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Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 5:17 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, nancy.williams@edcgov.us, lori.parlin@edcgov.us Cc: Tiffany Schmid <Tiffany.Schmid@edcgov.us>, Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Sheriff DAgostini <john.dagostini@edso.org>, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the public record as it pertains to the hypocrisy of EDC government when it comes to health and public safety aspects of Covid-19.

Governor Newsom's mask mandate is unconstitutional as it is merely his "recommendation." The Governor has no authority to make or enforce laws, particularly those which violate the rights of the people. As of this date, neither EDC or CA State Parks have yet responded to the below CPRA with respect to the overcrowding, lack of social distancing, or other public safety concerns affecting Coloma residents.

Note as well, the following two videos concerning the Covid scam-demic:

An MD with gold nugget information. She breaks it down in detail. Please share this with as many friends and families as you can. This should be mandatory for everyone to watch.

https://youtu.be/uIGdv-TybUk=

https://www.theblaze.com/news/doctor-covid-reporting-not-honest?utm_source=theblazedailyPM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily-Newsletter__PM%202020-07-07&utm_term= TheBlaze%20Daily%20PM%20-%20last%20270%20days

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Any act by any public officer either supports and upholds the Constitution, or opposes and violates it.

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 8:06 PM
To: lisa.mangat@parks.ca.gov; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Tiffany Schmid (Tiffany.Schmid@edcgov.us); lori.parlin@edcgov.us; Sheriff DAgostini; 'Donald Ashton'; edc.cob@edcgov.us
Cc: Emily.M.Bertram@parks.ca.gov; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; 'bosfive@edcgov.us'; bosfour (bosfour@edcgov.us); 'bosone@edcgov.us'; 'bosthree@edcgov.us'; 'bostwo@edcgov.us'
Subject: Argonaut Cafe event & Coloma Resort Overcrowding - Public Safety issues - Public Record Act requests

Today around 2 PM exceptionally loud amplified music was emanating from the vicinity of the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. I drove down to the Coloma Post Office and discovered the event was coming from the Argonaut Café on Hwy 49 which has a concession contract with CA State Parks. As you can see by the below photos, the Coloma Resort was obviously packed beyond legal capacity, and cars were parked along Mt. Murphy Road in front of the Coloma Resort and Hwy 49 in front of the Argonaut.

Both the Argonaut Café and the Coloma Resort are run by the Faieta family who are notorious for violating their Special Use Permits in addition to jeopardizing the safety of local residents due to their history of annual illegal fireworks, excessively loud events, and overcrowding. It is significant that the Faieta's do NOT live near Coloma-Lotus, and have absolutely no regard for the law, safety, or quality of life of local residents.

The public safety issues relevant to lack of egress at the Mt. Murphy bridge in the event of another emergency appear to be happening with greater frequency now that the Coloma Resort is open again for business as usual. On Monday June 22nd I had a similar experience to what Bob Day described below. Although I had the right of way, a silver SUV approaching the Coloma Resort obstructed me on the bridge and refused to budge. Rather than get into an altercation, I backed 2/3 of the way across the bridge, then the driver of the SUV flipped me off as he entered the Coloma Resort.

The Coloma Resort has been packed beyond capacity every weekend since Memorial Day, and in the event of another wildfire such as took place on June 4th at the corner of Mt. Murphy and Carvers Roads, those of us on the north side of the river would be doomed since the county has *no emergency evacuation plan or proper egress for our area.* THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. In addition, note the June 3, 2020 press release issued by Carla Hass on behalf of Dr. Nancy Williams states:

"Last week, the Governor indicated that approval from local public health officers is necessary for any business to reopen in addition to the State's release of specific industry guidelines. This caused confusion among public health officers, elected officials and the general public. My direction expressed to and supported by the Board today is simple and clear; as soon as the State issues guidelines for a particular sector, those businesses may reopen as long as they have implemented a safety plan which reflects those guidelines...<u>I cannot stress enough, however, that if a business reopens before the State-issued guidelines have been posted, it is doing so in violation of the State's Stay At Home order.</u>" [Emphasis added]

Around 3 PM today I stopped at the Park Museum and spoke to Ranger Emily Bertram about the loud event at the Argonaut Cafe, illegal parking, and public safety issues as stipulated within the River Management

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Plan. I explained the necessity for CSP to issue parking citations and for Quiet Zone violations which need to be reported to the county. Emily remarked that she didn't "appreciate me telling her how to do her job" and rudely walked away from me. When I followed her out to the parking lot, she flippantly remarked, "Tell your complaints to the Sheriff." There was no excuse for Emily's rude behavior.

The RMP specifically states that it is the jurisdiction of both CSP and EDSO to issue citations and report them to Planning/Development Director Tiffany Schmid. (See Sections 2.1 through 2.2.3 of the RMP as well as the Table 2-1 & 2-2 Comparison of RMP Elements and the EDC General Plan, Parks & Rec Element.) By the time I left the Park CHP was seen issuing parking citations on Hwy 49 in front of the Argonaut.

When I returned home I called Dispatch to report the amplified event at the Argonaut Café as well as other related public safety issues and frequent intrusions. Deputy Graff responded to my call at approximately 3:35 PM, however he claimed that he was not in the area. He became very argumentative and refused to issue a Case File number, so it became necessary for me to call Dispatch again to request that a deputy respond directly to my home to take the necessary facts, and issue a Case File number.

Deputy Toney showed up at approximately 6 PM and cooperatively issued Case File EG#20-05423. Since the Sheriff has a "See something, say something" policy, Deputy Toney was also apprised of the apparent casing of my property, trespassing, speeding/racing incidents on the blind curve, and groups congregating in front of my gate just since Thursday of this week. Rather coincidentally while taking my report Deputy Toney received an emergency call that an individual had dislocated their shoulder while on the river within the State Park.

Therefore, pursuant to California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) I request the following:

Since Sheriff D'Agostini has *threatened me* for the exercise of my First Amendment rights and *unlawfully* deprived me the right to email EDSO staff, Deputy Toney advised me to email this request to the appropriate staff in order to obtain a copy of Case File 20-5423. His report should be <u>emailed to me immediately</u> upon the submission by Deputy Toney. A copy of this report should also be filed with Planning and Development Director Tiffany Schmid and to Supervisor Lori Parlin to ensure appropriate follow up as per the RMP:

Note Section 2.4.2 "During weekend days, on-river staff will provide patrol and respond to safety, trespass, and noise issues. Boat counts and coordination with the Sheriff related to trespass and illegal parking incidents will be conducted by on-shore staff."

Section 2.5 states: "The Sheriff's Department will remain the lead agency for river emergency response. The Sheriff's Department will continue its river regulation and law enforcement functions, and coordinate with the El Dorado County Fire Protection District and RSC in all river rescue planning and response functions."

