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**Purple tier status**

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**Kristin Rogerson** <kristn17@pacbell.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 5:17 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to accept the purple tier assignment given by our state. The rising number of cases in our county and the apathetic attitude of numerous people in our county is greatly concerning. This virus is serious and having lost a family member to this illness I am very worried. Please put safety first.

Thank you,  
Kristin Rogerson



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## Trouble Joining Todays BOS Meeting

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skernes <skernes@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:19 AM

Hi There,

I had prepared a statement for public comment today, but it appears there is an issue with the meeting setup.

The website says the meeting starts at 8am, but the zoom link is setup to start at 9am. Please see attached screenshots for details.

Given that i am unable to connect, i will send a separate email in a moment containing the statement i intended to read during public comment.

Thank you for your help.

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## Live Meetings in Progress

### EDC Board Meeting

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:00 AM

**Location:** Zoom virtual meeting

EDC Board Meeting 11-17-2020

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**Phone number(s) for dial-in audio:** 530-621-7603

**Webinar ID:** 951 6321 8724

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## Waiting for the host to start this webinar

Start at 9:00 AM

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**BOS Public Comment : COVID & A Series of Unfortunate Events**

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**skernes** <skernes@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 8:26 AM

Hi everyone, and thanks for taking my call today.

I wanted to comment on what I consider to be a series of unfortunate events in an already difficult year.

Specifically the request to have El Dorado county among the first in the state to reopen back in May. The decision to apply for the safe travel stamp, and the recent request to stay in the orange tier when we clearly met the criteria for red.

It should be obvious to everyone that having an "open" county when others are "locked down," having a safe travel stamp of approval when others do not, and having an orange county when our neighbors are red or purple will result in increased tourism from high risk areas.

And hey, we have a tourism centric economy here in El Dorado county, I get it. But short term gains in exchange for long term losses is not a good strategy, not now, not ever.

The simple suggestion of staying orange when we met the red criteria was a clear signal to the anti-mask, and anti-government-control crowd that these tiers are arbitrary and open for interpretation... Optional.

Couple that with the fact that we have a sheriff who has effectively said he has no interest in enforcing any restrictions, a neighboring county that is perfectly happy to keep casinos open along our border, and a strong contingent that still thinks COVID a hoax... We have a disaster in the making.

It should come as no surprise that we have moved back to purple, and it should come as no surprise that with thanksgiving and ski season right around the corner, things are positioned to get much worse.

So while I would love to see revenue opportunities open back up for service industry businesses as soon as possible. I think the definition of possible needs to be driven by mid to long term success of our county, not on what can be done before the next election cycle.

We have to accept that some businesses will fail, and at the same time we should recognize that the businesses that are able to successfully adapt will succeed and thrive.

Now is the time to take drastic measures to keep people safe, and to refocus attention on fundamentals... Occupancy rates, education, and economic diversification.

I would like to remind our elected and appointed officials that politics should never Trump what is right.

We all get that this virus sucks, and is going to continue to suck in the short term. Let's do what this county has never done before, and set ourselves up to come out of this mess stronger than ever.

Thanks for your time.