

Ramirez, Angelica

Public comment - Group 4



From: Kevin Sharpton <sharptonhome@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Kevin Sharpton; sbcob
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] SB County: Rent Eviction Moratorium Rental- Ordinance 5099 Additional language needed

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Hello Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your tireless efforts to keep our community safe and functional during these unprecedented times. Our experiences will make us stronger!

Ordinance 5099 needs additional definitive addendums to... Preserve housing security, increase stability and to prevent further homelessness. The CA State 37-20 does not provide these protections and we need your help!

LA City has adopted similar language as well as a few other counties.

I'm requesting you adopt the following language into this SB County Ordinance 5099 on May 12th:

1. "Automatic Housing Lease Extension" This lease extension guarantee should be for 12 months at the current rent paid. Provides protection to recently expired leases in which the tenant resides on a month-to-month term, or to a lease that is about to expire. Without this language, landlords may take action against renters who have deferred rent and force them out for a higher paying tenant. This force out will burden existing tenants to spend additional monies for moving companies, moving expenses and increase the potential homelessness for families with and without children. This will also delay deferred rent payments to the landlord.
2. "No Fault Evictions" Prevents a landlord trying to perform a forced move-in of themselves, a family member or demolition of the rental unit to force existing tenant to move out of the premises. This should have a 12 month coverage.
3. "Landlord Accessibility to inside of Premises for emergencies only" Landlord should only have access to the inside of the property for Emergency related issues, as they arise, during the State of Emergency to prevent exposure to all tenants, but specifically to protect immune compromised individuals and our children. Protection of health is paramount and prevents harassment tactics.
4. "Rent Increase Freeze" during the state of emergency, prevents landlord from forcing out tenants due to higher rent. A 12 month coverage during phased economy reopening, potential upcoming positive spikes and future lockdowns with less income to be earned by working citizens.
5. "Private Right of Action against landlord" who violates the eviction moratorium ensures legally savvy landlords to not circumvent ordinance language gaps. A nominal fine should be applied to violating landlords.
6. "Ordinance Extension" - should follow other local regions, LA city and county, in suggesting this moratorium is extended to August 31st, 2020.

7. "Deferred payment plan" - determine this to be paid within 6 months after the Moratorium ends or is repealed

Time is of the essence for our officials to act during your scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 12th.

Regards,

Kevin Sharpton

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From: Hannah Lawrence <hannah.f.lawrence@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment for Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit a comment on the Temporary Eviction Moratorium Ordinance. I'd like to request that my comment below please be read into the record.

As you know, many people in Santa Barbara are currently unable to pay rent due to unemployment as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. While many homeowners and landlords are being given forbearance options, renters are going to be left to fend for themselves once the Eviction Moratorium is lifted. For that reason, I am demanding support for a year-long period to pay back any rent related debt beginning once the Moratorium expires.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hannah Lawrence
Santa Barbara Resident

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From: Rob Raede <rraede@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:21 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Public Comment Board of Supervisors Hearing, May 12th 2020; Item D-1; 20-00281 (COVID-19)
Attachments: Reopen Santa Barbara Public comments.pdf; ATT00001.htm
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We commend our Supervisors, and hope that suggestions like these and others will be met with the attitude of “Let's figure out how to make this happen”, rather than, “Here are all the reasons that won't work.”

Respectfully,

Reopen Santa Barbara

Robert Raede

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Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:57 AM
To: sbcob; sbcob
Cc: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Brian Goebel
Subject: Public Comment from Brian Goebel and Cori Hayman for Board of Supervisors Meeting, May 12th; Item D-1; 20-00281
Attachments: Dear Hart and Members of the Board of Supervisors.pdf
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Dear Clerk of Board,

Attached please find public comment from Brian Goebel and Cori Hayman in connection with the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow, May 12th, Item D-1; 20-00281.

I would appreciate a reply email confirming you have received this.

Thank you,

Cori Hayman.

Public Comment from Brian Goebel and Cori Hayman; Board of Supervisors Hearing, May 12, 2020; D-1; 20-00281.

Dear Chair Hart and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your continuing leadership throughout the COVID-19 crisis. We would like to provide public comment on three items.

The Case Numbers for the Federal Lompoc Prison Outbreak Must be Excluded from the County Statistics Since the Prisoners are not in Our Communities

The State's position that the COVID-19 prisoner cases be included in our County's statistics for purposes of reopening is without any *rational basis* in public health policy. The purpose of testing is to prevent community spread of COVID-19 by identifying the infected, isolating them, and then tracing their contacts. By definition, the Lompoc Federal prisoners are not members of our community and pose no threat of community spread. They are incarcerated. Further, they are already isolated and all their contacts have been effectively traced and tested.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons, moreover, has completed the construction of the 20-bed field hospital to relieve any possible pressure on the County's healthcare system. There is minimal risk of overwhelming the County hospital system. Yet, even without the field hospital, the County's COVID-19 hospitalizations have remained low.

