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Subject: FW: Submission for ad hoc committee public comment

From:

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 9:03 PM

To: Federal Glover <Federal.Glover@bos.cccounty.us>, SupervisorMitchoff
<SupervisorMitchoff@bos.cccounty.us>

Subject: FW: Reopening California

Dear County Supervisors,

I sent the following email to Senator Glazer earlier today. And a good friend of mine suggested that you would also like to see it. We would all appreciate your attention to the contents. I'm shocked by the lack of specificity in the governor's "plan to reopen California." It's extremely nebulous with no specific goals, and several of his "conditions" have already been met. And compared to the rest of the state, Contra Costa County is doing extremely well, as I'm sure you know. I keep close tabs on the Contra Costa Health Services web site daily. We currently only have 24 people with Covid-19 in the hospital in the entire county of over 1.1 million people! And they're laying off healthcare workers for lack of work. It's madness!

Please join me in asking Senator Glazer to take action and stop this incredibly damaging Shelter in Place order immediately, if only for those counties that are doing well like ours is. There is simply NO REASON for the entire state to have to labor under these draconian restrictions that are destroying our way of life. We can protect those who are most at risk AND get back to work!

I appreciate your attention to this, and PLEASE let me know what your opinions are and what your plan of action is.

Sincerely,

Mark McNeal

Concord resident

From:

Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 12:14 PM

To: 'Senator.Glazer@outreach.senate.ca.gov' <Senator.Glazer@outreach.senate.ca.gov>

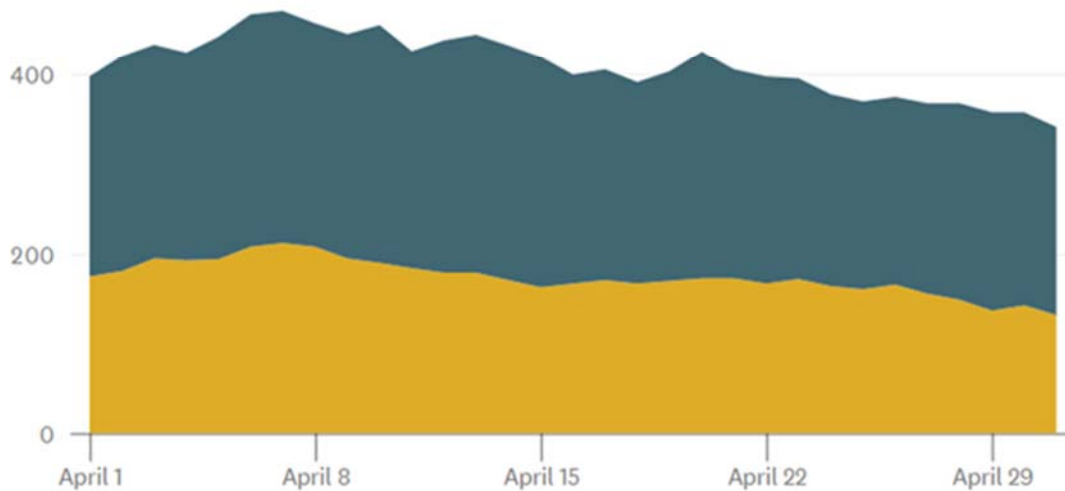
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Senator,

Don't we have PLENTY of evidence that we have "flattened the curve?" The greater Bay Area is doing extremely well. Why do we continue to be held hostage with the Shelter in Place order? California is a HUGE place. Surely intelligent policies can prevail, and we can reopen areas of the state that are doing well (Northern California), and still have different policies for other areas (Southern California) if officials still believe that the Shelter in Place order is effective. By the way, if the Shelter in Place order was effective, shouldn't the new cases and deaths have stopped long ago? The order was put in place on 3/19, over 6 weeks ago, which is more than enough time for the infection to illness to death cycle to have completed long ago.