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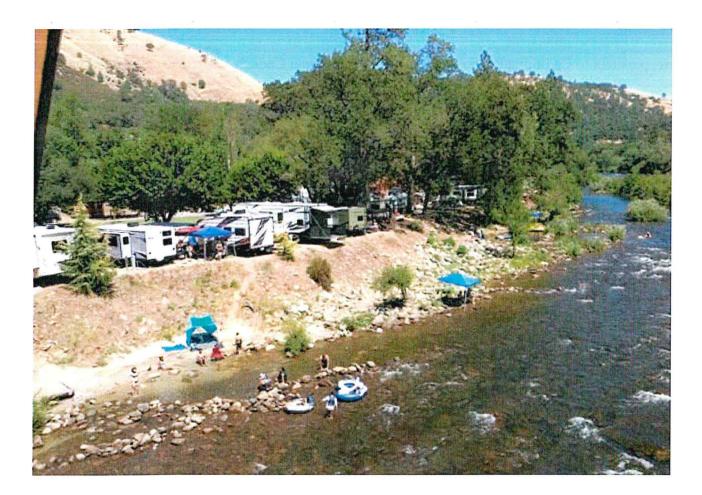
Section 4.8.1: "Observed or reported violations of Quiet Zone regulations or County noise standards will be reported to the County Code Enforcement Officer or the Sheriff's Department, as appropriate, within 2 working days of the occurrence."

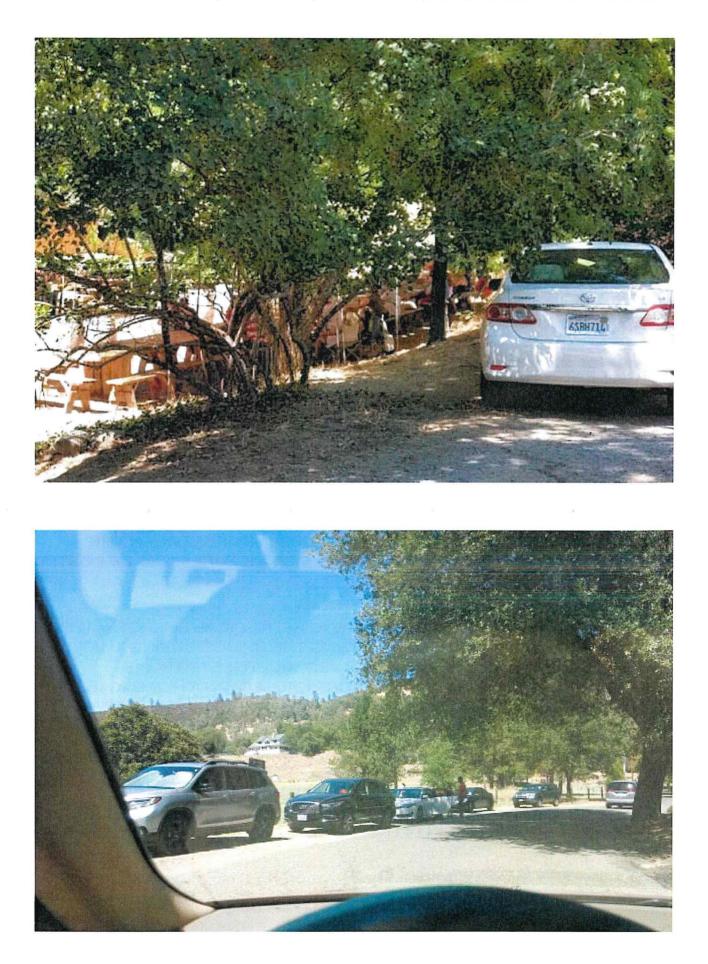
Section 4.8.2: "More than two noise exceedance citations per year issued to SUP holders may result in a formal hearing considering the noise exceedances and the possible imposition of fines and other disciplinary measures on violators."

Section 4.8.3: "More than two noise exceedance citations in two consecutive years may result in a formal recommendation for limitation or revocation of an SUP to the County Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Director.

I also request EDC and CSP email me copies of the <u>signed and dated safety plans</u> for the Argonaut Café and the Coloma Resort as per the above directive issued by Dr. Nancy Williams. <u>If those plans do not exist</u>, <u>please so state</u>. To avoid unnecessary delays or costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to <u>melody.lane@reagan.com</u> in pdf format. Access is always free. Fees for "inspection" or "processing" are prohibited. (§ 6253)

It is further requested that your determination be made within 10 days, <u>or sooner</u>, as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6253(c). *Note these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d)) <u>The law makes no provision for extensions due to</u> <u>Covid-19.</u>





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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~

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On Behalf Of Bob Day Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:48 PM To: Coloma-Lotus News Cc: bosfour@edcgov.us Subject: [CLNews] Thanks to Coloma Gold Discovery Park Employees

TODAY, SOME PATRONS LEAVING AND SOME PATRONS GOING TO THE COLOMA RESORT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE HAD A DISPUTE AS TO WHO HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AS THEY MET NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE. NEITHER OF THE PARTIES REFUSED TO BUDGE. TRAFFIC WAS COMPLETELY STOPPED AND IT IMPACTED TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY 49.

THANKFULLY TWO LADIES WHO WORK FOR THE STATE PARK GOT INVOLVED IN DIRECTING TRAFFIC AND RESOLVING THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THEY HAVE ASKED THAT THEIR NAMES OR PICTURES NOT BE POSTED.

THANKFULLY THERE WERE NO FIRE EMERGENCIES, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, OR POLICE CALLS THAT NECESSITATED CROSSING THE BRIDGE DURING THAT TIME. EVEN AFTER THE INITIAL DELAY WAS RESOLVED, MULTIPLE PATRONS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE COLOMA RESORT CAUSED ANOTHER BACKUP ON THE BRIDGE. IT TOOK ME ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO CROSS THE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND IF THE BRIDGE IS BLOCKED WITH TRAFFIC THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL IS TO BE CALLED AT 916 861 1300. I DID CALL THEM BUT THE CALL WAS CANCELLED AFTER THE IMPASSE WAS RESOLVED.

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Fwd: Supervisor Meeting July 9, 2020

1 message

Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 5:15 AM

Hi Kim,

Here's more input.

Thanks,

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------ Forwarded message ------From: **Alicia Selby** <newcreation00@gmail.com> Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 10:54 PM Subject: Supervisor Meeting July 9, 2020 To: <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>

July 8, 2020

Nancy Williams:

I am writing regarding the BOS meeting tomorrow to "receive an update on the status of COVID cases in El Dorado County and provide direction to staff regarding enforcement against businesses and individuals who fail to comply with state and local health requirements". As you undoubtedly be we involved in providing the Supervisors with information, please know that the Americans who reside in El Dorado County would like information as well, namely the following:

--What effect is the statewide mask mandate having on COVID cases? The mandate has been in effect for approx 3 weeks, why isn't transmission slowing down? If the mask mandate has had little or no effect on cases, do you really want to further enrage residents by hunting them down if they aren't wearing one?

--Why has the county encouraged residents to snitch on businesses and individuals who are not following the mask mandate? Most of us live here so we can avoid local government practices such as this, which are usually only seen in liberal-led cities.

--Going forth, will you be issuing a mask mandate, and hunt-down of businesses and individuals who do not comply, each year? Because COVID is likely to remain as another virus that circulates throughout society. And even if it doesn't, in order to be consistent if you choose to uphold and enforce a local mask mandate, should you not also do so with the "seasonal flu"? After all, it is very dangerous to the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. Please consider the hypocrisy and lack of intelligence that will be displayed should you choose to uphold and enforce the COVID mandate, while ignoring the annual flu.

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--As the WHO has once again this week stated that spread by asymptomatic carriers is very rare, please explain in your meeting tomorrow exactly why a mask mandate is needed.

--In addition, please clearly articulate to the residents of El Dorado County, why you believe (if you do) that it is acceptable to demand that healthy individuals cover their faces whenever they leave their homes, when this has never been done before in a pandemic, or at any time. Where are the scientific studies that indicate mask wearing by healthy individuals stops the spread of viruses, and please include those conducted by methods other than mathematical models. Please explain how a mask protects against the transmission or contraction of a virus when the box label clearly states it does not protect against any virus. It does not say it protects others if one wears it, so please explain in detail why you hold that it does (if you do). Why is the long-held and successful practice of isolating and quarantining the already sick, or the medically fragile, being ignored?