Finally, Governor Newsom's requirement to use the prisoner COVID-19 cases as a basis to deny further reopening prioritizes federal prisoners over the residents of our County, contrary to his duty to protect Californians. County residents essentially must remain under house-arrest without the possibility of further reopening anytime soon, causing further economic and social despair. This is unfair and untenable.

We therefore strongly support a forceful letter to the Governor demanding that the COVID-19 case statistics from the federal prison in Lompoc be excluded from any State analysis of Santa Barbara County's ability to depart from the stay at home order. We further encourage the Board to request Assembly Member Limon and Senator Jackson to make a similar demand.

The Board of Supervisors Must Challenge Governor Newsom's Latest Criteria for Further Reopening

Perhaps in an effort to avoid legal challenges in certain Northern California counties, Governor Newsom has established reopening criteria that are impossible for virtually every other county in the State of California to meet. Specifically, his latest metrics require a county to have no COVID-19 deaths for a 14-day period and no more than 1 positive case per 10,000 residents (over the same period). With expanded testing requirements, the fact that the virus has continued to spread for the past 7+ weeks, and the fact that the Governor has now loosened certain parts of the stay at home order, we know that the number of positive cases will increase. This means the requirement will be unachievable.

It is also entirely unnecessary. If at-risk populations were to stay at home, future infections would not overly burden the healthcare system. In addition, by loosening the stay at home order in this manner, we would accelerate our efforts to acquire herd immunity. The Governor's position, by contrast, slows our ability to acquire herd immunity by requiring economically and socially destructive stay at home policies to remain in place in order to reduce confirmed positives. This is nonsensical.

The fatality metric is similarly flawed. The requirement for no fatalities over 14 days may not be achievable in many counties even with a vaccine. This is a zero-risk standard that the government has never utilized in any other public health environment (air quality, vehicle safety, seasonal flu, tobacco use, etc.). Moreover, the reliance on fatalities as a metric ignores the fact that preserving hospital capacity, not avoiding all fatalities, was the *entire* basis for the stay at home order.

Neither the County nor the vast majority of California will be able to meet these metrics. The Board must therefore challenge these arbitrary and incoherent criteria using all the tools at its disposal for doing so.

The Board of Supervisors Must Lead Us Out of this Crisis and Include Regional Representation

Although we recognize that inaction in the face of COVID-19 was not an option, over the past several weeks Governor Newsom has repeatedly failed to provide a cohesive strategy for our State to co-exist with COVID-19. The Board of Supervisors must therefore lead us out of the crisis.

As discussed in our prior comment, San Luis Obispo County has developed a very sensible framework for re-opening society and, perhaps more than any other County, has articulated why it is crucial to do so. We continue to support close coordination with San Luis Obispo County. We would also note that the County has previously coordinated with Ventura County to ensure consistency in our approaches to COVID-19. To strengthen its position with the State, we strongly encourage the Board to consider whether the Boards in San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties as well as Assembly Member Limon, Senator Jackson, and Assembly Member Cunningham could be engaged in coordinated advocacy before the Governor on the Central Coast's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Goebel and Cori Hayman.

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From: Sarah Henderson <shenderson689@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Submission 5/12

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Hello,

Please have the following message read into the record during public comment for the 5/12 board of supervisors meeting:

The covid-19 crisis has strained our community. We as people who live in SB county demand the following. Many people in Santa Barbara are currently unable to pay rent due to unemployment as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. While many homeowners and landlords are being given forbearance options, renters are going to be left to fend for themselves once the Eviction Moratorium is lifted. For that reason, we demand support for a year-long period to pay back any rent related debt beginning once the Moratorium expires. According to the most recent counts, nearly 2,000 people are currently experiencing houselessness in Santa Barbara County, nearly 1,000 in the city of Santa Barbara. Currently only 68 hotel rooms have been secured via Project Roomkey, which is clearly insufficient given our population. We demand that the sit and lie ordinances that were expanded to include the area surrounding Cacique and Milpas be kept temporary as they will in the long run victimize people living or staying in the area. We also demand that more action be taken towards expanding the amount of housing being allocated as a response to this crisis, and that the city shift their efforts towards housing people without expanding sit and lie ordinances.

Thank You

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From: Mitch Vargas <channelcoastofficial@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 1:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Question for Dr. Ansorg

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I know you have access to the officials who conduct the Press Conferences on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Those individuals, especially Dr. Ansorg, have enormous influence on who can go back to work and what types of tasks can be conducted by those returning to work. I have heard you ask questions of this committee, and I am hoping you can ask a question for me.

