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

Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 6:14 PM

Hi: I am reaching out to respectfully request that we be allowed to attend future EDC Board of Supervisor meetings in person. The EDHUSD school board has allowed this and has successfully maintained social distancing while doing so.

It is difficult to listen in via zoom with internet connection issues and it precludes some of those who live in outlying areas who do not have access to reliable internet.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Thank you

Rita Ferrero

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Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 8:52 AM

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

Cc: John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>, Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>

Please add to the Covid item for today.

Kind Regards,

**Cindy Munt**

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From: Rita Ferrero <ritaferrero1@yahoo.com>

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Subject: County Restrictions and the Great Barrington Declaration

To: The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, BOS Two <bostwo@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us>

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors: I appreciate the opportunity to address the board and plan to call in tomorrow to do so. However, based on coverage issues where I will be located tomorrow, I am not sure I will get through. In advance of the meeting, I would like to share some thoughts around our current county restrictions and the changing viewpoints from the medical and scientific community.

If you are not familiar with the Great Barrington Declaration, I urge you to read it. On October 11, the Great Barrington Declaration was released with support from at least 2,826 medical and public health scientists and 3,794 medical practitioners. In a nutshell, it reads that the lockdowns of society and the cold stop of the world's economy represents a huge mistake. In the declaration, it states that:

- Schools and universities should be open for in-person teaching
- Extracurricular activities, such as sports, should be resumed
- Young low-risk adults should work normally rather than from home
- Restaurants and other businesses should open

I urge you to read the Declaration; over 6,000 medical professionals and scientists support it. <https://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/view/great-barrington-declaration-covid-lockdowns-were-unnecessary>

When we were first asked to shelter in place, we all did what we were asked to do in order to flatten the curve and give our hospitals a chance to prepare. That was the end goal. Yet, here we are, 7 months later with a 3rd set of requirements (tiered system) from our governor and the goalposts having been moved multiple times. It was always about the number of ICU hospitalizations and deaths and it was always expected that we would see an increase in cases. But yet, we are now being measured on the number of new cases and the % of positive cases and we are now at risk of moving back to a more restrictive category.

The death rate and ICU hospitalizations do not support the steps that our county (and state) has taken. All we have done is kick the can down the road. There was always a spike anticipated...our state and county chose to try and go around it instead of going through it.

We are failing our small businesses and our children (who should be in school full-time). We have allowed Covid-19, politics, the teachers' unions, our local officials, our local health director and our governor to take priority over our

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businesses, our children and the data.

We need to flip this model upside down and have the best interests of our small businesses and kids drive every decision, in addition to the relevant data.

We have become programmed to accept and be happy when restrictions are relaxed even a little. (i.e. allowed to open to 25% capacity). Instead, we all need to be pushing back and we need the help of the Board of Supervisors. These are your constituents and they deserve better....enough is enough.

We respectfully request that you join the scientists and medical professionals who have declared lockdowns unnecessary.

Rita Ferrero