--Please explain the death rate in relation to the number of new cases, nationally and statewide.

--Please explain to the residents of El Dorado county why people are being counted as another "positive" case when they are re-tested, and how that has affected our actual number of cases in this county.

We await your answers with expectation and insistence.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alicia Selby

Lifelong El Dorado County Resident since 1975

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. ~Psalm 139:16



Covid-19 Meeting

1 message

Donna Ayerst <ayerst.donna@gmail.com> To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:06 AM

Why do members of our fine town refuse to wear masks? Why do they frame it as a personal right to resist? It is a proven fact that when "I wear a mask and you wear a mask, together, we reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Donna Ayerst 5406 Grassy Run Rd. Placerville, CA 95667



FW: Wearing a mask cuts own risk of novel coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say | Fox News

1 message

djinkens@charter.net <djinkens@charter.net> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:31 AM

Good Morning:

Please forward this communication to Board members.

Thank you and have a great day! David

From: djinkens@charter.net <djinkens@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:04 AM

To: Sue Novasel (novasel@aol.com) <novasel@aol.com>; 'nancy.williams@edcgov.us' <nancy.williams@edcgov.us> Cc: Jason Collin (jcollin@cityofslt.us) <jcollin@cityofslt.us>; Tamara Wallace (twallace@cityofslt.us) <twallace@cityofslt.us>; Cody Bass (cbass@cityofslt.us) <cbass@cityofslt.us>; Brooke Laine (blaine@cityofslt.us) <blaine@cityofslt.us>; dmiddlebrook@cityofslt.us; 'nancy.williams@edcgov.us' <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>; "Donald Ashton' <don.ashton@edcgov.us>; 'Joseph Irvin' <jirvin@cityofslt.us>; 'sblankenship@cityofslt.us' <sblankenship@cityofslt.us>

Subject: FW: Wearing a mask cuts own risk of novel coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say | Fox News Importance: High



Dear Supervisor Novasel:

I came across this article this morning as I scanned the <u>various</u> news sources. It discusses the tremendous benefits our community and users have to wear masks. I do not suggest that this news source is medical evidence in itself for mask wearing, but *I* respectfully suggest that it supports my suggestions for vigorous educational programs to actively encourage mask wearing (for those who can medically do so without harm to themselves) in our community as an alternative to shutting down South Lake Tahoe's economy (Letter of July

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7 attached).People must understand clearly the benefit to them and the community from wearing protective masks.

I hope that your day and that of Board members and staff is a good one. *Thank you for your service to our District and County.*

David

David Jinkens, MPA

Good Government Advocate

South Lake Tahoe, CA

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA 96158



SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 7, 2020

The Honorable Sue Novasel Supervisor El Dorado County 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

RE: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Dear Supervisor Novasel:

I was recently made aware that the Board of Supervisors will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 "to give direction on how to deal with businesses who aren't complying with current guidelines and also decide on how to handle the rising coronavirus case counts." (Tahoe Daily Tribune)

"Unfortunately, we have seen a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, including a concerning increase in hospitalizations," said Gov. Newsom in the letter. "Everyone in the state must accept and continue to uphold their individual responsibility to help defeat this pandemic. When those responsibilities are disregarded, state and local governments must take action to protect their residents..." (Ibid)

Rumors abound in South Lake Tahoe that the Board may impose restrictions on South Lake Tahoe and South Shore businesses and not allow as one example the continuation of indoor dining. Blaming business owners and operators for increases in COVID-19 cases in El Dorado County is not a complete or accurate story in my view.

Recommendations:

- <u>Continue to give</u> business owners and operators including restaurants (for indoor dining) the opportunity to remain open to serve the needs of the public if they are actively engaged in following COVID-19 guidelines for safety from County and State health officials.
- 2. <u>Caution</u> business owners and operators who do not comply with County and State health rules that after a warning to come into compliance, and if they do not, they will be closed.
- 3. <u>Require</u> residents of and visitors to South Lake Tahoe to wear appropriate protective masks while in public places <u>except for those who medically cannot do so</u>. Just as

people are required to wear seat belts when driving a car, masks at this time are an essential safety measure to protect the public and employees from the spread of COVID-19.

 <u>Conduct</u> an energized public safety campaign to tell residents <u>and visitors</u> to wear protective masks. Being an American does not mean we are entitled to risk the health and safety of others by not wearing a mask. It is not macho to refuse to wear a mask. It is stupid.

Keep the local economy moving forward:

The restarting of the local economy is essential to the economic well being of our community and the people local businesses employ. We cannot have a local economy that is shut down again and again because it would lead to the death of local businesses, jobs, and revenues needed to maintain and operate essential services to the people who live here.

We must take personal responsibility:

I and my fellow residents and visitors must take personal responsibility to use safe practices such as wearing a mask and social distancing while we go about our day to day activities. I want our economy to remain open and I, like you, want our community safe.

In my experience, most restaurant owners in South Lake Tahoe <u>do follow the rules</u>, and I for one do not want them punished because a small minority of people do not want to obey the rules.

My hope and expectation as well is that City officials will continue to work hand in hand with County government to support keeping local businesses open and seeing that protective guidelines are enforced in the most positive manner possible. Education and enforcement are far better alternatives than shutting businesses down again.

If people wish to gather and exercise their right to free speech in protest in support of some action, they should be allowed to do so and advised that they too must wear masks and practice social distancing. *People who want to riot should not be allowed to do so even if they do wear masks and practice social distancing*.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this matter and thank you for your service to our District and County.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

David M. Jinkens, MPA Good Government Advocate South Lake Tahoe, CA

C: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County Honorable Mayor and Council Members, South Lake Tahoe El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Ashton South Lake Tahoe City Manager, Mr. Irvin Interested parties

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Re: Tahoe businesses

1 message

Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us> To: Jennifer <smileyrileys@live.com> Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Hello Jennifer,

Thank you very much for the input. I am forwarding your email to the clerk of the board who can share it with board members for their consideration. You may be interested in tuning in to the board meeting this afternoon where I will be giving an update on the COVID situation including the Tahoe area specifically.

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On Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:24 AM Jennifer <smileyrileys@live.com> wrote:

I hope read this before your meeting today regarding Lake Tahoe. The spike is NOT just from tourists! Local businesses are not following mandates or guidelines. Restaurant workers are not wearing masks as they should in many places, timeshare hotels are not enforcing mask wearing inside buildings and stores are not enforcing guidelines either!

I am married with two children and we are very worried about our health and safety! I am a teacher and I have lived here for 23 years. We need to make a big change here fast or this town is going to spike fast even more. Many of us are tremendously scared! PLEASE DO SOMETHING!

