Edcgov.us Mail - covid 19 phase 2

#22



LATE DISTRIBUTION

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

covid 19 phase 2

pastorrobiningv@gmail.com <pastorrobiningv@gmail.com
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Tue, May 12, 2020 at 9:59 PM

dear Supervisor Parlin,

firstly. I would like to thank you for your service and what must seem like unending tasks involving covid 19. secondly, I would like to encourage you and the Board/Dr. Williams to not lose hope or energy in continuing to press on toward the tasks at hand. as a pastor and mother, i see and personally experience the effects of new stresses brought on by the lockdown, i am concerned about those in my immediate community and family as well as those within my immediate community who have lost jobs or possibly their businesses.

under our current guidelines, I believe it is detrimental for churches to be considered non-essential. i sense our pastors' frustrations concerning our inability to offer personal spiritual support to our people. i'm sure you recognize the near anger we feel at the idea that we are not permitted to enjoy our first amendment rights.

thirdly, please allow the Georgetown area church leaders to have a voice in the continuing tasks involved in the speedy, but careful, work to press toward the next phase. Speaking for myself, it seems that our hands are tied in that we cannot fulfill our God-given 'jobs' in assisting our community and individuals.

perhaps you/the board members may allow us time via an online or (informal) personal meeting in which we pastors could collaborate with you to address the following concerns or questions. the goal would be to understand each other's individual difficulties or needs during (God forbid) any future like situations or crises:

*aside from the obvious, how this season has personally effected the pastors,

*if there are anyways in which we feel ministry will be positively or negatively changed.

*when churches are released to reopen, any practical ways in which the board may assist us, such as in providing any needed supplies for our safety stations.

* to avoid any further confusion will you, (Board), provide us a typed list highlighting all things that are permitted in regard to our first amendment right to freely worship and assemble (drive in churches),etc of course, we are anxious to reopen our churches and have no qualms in making prepared safety 'stations' immediately available to our congregants and guests.

and, we understand that some concessions must be made during times of crises, which we have patiently made. but, personally speaking, it looks and feels that there was never a crisis in our area. in the north end of our county, we have had two known cases of the virus, yet we cannot celebrate school-related milestones, either publicly or in extended family settings.

perhaps you can address those kinds of difficulties during a meeting or even via a letter. thank you very much for your time and patience.

blessings to you and your family, Robin Davis assoc pastor House of Prayer, Family Fellowship, garden valley. office 530-333-1881(msg only) home 530-333-9700 cell 530-333-3891

5300 danaher ct. garden valley 95633 In love with Jesus (3) i b look forward to remotely join the next board meeting.

^{*} should the lockdown continue, ways in which, looking ahead, we feel the board might assist us, or visa versa.