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Subject: Today's Board of Supervisor's Meeting/ AdHoc Committee on COVID-19 Economic Impact & Recovery - and Past one-way communication with Dr. Farnitano
Attachments: image002.emz; image005.emz; Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom_May 21 2020.pdf; Letter to Dr. Christopher Farnitano_April 21_2020_R1.pdf; Covers and confirmations.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Julie,

I will be joining today's meeting via Zoom. I appreciate your very responsive call back to me this morning. I will certainly like an opportunity to speak, and will try to figure out that raised hand option. In particular I would like to speak about the reopening of churches, the data that supports said opening (outlined in my letter to the Governor), and, if there is time, the science that indicates that the current policy of "masks for all" is not in keeping with good data or science.

As I mention in the attached letter to the Governor and copied to Dr. Farnitano, I am a pastor of a small church in the outskirts of the Bay Area in Contra Costa County. As a bi-vocational pastor, I have been a Principle Scientist in either my own or some national firms, with nearly 40 years' experience in consulting to the healthcare industry, and the last 20 of those years consulting specifically (albeit non exclusively) to healthcare regarding the prevention and control of infectious disease in a healthcare setting, and, to a lesser extent, as a public health concern. I've consulted on everything from a potential Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease outbreak to the H1N1 pandemic of 2009-10. I've taught classes to doctors, public health nurses, scientists, laboratory technicians, California Department of Public Health personnel, air quality regulators and more, have been approved as an adjunct instructor for UC Berkeley's continuing education program, and have been teaching course materials related to infectious disease control and prevention for a number of years.

I've also performed work in the sciences on behalf of attorneys as an expert, have been involved directly in the writing of California Code (Business & Professions Code and Health & Safety Code), as well as several regulations on both a Federal and state level over the years; so am familiar with statutory law. My concerns are multifold, but this communication is primarily dealing specifically with the current restrictions upon churches in the course of dealing with the current pandemic.

I am attaching copies of two letters. One was sent on April 21 to Dr. Farnitano regarding the scientific reasons for not having the general public wear masks (published by UIL School of Public Health, et al.). The other is a letter to Governor Newsom (cc'd to Dr. Farnitano) outlining reasons (including data) on why churches should be able to open now. Also are attached fax confirmations and covers for the latter.

Thank you for the opportunity, and for forwarding these documents to the committee/board.

Very Best Regards,

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