Sincerely, A Tahoe local

Sent from my iPhone

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 10:03 AM

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>





ElDorado County

Vince Mini <minivmini@aol.com>

1 message

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 11:10 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Cc: Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, Cindy Munt <cindy.munt@edcgov.us>

Good morning all. We are at a cross bridge again as to shut the county down or stay open . Although our cases have gone up, the highest amounts are in the Tahoe region. I'm asking as a small business owner who has just recently opened, taking all precautions seriously to look at allowing us to stay open. May I suggest if a shut down is necessary, just shut the Tahoe region down. Yours in Strength,

Vincent J. Mini, SFGII, FMS2, USAW1 Owner of Mini's House of Pain S & C



COVID-19 Crisis: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting (7/9/2019) f/ TERRY KAYES

1 message

Terry Kayes <kayes.gov@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 11:41 AM To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Shiva Frentzen <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, Kim Dawson

<kim.dawson@edcgov.us> Cc: Don Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Creighton Avila <creighton.avila@edcgov.us>, David Livingston <david.livingston@edcgov.us>, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>, "Dr. Nancy Williams" <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>

Greetings All,

Because I have a very important meeting today (7/9/2020) in Folsom at 1:00 p.m. that I cannot postpone, I will be unable to "listen in" or comment by phone on the above special meeting to "discuss enforcefor rule breakers" (per recent news article in the Tahoe Daily Tribune), a great many of whom, based on my personal observations, recklessly (and in some instances quite intentionally) disregarded the COVID-19 physical-distancing, protective-facemask and other guidelines ordered by the State of California's Governor and Department of Public Health, not only in the Lake Tahoe Basin (EDC District 5), but also along nearly all of the Highway 50 corridor from Folsom to the Nevada state line.

Given the fact I live about 60 feet from that highway and often drive on it two or more times daily, I have had a "front-row seat" to the toooften blatantly reckless, illegal conduct by people driving, recreating, and gathering in close groups, in various retail stores, structures and public areas along it, since the chaos started roughly 2 weeks before the Memorial Day weekend began and guicky grew to the high levels observed over the 4th of July weekend -- which has continued since then in varying degrees of intensity.

Alone with this has come the verbal abuse and threatening behavior of certain of the people not in compliance with the State's ordered guidelines directed against people who are trying to comply with them. This kind of behavior needs to stopped.

Terms that can be used to describe the forces driving the above forms of irresponsible, often-antisocial, potentially-harmful behavior include: "denialism" and "willful-ignorance" and "narcoticizing disfunction" and "nihilism" and "sociopathy" and "narcissism" -- all of which have been the subject of much study by sociologists, social psychologists, political scientists, mass-media experts, etc. and are described in considerable detail on the Internet. I urge you to "read up" on these topics.

Starting next week, I will do my best to send by email or by the U.S. mail to key decision-makers in El Dorado County government, specific details of what I've learned more recently from the scientific literature and progress made by leading scientists and top research institutions, on the complexities and how best to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic over the next 2 to 3 years -- which is how long it is likely to last, while quite possibly killing more than 700,000 to 1.2 million Americans, the majority of whom will very likely be between 30 and 65 years of age.

Meanwhile, I urge you to reread and study the earlier email messages that I sent to you, specifically:

El Dorado County COVID-19 Danger Warning f/ T. B. KAYES (1), sent on May 11, 2020.

El Dorado County COVID-19 Danger Warning f/ T. B. KAYES (1a), sent on May 21, 2020.

These two message provided background information on the COVID-19 pandemic from my point of view, and describe what I've been trying to do to investigate and better understand it, plus what is needed to best deal with it in both the near and long term. It's likely to be full of highly unpleasant surprises and be increasingly nasty in its human-health and economic impacts. (Note: it's by no means certain that a vaccine can be developed against it in the next few years that is efficacious, lasts longer than a few months, and can be produced cost effectively in the amounts needed to protect large populations of people.)

The State of California and El Dorado County government needs to take decisive action **now**, to enforce the state guidelines enacted (with very likely more to come), if the state and the county don't want to deal for many, many months with potentially-catastrophic levels of deaths from COVID-19; an overwhelmed medical system and consequent untreated or inadequately-treated cerebral strokes, heart attacks, severe injuries, kidney failures, etc.; huge increases in homelessness; and a devastated economy that could stay devastated for years.

There is little about all this that is going to be simple or easy, and won't involve significant long-term physical, psychological, and economic pain, as well as political unrest and upheaval. The worse thing to do now is to (in any way) encourage continued denialism of what is already a harsh н

reality, which will (based on most indications) get rapidly worse.

More information and experienced-based insight to come. Meanwhile, it is now time to take decisive action by whatever means legally, physically and ethically possible, to head off greater damage.

Best regards.

Terry Kayes Placerville, California Home: 530-644-1406



Fwd: Special meeting 7-9-20

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:38 PM

Kind Regards,

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Lisa Gresham-Gordon <lggmatriarch@gmail.com> Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:22 PM Subject: Special meeting 7-9-20 To: Brian Veercamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us> Cc: <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bosfwo@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edc.gov.us>

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

I find myself at the top of the county and the tip of the State.

As live in El Dorado county working in Stateline, I'm watching closely.

I'm unfortunately working as mask police at Stateline Casinos.

I believe the covid 19 has been around and more have antibodies and have recovered. As the casino play host to many asian communities some with the highest rates.

I'm of a different opinion and unfortunately need my job. Your decision will have great reach. The cases were here before July 4. And tests take 5days for results.

Masks for 99% survival rate ? Shut down for anything that may have health consequences?

This is setting a dangerous precedent for human rights in the future. We care deeply for those who succumb to this or any illness w the possibility of loss of life. Future generations are dependent on a healthy economy for future survival. But facts are this is survivable. Stop the closure and demands on citizens and small business. Please make wise decisions today

Sincerely Lisa Gresham South Lake Tahoe



Fwd: FW:

1 message

The BOSONE <boshe@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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This missive from Placer county echoes a review of the data that anyone who is interested can find out. We are being lied to from the CDC, the state, and perhaps you folks.

These shutdowns are a fraud, if you go along with this you are intentionally stealing from free citizens and violating their rights. These mandates are illegal and must be pushed back

https://www.facebook.com/KirkUhlerPCDist4/videos/1107126286327891/UzpfSTEwMDAwNDU1ODQxNDIzMjpWSz oyODA5NjgxMTY00DU3NTM/

Sent from my iPhone

Corby L. Schmautz

Placerville CA



Fwd: COVID 19

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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------ Forwarded message ------From: **Patrick** <palanius@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:36 PM Subject: COVID 19 To: <bosone@edcgov.us>

In response to an email submitted claiming there is not pre- or asymptomatic spread of this virus, please consider the attached:

"Abstract

Since the emergence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), unprecedented movement restrictions and social distancing measures have been implemented worldwide. The socioeconomic repercussions have fueled calls to lift these measures. In the absence of population-wide restrictions, isolation of infected individuals is key to curtailing transmission. However, the effectiveness of symptom-based isolation in preventing a resurgence depends on the extent of presymptomatic and asymptomatic transmission. We evaluate the contribution of presymptomatic and asymptomatic transmission we evaluate the contribution of presymptomatic and asymptomatic proportion among all infections. We found that the majority of incidences may be attributable to silent transmission from a combination of the presymptomatic stage and asymptomatic infections. Consequently, even if all symptomatic cases are isolated, a vast outbreak may nonetheless unfold. We further quantified the effect of isolating silent infections in addition to symptomatic cases, finding that over one-third of silent infections must be isolated to suppress a future outbreak below 1% of the population. Our results indicate that symptomatic and presymptomatic cases, in order to safely lift current restrictions and minimize the risk of resurgence."

https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/07/02/2008373117

Patrick A. Lanius 916.761.1902

Sent from my iPad





Public Comment 20-0907

1 message

K L <ktsmiles22@outlook.com>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 5:55 PM 'bosthree@edcgov.us"

To: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us", "bosfive@edcgov.us", "bosfive@edc

Hello,

I was one of the people that did not get the chance to publicly speak during the Board meeting today. I want to start off by saying that 1) I do not personally know Dr. Nancy Williams, and 2) I absolutely believe in the freedom of speech.

