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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Supervisors Dan Miller and Sue Hoek**
SUBJECT: Resolution supporting reopening Nevada County safely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in coordination with Nevada County Public Health Authorities

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2020 a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 was declared by the California Governor Newsom that resulted in the closure of non-essential services that included various businesses, schools, and organizations. In August 2020, the California State Public Health Department implemented a “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” with the intent to allow for the safe progression of opening up more businesses in each county leveraging consistent metrics across all 58 counties based upon average and positive case rates, amongst other factors. To date, eleven (11) counties have adopted the Healthy Communities Resolution in some form or another that have included Placer County, Orange County, Siskiyou County, San Luis Obispo County, Shasta County, Lassen County, El Dorado County, Del Norte County, Yuba County, Butte County, and Colusa County outlining fundamental principles that underscore the local role in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic.

We wholly recognize the critical function and responsibility that Public Health Authorities hold in responding to the pandemic that ensure the safety of our community – and support their efforts. In recognition of their leadership it is important for the Board of Supervisors to acknowledge and discuss the importance of local geographic diversity regarding the reopening of the Nevada County. The resolution before the Board identifies four principles as follows:

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- 1) That our County is best served by an ability to respond locally to the COVID-19 virus in accordance with our local data and circumstances, as specified, for instance, in the attestation filed with the California Department of Public Health.
- 2) That our County requests clear guidance and sufficient resources from the State to safely open schools to provide in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible.
- 3) That our County requests a predictable and transparent vaccination allocation from the State, along with stable vaccine eligibility rules and clear and accurate public messaging on vaccine availability to assist with an orderly and efficient local vaccination process.
- 4) That our County supports, promotes and requests that any further federal relief funds be distributed directly to the County of Nevada.

Therefore, we urge the Board to adopt the Resolution that outlines the importance of supporting local efforts to reopen Nevada County businesses safely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in coordination with Nevada County Public Health Authorities.

Sincerely,

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