PM
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: County stay-at-home order

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We would like you to stand up for the citizens and businesses of our county and challenge Governor Newsom to terminate the State of Emergency declaration as soon as possible. Herb and Judy Thomas
[REDACTED]

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From: Lisa Dunham [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:43 PM
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: Please request Gov. to reopen our County for business
Attachments: Open up businesses.docx

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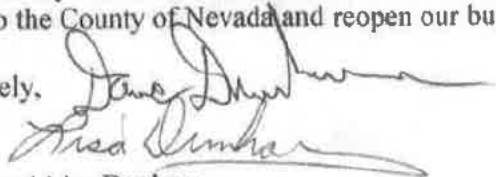
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Hello Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lukas Hall-Alba and I am a Nevada County citizen of District 1. I saw on the news yesterday that Nevada County was planning on moving to Stage 2 of the reopening next week. I am glad that some businesses will have the opportunity to reopen and continue their businesses during these hard economic times. I am also glad the county has relied heavily on their health official to guide them through the pros and cons of reopening.

However, I am still concerned by the fact that the county will be one of the first to reopen in the state. I understand that Jill Blake's attachment on SR 20-2719 addresses these issues, and I think the Board should especially focus on the issue of non Nevada County residents entering the county for vacation, etc. Cases are still climbing in most counties, and while that may be a result of increased availability of testing, it suggests a concerning trend. I am concerned that the transition to stage 2 and stage 3 may lead to a spike in confirmed cases due to increased inflow of people from counties with higher infection numbers than Nevada County. I hope that the Board of Supervisors has a contingency plan in place if the number of cases in the county spikes again. And I hope that there is a plan to potentially rescind Stage 2 reopening if we see a rise in cases once again.

I strongly support the action of the Board to reopen the county, but only if the county has a plan in place for a potential second spike of confirmed cases.

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