However, some folks in the past, and one in particular at the beginning of today's meeting, have personally attacked Dr. Williams.

I understand that people have their opinions and beliefs – heck, question the science, question the statistics...but, unless someone has absolute proof that Dr. Williams is an evil person who is out to harm people, I want to go <u>on</u> record and say that there is no reason in the world why she needs to be personally attacked. It is NOT okay.

COVID-19 is not going away any time soon, so I would kindly request that everyone treat her as they would want to be treated.

I plan to vocalize such during the next meeting so others hear it, but I wanted you all to hear (read) my thoughts as soon as possible.

Dr. Williams, thank you for everything you continue to do.

Thank you! Katie

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July 9, 2020 Public Comment

1 message

Myra Lowder <myralowder@yahoo.com> To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 6:34 PM

Good afternoon Board,

I was unable to speak as we ran out of time.

I need to tell you that there is a whole group of demographics that you are missing with the mask requirements. I cannot wear a mask. Yes, part of my issue at first was the whole "freedom, my right, the constitution ... etc ... " However, what I have found since this Covid thing has been around, is that I cannot wear a mask at all. I literally cannot wear one. Put aside that my autistic son cannot wear one and has a very hard time with them. Put aside that there are a whole host of special needs people = that cannot wear one. For right now, I'm going to focus on my issue. It is very personal and private and this is the first time that I have talked about in public, EVER! In 1988, right after we moved out here from Florida and literally right after my graduation, I met a guy who was still a senior at El Dorado. thought he was nice and a good guy. He worked out at the health club that I worked at. One night we went out and during that night, I was date raped. I was held down and his hand was put over my mouth and nose, then went to holding my arms down. I tell you this, not to shock you, but to tell you that those of use who are victims of a severe sexual assault or domestic violence, cannot wear a mask. I cannot have anything on my face expect my glasses, and then they are on for short periods of time. I cannot have anyone touch my face or put anything over my eyes or mouth. In order for me to have dental work, I have to be sedated as I cannot wear the nitrous mask. The worst part of this, is my attacker never was punished. I was told to not say anything and having just turned 18 and being very pure and naive, I did not for about 3 years. I then only told my mom and my b est friend. I did not receive any justice or peace. Now, even walking into the store and seeing many people wearing mask, sends me into a full blow anxiety attack. It puts me in a fight or flight mode, where I just want to get away. If I am forced to put a mask on, I immediately start shaking, tears well up and it puts me right back to the night. Right back to that place and I am a victim all over again. I relive this in my head all the time, but now I am forced to think about i t all day every day and now have the fear of being punished if I don't wear a mask. I am forced to become the victim all over again. How is that fair? Should I have to explain to everyone I see who gives me dirty looks or questions me what I have been through and what I experienced? Should I have to wear a "Scarlet Letter" to point out that I am exempt? There are so many of us who cannot do this.THIS needs to be realized and recognized. I have been the victim for 32 years. I have been doing "ok", but now with this issue, I am having a very hard time. Why should I have to relive this trauma over and over again? Especially for something that is just not that big of a concern. The numbers don't warrant. Do I just never go to work? Never go to the store? Never be with my friends and family again? Should I just shut myself in the house and never go out? 1 10/04 107 170 177000 10075 170

You really need to look at another vulnerable group in our community. I will not wear a mask! I will not be the victim again.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours, Myra K. Lowder Placerville



Comments on the BOS Emergency Meeting 09-Jul-2020

1 message

Tad Dodson <tad@ieee.org>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 8:12 PM

To: The BOSFIVE <bosfive@edcgov.us> Cc: cob.edc@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Ms. Novasel,

I am sorry that I had audio problems when I was recognized for public comment. Here is a brief summary of the points that I intended to share.

The Stateline area is out of control -

The tourist core is a mess. There is no social distancing and public masking barely reaches 50%. As a resident, I stay very far away. I cannot imagine why the Board has not held the County Administration responsible for monitoring and reporting on public behavior. To make policy in the absence of data is folly.

South Lake as a region of EDC -

If you fail to act on the Tahoe Region data, it will lift the entire county across the monitoring threshold. The BOS should implement local restrictions so that the SLT economy won't jeopardize the rest of the county. Steve Teshara raised the point that our government must educate then enforce.

South Lake as a region of the Tahoe Basin -

Nevada's lack of action cannot justify our lack of action. For example, you wouldn't skip your fire defense work because your neighbor is negligent. It's time to lead.

Opinion at odds with public health experts -

Supervisors Hildahl & Veerkamp seemed to be pushing for a path that downplays the seriousness of this disease, and perhaps, tries to reach herd immunity quickly. Sweden tried this approach. It is now widely reported to have no positive benefit - to their economy or to the health of the population. In addition, experts differ on how, or if, herd immunity will develop for this pathogen.

Supervisor Veerkamp stated 99.6% of victims get over it. He does not have the expertise or training to make policy based on his hunches. Long-term outcomes are unknown. Our local governments need to act as extensions of the state government and partners in enforcement. He further advocated for changes to the data presented by the DPH. This is completely inappropriate. The general public wants access to all the data without his political spin. He must stop trying to influence public health professionals to drive his point of view and garner political support.

Encouraging increases in outdoor venues -

Supervisor Hidahl is spot on to encourage outdoor capacity increases by reducing permit restrictions. He rightly asserts the urgency. Staff need to stop making excuses and present ordinances that can be passed immediately by the Board next week, not next month.

Non-compliant customers -

We heard echoes of how difficult it is to turn away customers who refuse to comply with public health orders. Business owners will find it very easy as soon as the penalty for non-compliance is dramatically higher than the marginal revenue they receive from serving the non-compliant customer.

The efficacy of masking -

Any supervisors who harbor lingering doubts about the efficacy of aggressive masking should click through the national death curves compiled by the Financial Times. Here is the link: https://ig.ft.com/coronavirus-chart/?areas=usa& areas=gbr&areasRegional=usny&areasRegional=usca&areasRegional=usfl&areasRegional=ustx&cumulative= 0&logScale=1&perMillion=0&values=deaths They will quickly notice that nations that have reduced their death rate to zero and are returning to normal, have ample testing, effective contact tracing, and aggressive masking policies.

Vacation House Rental (VHR) -

Please prohibit VHR's with occupancy greater than 4 immediately until SLT rates are significantly reduced. High occupancy lodging encourages large gatherings. In light of D'Agostini's refusal to enforce state orders, we have relied on education and commercial enforcement. For VHR's, there is no commercial enforcement. Adding to the pressure,

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stretched second home owners have reduced prices to increase rentals. At least in a hotel setting, four or fewer people share a room. The incremental cost of additional hotel rooms serves to limit large groups from traveling together. The current free-for-all in our neighborhoods is at odds with good public health policy and the Governor's orders. As an example, in the past two weeks, the two VHR's on our cul-de-sac, each occupancy 10, have hosted FIVE groups at maximum occupancy. Shut them down again. Let on-premises hoteliers manage visitors. The incremental cost of rooms will limit gathering sizes.

Thank you for considering my input. Thomas A. Dodson (Tad)

Tad Dodson tad@ieee.org



Comment from South Lake Tahoe homeowners

1 message

Home <manli@comcast.net> To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:02 PM

Hello Board Members,

My husband and I listened to your entire Zoom meeting today, but unfortunately did not get an opportunity to speak because time ran out.

