

From:

Jason Wood

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 6:53 PIVI

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Subject:

Fwd: Desire for the county to reopen

**Attachments:** 

County Reopen Letter.pdf

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>> To Whom It May Concern:

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>> Please take the attached letter into consideration when you discuss plans to reopen Nevada County.

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Jason Wood

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May 11, 2020

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

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From:

Kimette Wood

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 6:46 PM

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Subject:

Nevada County Stay-at-Home Order Stage 2 Reopening

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In addition, many of those forced into confinement suffer health and mental health issues. I am also very concerned for the rise in domestic violence and what the stress is doing to families who are in a bad situation. Children need to be able to go to school and tell someone if they are in trouble. There is no escape for some of these victims and we need to provide opportunities to help the oppress and not continue isolating families that need aid from their community.

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Kimette Wood

From:

Lori Kirk

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 5:08 PM

To:

**BOS Public Comment; CEO** 

Subject:

Nevada County Reopening

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Hello,

This letter is being sent requesting the reopening of Nevada County.

Thank you,

Lori Kirk

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RE: Nevada County Reopening

Dear Ms. Patterson Hunter,

I was born in Nevada County, and have lived in this wonderful community my entire life. I hope to remain here for the rest of my days. Our community is like no other, the people here are caring and giving, as a small community we are able to have restaurants, theater, and events that are normally only available in areas with much larger populations. The quality of life in Nevada County is outstanding.

Initially, I was in support of Governor Newsom's shelter-in-place order, it was a difficult decision and the right thing to do. As the days have stretched into weeks, and even months, it has become clear that the models used to predict death and illness were greatly flawed. Now that we have more accurate numbers, and know that in our county the cases have been minimal, it is time to open up. Our curve is flattened, which was the goal.

I am a school administrator, I have conversations with parents of our students on a daily basis. The stories I hear are heartbreaking. One family I talked to recently has zero income right now. The wife owns a hair salon and the husband owns a restaurant. They are out of money and are not sure what the future holds for them. This is only one of many families with a similar story. The commercial sector is getting decimated right now, as businesses are being forced to close. Some with never be able to reopen. It's not difficult to stay at home if you have an income, how about those that have do not? Can they keep their health insurance? Will they be able to afford to see a doctor? What about mental health issues? What about those who need preventive health care but are afraid to go to see a doctor?

This catastrophic event will greatly impact sales tax revenue and could impact property tax revenue. Will Nevada County be able to fund essential services? Will you be able to provide police, fire, and a court system? The longer we stay shut down the worse this scenario becomes.

We need our Supervisors and other health officials to stand up for our community. Confront Governor Newsom, and continue to pressure him to allow us move into Phase 3. We have zero active cases. The business community will revolt if changes are not made. We need immediate and follow up action.

Sincerely,

Lori J. Kirk

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District 2

District 11

From:

Cathy Bearry

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:50 AM

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Subject:

Stay at home order

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From: Katie Young

Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:42 PM

To: Wendy Qusit ·

Subject: Fwd: Letter to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to Reopen Nevada County

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rochelle Larocca

Date: May 10, 2020 at 4:00:25 PM PDT

To: Tori Hobel

Betsy Duncan

Subject: Letter to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to Reopen Nevada County

Dear Friends and Fellow Business Owners and Patriots,

In the past week, there have been hundreds of phone calls and emails received asking why our county isn't following suit and opening up our community like neighboring counties (Sutter, Yuba, Modoc, Placer, etc.)

We have learned that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors has NO plan but to follow what the governor is, unconstitutionally, suggesting. We need to voice our thoughts, struggles and opinions and if we remain silent-it may be months before we are truly reopened. This is unacceptable.

As a result, the following letter has been crafted and we are asking you to write TODAY (please change, edit, add-but please send it.) The Board of Supervisors will be meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00</u> a.m. Every letter sent in (from businesses and community members) will have to be read out loud and put into the records-our goal is to get as many letters as possible sent in by Monday. I know it is very short notice, and I apologize, but it is the soonest we could get everything put together, especially after Placer County took such a bold move late last week.

Please WRITE TODAY so these get recorded into the record on Tuesday. This letter was crafted to make it easier for you so please feel free to send it as it is. You may also change, add to or delete any part of it. Every person in your family that is over 18 may send their own letter (even if no changes are made and the letters say exactly the same thing, every letter received will count.) If you do not live in Nevada County, your letter will still be counted and will still make a tremendous difference. Your name printed at the bottom counts as your signature.

