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Covid 19 continued shutdown

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To the Board Members of El Dorado County,

I understand you are in a difficult spot trying to decide how to address this continued Covid 19 lockdown, and as a long time resident of this county I want to make my voice heard.

The economic consequences of this continued shutdown are devastating. The consequence of closing down workplaces, schools, stores, restaurants, parks and other locations indefinitely has led to millions of us without work and pay. People need to pay their bills and feed their children! That is an essential need.

My niece is a nurse and as one of the heroes, she has worked on the front lines only to be without work now for several weeks due to low hospital admissions. She can't pay her mortgage or buy food. Her savings are now gone as well. My grown children are also struggling. They have had to use up their sick time, vacation time and have also used their savings to make ends meet. Their savings are gone, how are they supposed to feed their children with no income?

At first the shutdown was supposed to flatten the curve, but now months later I don't understand the reasoning. I feel that our rights as free citizens are being abused and unlawfully infringed upon.

We all take risks every day. Each time we get in our cars to drive somewhere we are taking a risk, so should we tell everyone that they can no longer drive because it might pose a risk or health hazard to ourselves or someone else? How is covid 19 any different? The numbers of deaths due to covid 19 that were projected have been greatly inflated from the beginning. An effective vaccine may never be developed; we certainly don't have one for other viruses, flu, or colds. What are we waiting for?

If you open businesses up now, those people that are worried to be out in public can choose to stay home, but it's not appropriate to make everyone abide by the wishes of those who choose to not go out. My 89 year old father and my stepmother are both at higher risk and they are choosing to stay at home for a while longer. But is that the right thing for the rest of us?

I had been hoping that our governor would loosen up restrictions by now but it is obvious that he has no intention of doing so. it is unfair that he is allowing some businesses to operate but others cannot. Felons go free but citizens have their business licenses revoked.

I am only one voice here but I represent the feelings and thoughts of so many in this community.

Please lift the restrictions!

Sincerely,
Renee Roeschen



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Religious Liberty

3 messages

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Fri, May 8, 2020 at 10:16 AM

My name is Drew Buell and I am the pastor of Cool Community Church, a church of 300 in the town of Cool.

I want to thank the Board of Supervisors and our County Health Officer for your tireless work for the citizens of El Dorado County. I have never been so proud, nor so thankful to live in this county as I am right now.

As you are aware, on March 19th Gavin Newsome issued a statewide stay at home order, effectively shuttering large segments of the state of California, while leaving other segments unscathed as they were given the designation of "essential." Sadly churches and other religious groups were deemed to be "non-essential" by the Governor and thus were not even given the opportunity to safely exercise their faith through social-distancing and other CDC guidelines.

The damage that has been caused to the religious communities of the state of California by this draconian order are unparalleled in modern American history.

For instance when the Pacific Justice Institute, a legal group for the defense of religious liberty, was asked whether a family could invite another family to their house, with proper social distancing in place, in order to conduct a bible study in their own back yard, the lawyers regretfully informed the questioner that as of today that would be an illegal act with criminally punishable implications. That is just one example of the gross overreaching extent of the current stay at home order.

I, my church, and the churches that I represent fully understand that there is very little that the Board of Supervisors can do to provide relief from the current situation, especially in light of the fact that the Governor has chosen not to include church gatherings in phase 2, while unexplainably including school gatherings. Ultimately, the responsibility for this constitutional crisis lies with Sacramento and will likely have to be adjudicated by the courts.

However, I am reminded of what Edmund Burke said in a letter to Thomas Mercer, that "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

I know that there is very little that you can do, but I am asking you to do what you can.

If you are able to allow churches to meet for indoor services in their houses of worship, with a proper COVID-19 plan in place, I ask that you do not allow evil to triumph, but that you do what you can.

If you are only able to allow churches to meet for outdoor worship services, with a proper COVID-19 plan in place, I ask that you do not allow evil to triumph, but that you do what you can.

If there is truly nothing that you can do at this time, then I am pleading with you to stand ready to act the moment that there is something / anything that you can do.

Thank you.

'Til Sin is Bitter...Christ Will Not be Sweet,

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Fri, May 8, 2020 at 10:20 AM

Thank you. Your comments have been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

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