We live in the Bay Area and own a home in South Lake Tahoe that we stay in with our family on a regular basis. Our most recent visit there was in March and we left on March 17., 2020, the day that the entire area was shut down due to the coronavirus outbreak.

We were supposed to spend time with our family again in our South Lake Tahoe home for 10 days starting on July 18, 2020. Each time we stay there we spend money in the grocery stores, shops and restaurants, helping to support the local economy. We also help the economy by paying our annual property taxes each year.

We have been keeping up with the news on what's been going on in South Lake Tahoe since the influx of the huge crowd of people on the July 4th weekend. We observed from the news reports that people were walking around in mass without masks or social distancing, and that it was very crowded. Because of the lack of enforcement on social distancing and mask wearing, we have become disheartened with safety in SouthL ake Tahoe and canceled our upcoming July family trip.

While listening to the Board meeting today, we wanted to tell you that due to the failure of the Board to take strong action in enforcing safety precautions such as simple mask wearing, handwashing and social distancing, we do not feel safe to visit our own home in Tahoe. This is very dispiriting for us because our family time there is always something we look forward to.

During the meeting, initially we felt that the Board was dancing around on the head of a pin instead of coming up with viable plans to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. But by the end of the meeting, it is our understanding that the board is going to take action against repeat Business owner violators or ones that will not comply with such simple things as requiring their staff and customers to wear masks, wash hands, and social distance. Most of the focus seem to be on mask wearing.

We also did not appreciate the Sheriff's comment that it was not his job to enforce the safety precautions necessary during this pandemic. Moreover, we disagreed with some of the public commenters who leaned on the side of their "freedoms" rather than safety. This is a time when safety is needed and this too will pass. It will pass sooner if everyone would cooperate and comply with safety precautions to get rid of the virus more quickly. By not complying, these "freedom folks" are merely prolonging the agony.

We live in Alameda County in the Bay Area and our entire county is required to wear face masks when out in public. The State of California requires everyone out in public to wear face masks but we did not see this being enforced on the news on the July 4th weekend in South Lake Tahoe. It very disturbing from what we saw on the news that there were many people in public areas, such as shops and beaches, not wearing masks.

What, if anything, is the Board doing to enforce mask wearing when folks are not just in shops or restaurants, but also out in public?

We look forward to receiving your responses to our comments and inquiries.

Thank you, Mansour & Lisa Salahudin-Din



7/9/20 BOS Public Comment on Covid Enforcement

1 message

Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 6:20 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Sheriff DAgostini <john.dagostini@edso.org>, david.livingston@edcgov.us

Cc: brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us, sue.novasel@edcgov.us, john.hidahl@edcgov.us, shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us, lori.parlin@edcgov.us

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is posted to the minutes of the 7/9/20 BOS meeting.

As I stated today, the national Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land. That means Federal law trumps state law, and state law trumps local laws. This is not open for interpretation as Governor Newsom, David Livingston, and some other public officials seem to think, nor does Sheriff D'Agostini have the discretion to choose which laws he enforces or ignores. *All public officials*, irrespective of their political leanings, have taken an oath of office to support and defend the state and national constitutions.

Below are three of the articles I mentioned during today's BOS meeting relevant to Supervisor John Hidahl's remarks concerning whether or not there were any case files about the unconstitutional mandates of various Governors as it pertains to Covid mask enforcement. This is news you will *not* see in the MSM. Please pay particular attention to the highlights below:

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This Illinois circuit judge set aside the executive order of the treasonous man acting as governor which unconstitutionally bound the people of Illinois. What we do not like, though, is the judge said that the authority to issue such orders belongs to the Health Dept. However, it does not. The authority to pass laws affecting the people of Illinois belongs to the Legislature, but only in so far as any laws passed and orders issued thereunder do not violate and oppose the Constitutions and the inherent rights and due process secured to the people therein.

The lawsuit was brought by an Illinois legislator who happens to be a Republican. We have not read the complaint, for which a link is provided in the article, but whoever argued for the plaintiff likely based his arguments in the lack of constitutional authority. Most judges rule with or for the system, but this one was different, which makes for a refreshing change! Based upon this ruling, any sheriff in Illinois could lawfully arrest the man acting as governor on the sworn written complaints of his constituents. The same is true for Wisconsin, because a case decided there went against the executive orders issued by the man acting as governor.

Judge Nukes Ill. Lockdown: Pritzker 'Had No Authority' to Restrict Movement and Close Businesses

July 4, 2020

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by Megan Fox, PJ Media:

Justin L. Fowler/The State Journal-Register via AP, Pool

Illinois Circuit Court Judge Mike McHaney ruled on Thursday that Governor J.B. Pritzker of Illinois had no lawful authority to declare endless disasters past the initial thirty days. Ruling on a lawsuit filed by State House Rep. Darren Bailey (R-III.), Judge McHaney wrote, "The court declares that Defendant had no constitutional authority as Governor to restrict a citizen's movement or activities and/or forcibly close business premises in EO 32."

Illinois lockdown was illegal and unconstitutional

Bailey's lawsuit alleged that the governor had abused his powers and overstepped his authority by ordering Illinoisans to stay home and shutter their businesses because of COVID-19. The judge also clarified that the lawful authority belongs to the Health Department in a time of health crisis and not the governor. This could open the door for the Health Department to take over the authoritarian role from Governor Pritzker in directing lockdowns, but for now, all of Pritzker's executive orders aren't worth the paper they were printed on.

Bailey tweeted out a celebratory announcement after the ruling.

Illinois is Open! Live Responsible!

- Darren Bailey (@DarrenBaileyIL) July 2, 2020

Bailey's attorney, Tom DeVore, issued a statement reported by WGEM. "We do not have executive officers or heads of administrative agencies dictating to people unilaterally. And if you don't agree with them they're going to punish you," DeVore said. "That has to come to an end."

Governor Pritzker is expected to appeal and has commented on the lawsuit in the usual sour lemons tone, blaming his political opponents instead of recognizing that his orders have devastated Illinois businesses and families.

"History will remember those who put politics aside to come together to keep people safe," he self-righteously said. "It will also remember those who so blindly devoted [sic] to ideology and the pursuit of personal celebrity that they made an enemy of science and of reason."

Perhaps Representative Bailey simply heard the cries of his constituents who were losing everything they ever worked for and responded to them by holding the governor to the law. You can read the full complaint Bailey filed here. He accused the governor of bypassing the legislature to usurp undue authority. It's scintillating summer reading.

Not surprisingly, journalists were dogging the judge on the way out of the courtroom and accusing him of "bias." McHaney should prepare to be called terrible names and thrown into the "anti-science" crowd for upholding the rights of Americans to feed themselves during a pandemic. I hope he has a strong constitution. *We do*.

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Published in Kaiser Health News:

https://khn.org/news/furor-erupts-billions-going-to-hospitals-based-on-medicare-billings-not-covid-19/

Furor Erupts: Billions Going To Hospitals Based On Medicare Billings, Not COVID-19

By Jay Hancock and Phil Galewitz and Elizabeth Lucas April 10, 2020

(Andrew Lichtenstein/Corbis via Getty Images)

This story also ran on Daily Beast. This story can be republished for free (details). THE DAILY BEAST

[UPDATED on April 13]

Probably few hospital systems need the emergency federal grants announced this week to handle the coronavirus crisis as badly as Florida's Jackson Health does.

