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Subject: FW: Salon Suites versus Salons, Stage 2 Request

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Candace,

Hope you and your family is doing well and staying safe. Thank you for your leadership and updates at the Mayor's breakfast. I just wanted to share the below email from one of our small business owners, and put it on your radar.

Best Regards,

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To: Zafar, Sabina

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Vice Mayor Safar

As Governor Newsom moves to extend control back to the county and local level for re-opening procedures, please hear our plea representing 33 small business in San Ramon. Salons have been unfairly lumped together into one classification when they should be separated into two categories, *salons* and *salon suites*. All salon professionals are licensed by the state and have clear sanitation guidelines that are far beyond those of any retail, daycare or most manufacturing. However, with regard to safety, salon and suites are two very different environments. Respectfully, we submit that *salon suites* should be categorized with the Stage 2 re-opening.

Salon suites are single service salons. All services are 1-on-1 in a closed setting like that of a doctor's exam room, though larger in most cases. We don't have any place in the salon that high concentrations of people are in a shared space, ever. Since our salon suite has a concierge at the front door, we can monitor and

sterilize our minimal common space. We know our clientele well, and they know us. Due to these close relationships we're confident no one would ever risk spreading the virus to get a service done, nor would we risk spreading it to our clientele. Also, because we know our clientele so well, it's easy enough for us to ask a few questions about their recent health and travel to decide if they can enter the salon. Taking extra precautions like; face shields, masks, gloves, disposable capes, and temperature checks for customers and stylists would be the minimum expectation. Our suite owners know how to be safe; a significant part of cosmetology school is centered around safety.

We want to do our part to slow the spread of the virus, but our 33 small businesses in Crow Canyon Commons also want to get back to work under the good graces of our city, county and state officials. As of May 4, 2020, they have not yet received unemployment or stimulus checks. Banks have overlooked their small sole-proprietorships for PPP and EID loans. We have given them free rent during this period so that they may focus on feeding their families. **They are in the gap of government assistance.** They want to get back to work, they need to get back to work, and their families need them to get back to work. Please consider opening salon suites in Stage 2. Every week we lose further damages our ability to come back.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole & Brad Bartholow

Owners, Salons by JC San Ramon

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Hair by Jodi

Mergie Creative Styling

Melanie Brown Salon

Hair by Shelby

Gone in a Wink

Lash Art

Marta De Leon

Studio N

Estilo toni

Marvella's Skin Care

Star Beauty Lounge

Jasmine Skin Care

Hair by Erika

Hair by Jeaneane Moreno

Mu Salon

Rikki Lee

Tammy Sharifi

The White Opal

Artistic Hair Design

Hair by Jane Joo

Hair by Tammy Q

Blossom Nails

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Hair by Tara

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