Please send all of your letters to:

She will get your letters to all of the right people.

Thank you for taking the time to let your voice be heard. We can make a huge difference in the lives of many.

Rochelle LaRocca

Please see the letter below, you may copy and paste it as an email; as it is or after you make changes.

12 May 2020

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Sincerely, Cathy Bearry

Generations Health Club

Sent from my iPhone



District 11

From:

Karl Ragsdale

Sent:

To:

Monday, May 11, 2020 3:53 PM OS Public Comment

Subject:

My letter

**Attachments:** 

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From:

Eagle Electric

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:51 AM

To:

BOS Public Comment

Subject:

Fwd: Stay at home order

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vanessa Colomb <

Date: May 12, 2020 at 8:42:46 AM PDT

To:

Subject: Re: Stay at home order

Reply-To:

Hi Shelby,

Can you send directly to the BOS email. bos.publiccomment@co.nevada.ca.us

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

------ Original Message ------On May 12, 2020, 8:39 AM, Eagle Electric

wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Cathy Bearry

Date: May 12, 2020 at 8:24:05 AIVI PDT

To

Subject: Stay at nome order

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District 11

## Tine Mathiasen

From:

Julie Moskus

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:41 AM

To:

BOS Public Comment; Cookson@asm.ca.gov

Subject:

Re-open Nevada County

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950 Maidu Avenue

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I was born in Nevada County and have lived most of my 60 years in our idyllic setting in Northern California. Our community and way of life is very important to me and I want to see it continue. In the beginning, I was diligent about following Governor Newsom's shelter-in-place order to protect my family and my community from the COVID-19 virus. I am health compromised with a genetic condition, so I was concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on my health. However, as time has gone on, I feel that the devastation caused to our economy, mental health, and spiritual well being has far more serious consequences than potential exposure to the virus.

It is very good news that the data on the Nevada County COVID-19 Dashboard demonstrates that our community has been successful in following the state and Nevada County stay-at-home guidelines and that those afflicted with the virus have recovered. With no new cases being reported in Nevada County, it is apparent that our efforts to flatten the curve have been successful.

I have spent my career as an educator, primarily as a teacher, counselor, and administrator at Forest Lake Christian School. Health issues forced me into an early retirement but I am currently serving on the school board of directors at Forest Lake Christian School. Serving in this capacity has given me the opportunity to see first hand the devastating results of keeping our community in confinement, businesses closed, and children being forced to remain at home. I am particularly concerned about our children if the stay-at-home orders continue. While many children have an excellent family environment, others live in troubled households and school provides a safe place and emotional support for them. Our teachers have done an amazing job of providing remote learning, but it cannot replace the caring learning environment that our students look forward to every day.

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I would like to urge you, as our elected officials, to stand up for us and re-open Nevada County. If we do not re-open now, many small businesses in Nevada County will perish. This has a direct affect not only on the financial stability of the

business owners but also negatively affects the children of our county. I ask the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to please stand with the constituents of Nevada County and support our right as citizens to open our doors, the right of business owners to serve our community, and support people in restoring their livelihoods. I also ask you to support the re-opening of our schools in the fall so that our children can continue their education and receive emotional and spiritual support. It is very difficult to plan for the upcoming school year with so much uncertainty and if we know that schools will be open in the fall, it will allow us to plan effectively.

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Sincerely,

Signed: Julie L. Moskus

Julie Moskus Member, Board of Directors

From:

Duane Jackson

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 8:49 PM

To:

yolanda.cookson@asm.ca.gov; BOS Public Comment

Subject:

covid

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Duane A. Jackson

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From:

Duane Jackson

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 8:43 PM

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Subject:

covid

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5/11/2020

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Sincerely,

Deborah C. Jackson

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District 11

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From:

Wendy Quist

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 3:28 PM

To:

BOS Public Comment; Cookson@asm.ca.gov

Subject:

Letter to reopen

**Attachments:** 

Scanned Documents.pdf

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Wendy Quist

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

Dist2

From:

Julie Patterson-Hunter

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:56 AM

To:

All BOS Board Members

Subject:

FW: Phase 2

Dist 2

From: Robin McFadden Black

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3.20 1...

To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>

Subject: Phase 2

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Hi there!

To begin, thank you for your thoughtful consideration as our county moves through Phase 2 of reopening.

