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To the board of supervisors,
Now that we have received permission from the governor, to open restaurants back up, we urge you to support this level in order to support restaurants and all small businesses who are suffering from the restrictions put on by the state and county due to Covid. While you have received your checks and benefits without fail, many “regular” citizens do not enjoy your bountiful sufficiency.
It has become apparent to any thinking individual that the spread of Covid was NOT happening because of restaurants being open and practicing safe protocols for our clients. The surge happened and continued long after we were closed.
The fact that people couldn’t go out to be social human beings with other human beings in safe environments, led them to have people join them in their homes with unsafe practices, which led to the spread. Knowing in your heart of hearts that this is the truth, we do urge you to open Santa Barbara county and let us live our lives with our safe practices in full Force.
Thank you for your consideration of those who continue to suffer greatly from Covid and all of the restrictions imposed by you and the state.
You have a thankless job, but we do appreciate your efforts even when we aren’t in agreement.
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