Miami, its base of operations, is the worst COVID-19 hot spot in one of the most severely hit states. Even in normal years, the system sometimes barely makes money. At least two of its staff members have died of the virus.

But in a scathing letter to policymakers, system CEO Carlos Migoya said the way Washington has handled the bailout "could jeopardize the very existence" of Jackson, one of the nation's largest public health systems, and similar hospital groups.

"We are here for you right now," Migoya, who has tested positive for COVID-19 himself, said in a Thursday letter to Alex Azar, secretary of Health and Human Services. "Please, be here for us right now."

Migoya and executives at other beleaguered systems are blasting the government's decision to take a one-size-fits-all approach to distributing the first \$30 billion in emergency grants. HHS confirmed Friday it would give hospitals and doctors money according to their historical share of revenue from the Medicare program for seniors — not according to their coronavirus burden.

That method is "woefully insufficient to address the financial challenges facing hospitals at this time, especially those located in 'hot spot' areas such as the New York City region," Kenneth Raske, CEO of the Greater New York Hospital Association, said in a memo to association members.

States such as Minnesota, Nebraska and Montana, which the pandemic has touched relatively lightly, are getting more than \$300,000 per reported COVID-19 case in the \$30 billion, according to a Kaiser Health News analysis.

On the other hand, New York, the worst-hit state, would receive only \$12,000 per case. Florida is getting \$132,000 per case. KHN relied on a state breakdown provided to the House Ways and Means Committee by HHS along with COVID-19 cases tabulated by The New York Times.

The CARES Act, the emergency law passed last month to address the pandemic, gives HHS wide latitude to administer \$100 billion in grants to hospitals and doctors.

But the decision to allocate the first \$30 billion according to past Medicare business surprised many observers.

The law says the \$100 billion is intended "to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus," including paying for protective equipment, testing supplies, extra employees and temporary shelters and other measures ahead of an expected surge of cases. It says hospitals must apply for the money.

"It seems weird that they wouldn't just target areas geographically based on where the surge has been," said Chas Roades, CEO of Gist Healthcare, a consulting firm.

Issuing the funds based on Medicare revenue "allowed us to make initial payments to providers as quickly as possible," an HHS spokesperson said Friday. Some of the money was expected to go out as soon as Friday in electronic deposits.

HHS "has failed to consider congressional intent" in distributing the \$30 billion by not accounting for "the number of COVID-19 cases hospitals are treating," New Jersey Sens. Bob Menendez and Cory Booker and Rep. Bill Pascrell said in a Friday letter to Azar.

All three are Democrats. Behind New York, New Jersey has the second-highest number of recorded coronavirus cases, as of Friday afternoon.

The administration is struggling to balance the need to help systems slammed by the coronavirus with the need to provide immediate relief, said Bill Horton, a health care lawyer with Jones Walker in Birmingham, Alabama.

"Providers have to appreciate that there is a focus on trying to respond to their cries of pain and coming up with ways to get some money out there," he said. On the other hand, he said, HHS sets itself up for criticism by paying "a chunk of money without particular regard for who has been hardest hit."

Medicare revenue can vary sharply by hospital, depending on who their patients are and what part of the country they are in.

HHS' method "could tilt the playing field" against hospitals whose patients are largely uninsured or covered by the Medicaid program for low-income patients, said Bruce Siegel, CEO of America's Essential Hospitals, a group of systems

serving the poor and vulnerable.

HHS said the next slice of the \$100 billion to go out "will focus on providers in areas particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak" as well as rural hospitals and those with lower shares of Medicare revenue.

Jackson Health's budget depends heavily on reimbursement for the kind of elective procedures that it has canceled to ensure it has the capacity to handle COVID-19 patients, Migoya said. Lost revenue is \$25 million per month, it estimates.

"We cut off our own funding sources in order to sustain our mission," he wrote in the letter to Azar.

Hospitals in relatively COVID-19-free areas, on the other hand, could continue elective procedures but still receive a big chunk of the \$30 billion, said Gerard Anderson, a health economist at Johns Hopkins University.

"If I'm in rural Kansas and I don't have any COVID patients in my area, I'm not going to — I should not — stop doing elective surgeries," he said.

Even the type of Medicare payments hospitals typically receive will give some systems a much bigger share of the \$30 billion than others of the same size.

HHS is basing the payments on traditional "fee for service" Medicare revenue. But hospitals with a big chunk of managed care Medicare business, called Medicare Advantage, won't be credited for that.

In Florida, more than four Medicare members out of every 10 are in Medicare Advantage plans, one of the highest portions in the country, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. (KHN is an editorially independent program of the foundation.)

In New York, 39% of beneficiaries are in Medicare Advantage. In Montana, by contrast, the figure is 17%. In Wyoming, it's 3%.

Jackson's South Florida location and patient mix "both skew heavily away from the fee-for-service model," Migoya wrote. "No one wants to talk about money in the middle of a health crisis, but hope alone will not cash checks to employees or suppliers."

KHN correspondent Rachana Pradhan contributed to this report.

[Correction: This article was updated at 6:45 p.m. ET on April 13, 2020, to clarify the source of the information used in the analysis.]

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PJI to Discuss Singing Ban and Major Supreme Court Religious Freedom Decisions!

California Governor, Gavin Newsom's recent order infringes on the religious rights of churches to genuinely and freely worship. How do Christians navigate between obedience to earthly rulers and the rule of the Creator?

The PJI team and I will host our weekly Zoom call this **THURSDAY**, July 9th at 2pm PDT / 5pm EDT. This week, we will fill you in on all the relevant updates, including...

- Gov. Newsom's order and what that means for churches across CA.
- Updates on the NEW SHUT DOWN ORDERS in CA.
- The changes/impact of the 2nd wave of COVID cases.
- Significant Supreme Court religious freedom decisions.
- · Updates on PJI's cases, including our efforts in WA.

You must register to be part of Thursday's free call; do that by clicking the "REGISTER" button below.



Immediately after you register, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom meeting link. Please ask your questions through the Zoom chat feature during the call.

Please feel free to forward this email to invite any people you know that have not yet joined us on a call, but who need to hear this timely information.

These calls have been extremely helpful for many people. Read what David said about last week's call: "This is very helpful. Thanks for your and PJI's service to God's people." We hope this call will grant your organization clarity and guidance for the road ahead

Running the race,

Brad Dacus with the Pacific Justice Institute Team

Melody Lane

Founder - Compass2Truth

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual...Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." \sim John Hancock \sim



Fwd: [bostwo] BOS Meeting - Thursday, July 9, 2020

1 message

BOS Two <bostwo@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 9:28 AM

Please forward to all Board members. Thank you.

Elaine Gelber Assistant to Supervisor Shiva Frentzen Board of Supervisors, District II County of El Dorado Phone: 530-621-5651

------ Forwarded message ------From: <cq@camo-queen.com> Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 11:58 PM Subject: [bostwo] BOS Meeting - Thursday, July 9, 2020 To: bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Hello Shiva and Elaine,

I listened to the BOS meeting today and wanted to provide one last comment. Unfortunately, the website link for the BOS email address was not working for me, which is why I am sending this final comment to you.

In my mind, there are three serious concerns that the Board of Supervisors need to address:

- 1. People who are concerned about wearing masks
- 2. People who do not feel comfortable with wearing a mask, and
- 3. People who do NOT want to be infringed upon while running their own businesses

As stated during my testimony, I do not feel comfortable wearing a mask, I cannot breathe AND I order my groceries online out of respect for others. At the same time, a person who believes in wearing a mask can ALSO order groceries online, or do curbside pickup - instead of harassing business owners who are struggling to make ends meet.