I am writing to express the concern I have regarding the public's interpretation of what Phase 2 actually means. All over the county, I have witnessed people not wearing masks inside retail/grocery stores, not social distancing, and I've even been invited to a BBQ because "the lockdown will be over soon."

My request is that the county release some DOs/DONTS of Phase 2. A simple info graphic with short phrases that indicates what Phase 2 means and DOES NOT mean for our county and our activity. (Example: DO enter a retail store if you are wearing a mask, and can maintain 6ft of personal space. DON'T throw a BBQ with friends).

We cannot allow this to be left to people's interpretations. I have a daughter in the high-risk category, and the stakes are too high.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Robin McFadden Black Local mom and resident of Alta Sierra

# Julie Patterson-Hunter

Dist2

From:

Meredith Mohr

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 2:59 PM

To:

bdofsupervisors

**Subject:** 

Please proceed with caution

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Hello,

My name is Meredith Mohr and I live in District 2 south of Alta Sierra. I wanted to reach out to urge Ed Scofield, Chairperson Heidi Hall, and the rest of the Board of Supervisors to proceed with caution as you consider moving forward in "re-opening" Nevada County in conjunction with the state's SIP orders.

The implications of loosening restrictions in a haphazard manner across California are not clear, especially travel between counties. As someone who lives near the county border, it is difficult and confusing to know what guidance to follow if you live in one county and work in another.

It is also frightening to consider the implication of travel (essential or otherwise) from areas where strict measures are still in place, and our retirement community. I am not an at-risk individual, however, I believe that it is my responsibility to protect, to the best of my abilities, my friends and neighbors who are 65+ or have other risk factors. It is disturbing to go out for essential errands, and observe the rest of the community not wearing masks, not maintaining social distancing, and not using increased hygiene measures such as hand-sanitizer. I suppose common sense is not that common.

Please be clear about the county's stance, and cautious moving forward.

Sincerely, Meredith Mohr

From:

Craig Gallagher

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 3:15 PM

To:

BOS Public Comment Cookson@asm.ca.gov

Cc: Subject:

Open for business

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# May 11, 2020

# We wholeheartedly support the reopening of our County!

This is unconstitutional what Gavin Newsom thinks that he has the power to do!!!

The numbers do not support the continued closure of our county.

There is no reason in the world that the people of our county shouldn't be getting back to running their businesses! You wait much longer and there won't be any businesses left to reopen!

Open today!!!!!!!

# Respectfully

Craig and Susie Gallagher



From:

Janice Claunch

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 12:47 PM

To:

Cookson@asm.ca.gov; BOS Public Comment

Subject:

Nevada County Stay-at-Home Order Stage 2 Reopening

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From:

Kendra Williams

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 1:06 PM

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Subject:

County Concerns

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Nevada City, CA 95959

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Steve Kirk

Sent:

Monday, May 11, 2020 2:11 PM

To:

**BOS Public Comment** 

Cc:

CEO

Subject:

Fwd: Letter

**Attachments:** 

Reopen Nevada County.pdf

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Please read the attached letter from Willard Schoellerman. It is about reopening Nevada County.

Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

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RE: Time to give back our freedoms and economy

Dear Ms. Patterson Hunter and Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

As the old saying goes, "hindsight is 2020. The American people have been given a lot of misinformation over the past few months. First, the virus was no problem, then; two million people are going to die if you don't stay in your homes. Government officials have responded in some cases with dictatorial rules, denying basic freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. They have also required businesses to close, that are, in their opinion, non-essential. The hardships these businesses and their employees are forced to endure is cruel and unconstitutional!

I am part of the "at risk" group because of my age, yet, my concern about contracting COVID-19 pales in comparison to my concern about our loss of freedoms and the disregard of our rights during the past couple of months.

I would also like to address the closing of schools, which may even continue into the fall. My wife and I founded Forest Lake Christian School over 50 years ago. One thing that stands out about COVID-19 is that it is most serious in the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. Statistics show that healthy children and young adults are the groups least affected by the virus, so let the schools re-open!

Reflecting on past decades when the various flu viruses killed a large number in California, there were no forced shut downs. It is obvious that Nevada County does not have a serious issue with COVID-19, as we have zero active cases. Therefore, I urge the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to open up the county for business as usual to avoid further damage to our economy and its workers.

Respectfully,

Willard Schoellerman

