

**Subject:** FW: Ad Hoc Committee Covid-19 Impact & Recovery Meeting May 14th - IMPACT Soccer Club

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Dear Supervisor Andersen, Supervisor Burgis & Supervisor Mitchoff,

My name is Robert Garvin and I am the **IMPACT** Soccer Club (EDYSL) President which is based out of the Brentwood/Oakley Area. I virtually attended the Board of Supervisors meeting that was held at 9:30 am this morning (May 12<sup>th</sup>) and voiced comments around meeting with you to find a safe, reasonable and accelerated path to resume outdoor activities.

Thank you for extending me the opportunity to speak during open comments and for directing me to attend the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on COVID-19 Economic Impact and Recovery scheduled for 1:30 pm this coming Thursday (May 14<sup>th</sup>). I must apologize, as a follow-up to my comments, you had asked me to email you directly – unfortunately I was on my phone and unable to see who made this request, so I've directed this email to the three of you.

Founded in 1982, **IMPACT** is one of the oldest and most recognized Soccer Clubs in Contra Costa County. We are a non-profit organization that is largely made up of volunteers with a mission focused on providing a fun, safe, and rewarding soccer experience for everyone involved. We provide services to over 1,500 members of all ages and demographics and are one of many outdoor organizations in the area who are largely dependent on membership fees and availability / use of recreational areas.

Like **IMPACT**, many of the clubs/organizations in the area provide services which are all vital to the health and well-being of our community. We have all been significantly impacted by this COVID-19 pandemic.

I am reaching out because I am extremely concerned that if we don't find a way to support resumption of outdoor activities quickly, many clubs/organizations will cease to exist, and this would be detrimental to our communities and the residents we all serve. I feel very strongly that we can safely resume outdoor activities and meet the County and State requirements for social distancing and hygiene. As an example, some safe guidelines would be as follows:

- **No Shared Equipment** - Players would bring and use their own ball, and gear.
- **No Shared Water** - There will be no sharing of water/sport drinks or use of drinking fountains.
- **No Physical Contact** - Outdoor training would be fitness and individual skills training in a 10x10 grid (1 player per grid).
- **Limited Attendance** - No spectators, parents would drop off and pick up in designated areas
- **Clear Paths Of Travel For Social Distancing** - We would have clear paths into and exiting the training facility that limit/eliminate player contact
- **Staggered Training Times** - All practices will be staggered to allow time for the departure of members prior to the next session

- **Access to Sinks & Bathrooms** – Ensure there are sinks and liquid disinfectant soap dispensers and establish clear paths of travel to provide adequate space for safe-distancing.
- **Access to Sanitation Supplies** – Ensure hygienic wipes are provided to our members, including access to disinfectant spray bottles and paper towels for extraordinary situations.
- **Monitoring, Enforcement & Reporting** - We will have a site leader present during all practice times to provide supervision and direction. We will continue to provide weekly emails to our members with updates on programs and directions for the following week. We will ask all of our members to voluntarily report a positive test for COVID-19 so that we may alert City and County officials as well as our community.

I am extremely confident we can partner with you and our local agencies to accelerate a “return to play” outdoors in a safe and secure manner. I would love the opportunity to speak with you further and answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Garvin  
**IMPACT** Soccer Club President

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