We all need to do our part AND respect one another's different positions. If it means we need to shop somewhere else, or stay at home and order online - SO BE IT. We ALL need to support one another. DO IT FOR THE GREATER GOOD!!!

I respectfully ask that you forward this to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our community.

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SUPERVISOR NOVASEL AND OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARD OUR PLEAS TO KEEP OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY OPEN

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Dear President Adams, Board Members, and CEO Wallace:

This is a brief follow-up to the information provided to you by the Chamber CEO about the BOS action yesterday and update on the rise of COVID cases in the region.

Then takeaways for me are the following:

1. County officials listened to our concerns about keeping our business community open;

- 2. Businesses must comply with the safety precautions recommended by the State and County health officials. Businesses that do not comply will face enforcement action.
- 3. Residents, visitors and employees must wear protective masks and follow the safety rules, and a
 - greater effort is needed to ensure that they do so. A vigorous and sustained COVID-19 prevention

education program on the

need to protect us all from the virus is needed by all governmental entities, chambers, lodging associations, medical community, businesses owners and operators, and local news media

If we want to see our businesses, remain open, our local economy restored, and protect the health of everyone, all of us must follow the guidelines prescribed by health officials. The decision to remain open is ours to win or lose.

I trust that all of us will do the right thing and win! <u>I personally want to thank Supervisor Novasel</u>, Board members and County officials for <u>listening and responding positively</u>.

Attached is the County of El Dorado Press Release (07-08-20) on information about the increase in EDC COVID-19 cases discussed by Dr. Williams,

Best wishes and be safe! Have a great weekend!

7/10/2020

David Jinkens, MPA

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NEWS RELEASE



Chief Administrative Office El Dorado County

COUNTY RELEASES GRAPH SHOWING RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE REGION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 8, 2020

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(PLACERVILLE, CA) – After a steady increase in confirmed cases over the last few weeks and an influx of visitors to the South Lake Tahoe region over the Independence Day weekend, Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Williams is taking a closer look at that region's COVID-19 case rate in relation to Governor Newsom's criteria for placing counties on a watch list which mandates they resume more restrictive measures for businesses and the public in those areas.

"Case counts in South Lake Tahoe have been disproportionately high since we started to track COVID-19 in March, having accounted for about 50 percent of the county's cases to date, but representing only 17 percent of the County's population," Williams said.

"What is new is that on June 29th, the case rates over the prior 14-day period exceeded a 100 positive case count per 100,000 population for the first time. By Sunday, July 5, there had been so many new cases in the South Lake Tahoe region that the rate had risen to 169 per 100,000, far exceeding one of the Governor's criteria for requiring the roll back of some of the allowances we've worked hard to attain," she said when releasing a Tahoe-region specific case graph with data through July 5th.

Governor Newsom announced last month that three categories of criteria are now being applied to determine whether or when a County will be required to reinstate closures and previous restrictions on businesses and the public. These are measures of disease transmission (recent case rates and percentages of tests performed that are positive), increases in rates of severe disease (hospitalizations), and indications of limited hospital capacity (ICU bed and ventilator availability).

One of these measures is the rate of new cases across the county that occurred in the most recent 14-day period. The specific value equals the total number of new cases reported over a 14-day period, divided by the number of people living in the county and then multiplied by 100,000. As long as that value stays under 100, the State is not concerned about case counts growing too fast. However, after it exceeds 100 for three consecutive days, the State will engage with County leaders to offer assistance with addressing the increase in COVID-19 cases. If a downward trend isn't evident quickly, the State is requiring counties where COVID-19 measures are exceeding thresholds to issue orders to reinstitute certain restrictions, according to Williams. As a county, El Dorado's numbers for each of the measures still fall below their respective thresholds.

"However, if we were to treat the South Lake Tahoe region (which includes incorporated and unincorporated South Lake Tahoe, Tahoma, Meyers, and several tiny nearby communities) as if it were a county, it would now be added to the State's monitoring list and asked to curtail certain activities," said Williams.

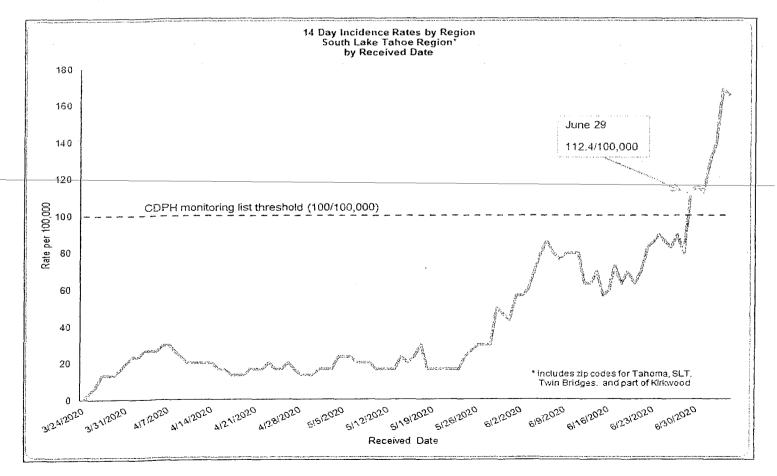
"By our calculations, the number had crossed the 100 threshold and cases are being reported in such great numbers that within a few days it had exceeded the threshold by 70%," Williams said. "To remain below the threshold rate for new cases, the region can only get about 2 cases per day on average, but we're seeing four or five times that many now."

"Unfortunately, countywide numbers are trending upward quickly, too, and we may find ourselves being directed by the State to roll back activities throughout the County," Williams added.

Many people, both residents and tourists, have been taking precautions, including following the masking and physical distancing mandates needed to slow the spread of the virus since the face-covering guidelines were issued by the State on June 18th. However, as evidenced over the recent holiday weekend, too many others are still taking unnecessary risks. That causes great concern in a tourism-based and tourism-dependent destination like Lake Tahoe that counts on keeping its businesses open during the busy summer months.

"There are plenty of ways to safely enjoy all the natural beauty El Dorado County offers whether it be hiking, boating, camping, climbing, or going to the beach," said Williams. "It's easy: stay with members of your own household, choose take-out over dine-in meals, wear a mask where required, spend your time outdoors instead of in closed buildings where the risk of transmission is highest, stay at least six feet from others who are not household members, and wash your hands. These are simple steps one can take no matter where they are in the Lake Tahoe region," she added.

"By actively trying to prevent the spread of COVID-19, you can make the difference between Lake Tahoe being able to keep businesses open for you to enjoy and having the State require us to bring back more stringent restrictions," Williams noted.



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Virtual Meetings UNSAFW

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Very disappointed to learn you are utilizing the Zoom. com app for your meeting. It is riddled with security flaws that make it unsecure an expose users to hackers. Such as: **The reporting:** Joe Cox, writing for Vice Motherboard, reported on March 26, 2020, that Zoom iOS App Sends Data to Facebook Even if You Don't Have a Facebook Account. The article accurately illustrates what went down with Zoom's usage of the Facebook software development kit (SDK) on Apple platforms that run iOS (namely, iPhones and iPads), and it appears that Joe is the original researcher who first reported the issue to Zoom.

You can not require the public to expose their computers, phones, etc. to hackers or unauthorized use of their data in order to participate in supposedly public meetings.