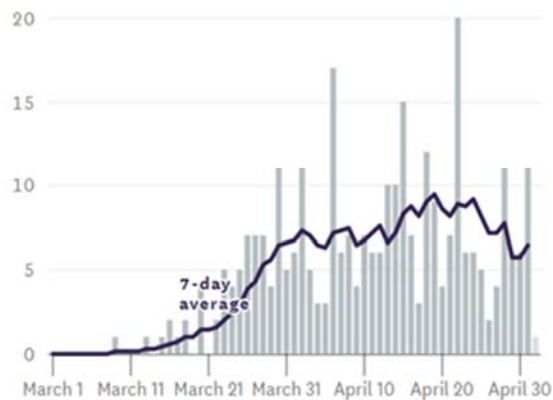
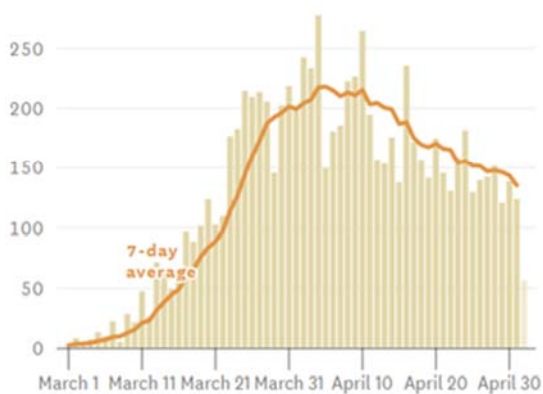
Senator, please help us get the Bay Area back on track to normal and restart our economy! Just in case you haven't seen them, I have attached the latest graphs from the SF Chronicle.

Confirmed ICU and non-ICU COVID-19 patients in Bay Area hospitals



Source: California Department of Public Health

New reported cases and deaths in the Bay Area, by day



I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark McNeal

From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:47 PM

To: 'Senator.Glazer@outreach.senate.ca.gov' <Senator.Glazer@outreach.senate.ca.gov>

Subject: Reopening California

Senator Glazer,

I'm the person who asked you some questions during the Concord townhall Zoom meeting on April 11th. I appreciated your willingness to engage in a conversation. I also feel the need to reengage in our discourse. I hope you'll find it worth your time to respond here as well. I don't think I'm the only citizen who has concerns about how our governor and statewide elected officials are handling the current pandemic.

As I'm sure you are well aware the morbidity rates in Contra Costa County, the greater Bay Area, and even California as a whole are less than 25% of the average rate across the United States. We have plenty of hospital and ICU beds available, and medical staff to handle any more temporary spikes in the number of severe cases. There are only 34 COVID-19 patients in the hospital in all of Contra Costa County! Social Distancing (and possibly preexisting herd immunity – see below) have certainly flattened the curve. Since the initial rationale for the governor's "Stay-at-Home Order" was to flatten the curve, I think it's pretty clear from the consistently improving statistics that we have achieved our collective goal.

Unfortunately the drastic nature of the "Stay-at-Home Order" has caused great distress in our society and devastated our economy. As of last Wednesday 2.7 million Californians have filed for unemployment since the order was made. Our economy is worsening every day that we keep people restricted to their homes.

Senator, I am asking you to please help us to reopen California as quickly as possible! And if the order won't be lifted for the whole state, at the very least it should be lifted for those counties that are doing well like yours are. Or even all of Northern California! With such a huge state, it's normal for certain areas to be drastically different from other areas. And I just saw that the governor of New York is even planning on reopening his state regionally:

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo indicated he would reopen parts of New York at different times as the state tries to recover from a coronavirus outbreak. "We're going to make reopening decisions on a regional basis based on that region's facts and circumstances," he said during a daily coronavirus [briefing]. "Just like some states will reopen before other states because they have a different circumstance when it comes to Covid and their status with Covid, it's also true across the state."

Surely if NEW YORK can take a reasoned, thoughtful approach, so can California. New studies seem to be coming out every day o showing that there is much more widespread immunity in the population than previously thought, and therefore the lethality is much lower than previously calculated (see antibody studies out of Stanford, USC, and numerous others). And the risks of developing a serious case are much, much lower and in line with Influenza viruses.

Senator, we need strong leadership to guide us out of this situation that we jumped into very quickly. You have a chance to be a leading voice of reason and a champion of strength for California. The Bay Area led us into this, it's time for the Bay Area to lead us out.

Respectfully,

Mark McNeal

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