First some background; my Wife is a Registered Dental Hygienist here in town. She has been practicing in Santa Barbara for 25 years. She, along with her many of her colleagues are getting pressure to return to work and perform **elective** procedures such as teeth cleanings. The Hygienist really do not have a voice, because they do not belong to a politically active organization. I am guessing that is why their situation isn't being addressed. My Wife, and I, are very worried for her wellbeing. We are also concerned about the wellbeing of her fellow hygienist and their patients. Not to mention the families/friends who come into contact with the Hygienists. For some reason, nobody will tell us is when her and her colleagues can safely and legally return to work.

If you could please ask Dr. Ansorg; **is it okay for Dental Hygienist to perform elective procedures, "inside" people's mouths? If he says yes, can you ask a follow up question regarding social distancing; why is it acceptable/required for others to wear face masks and stay 6 feet away from a cashier, but a hygienist can perform much more invasive procedures just inches away from a person mouth?**

Again, I would really appreciate it if you could ask the Doctor about this. There are many Hygienist who would like some direction from our leaders. Currently we are getting information from agencies such as the American Dental Association and CDC. Both of which are not legislative bodies.

Warm Regards,

Timothy (Tim) Green

805 377-8933 Mobile

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From: Mitch Vargas <channelcoastofficial@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Question Regarding the Safety of Dental Hygienist

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Hello,

I am a Dental Hygienist. I have been in the Dental field for over 25 years. I'm concerned about my safety and when I should return to work. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the opening of restaurants and retail stores, as important as those are, there has been absolutely no discussion regarding the safety of Dental Hygienist. Myself and my colleagues are much more "at risk" than someone who is standing at a cash register; six feet away from people who are wearing a face-mask. I work inside peoples' mouths. I'm also breathing in their droplets of saliva; an N95 mask, which may or may not be provided to me, are not %100 effective.

Question; When is it going to be **safe and legal** for me, and my patients, to return to work.

Thank you,

Frank
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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Debra Deyette <deyette@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Solvang Council Email; Hart, Gregg; sbcob; PHD WEB WebMaster; jscully@noozhawk.com
Subject: CORRECTION Non-Essential Businesses OPEN in Solvang, despite County of Santa Barbara Public Health Orders
Attachments: IMG_0175.jpg; IMG_0176.jpg

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Hello Santa Barbara County and Solvang City officials:

I am deeply concerned that the message that is being conveyed at the daily County of Santa Barbara press conferences is not accurate. I sent the email below on 5/5/2020 and did not receive a response from anyone other than Sup. Hart who said he would "forward the information on". Meanwhile, non-essential businesses continue to open in direct defiance of the County of Santa Barbara and State mandate.

I would like to reiterate that I am not alone when I state that **MANY of us are losing trust in our city and county leadership when you state you are following the governor's orders, yet are clearly turning a blind eye to non-essential businesses opening early.** Solvang is a very small town and a 3-minute drive through town reveals a lot.

Here is a picture of a business that our city council is quite familiar with, located at 1642 Copenhagen Drive. The current name (it changes, as does the owner's name) is Bazaar Europa. The owner, Esko Esko, AKA Kenny Lama Esko, Esko New York is pictured sitting out front on the bench. He has been open for days and these 2 pictures were shot at 10:30 am today, May 7, 2020. This past weekend, there was a group of 30-40 motorcycles parked out front and tight groups of the riders and their passengers inside this small space.

We would like to feel confident that you are doing what you say you are doing, that you are following the state orders, that you will ensure--to the best of your ability--that business comply with safety standards put forth. But, based on what we are seeing now, we are losing confidence quickly. If this is happening today, we shudder at what is to come.

Thank you,

Debra Deyette

Hello,

Thank you Mayor Toussaint for all you are doing to support those in need at this time through food donations and small business loan programs.

I understand the desire for businesses to re-open, but appreciate that the County of Santa Barbara is dedicated to complying with the State of California guidelines. It is my understanding that the City of Solvang is bound by law, and that ***the Governor and State have ultimate authority over stay-at-home orders and local jurisdictions cannot conflict.***

Mayor Toussaint wrote a letter to the residents confirming that Solvang is complying with the governor's orders, yet 3 City Council members (Djernaes, Johnson, Clarke) attended a protest on May 1st, the purpose of which was to "re-open NOW". None of the councilmen wore masks, even though they were photographed standing much closer to others than 6 feet. While it is not my intention to call out businesses by name, I want to convey an experience I had today that was deeply disturbing. I visited the UPS store in Nielson's Shopping Center to drop off a package (a "no contact" drop off). When I was exiting the storefront, the narrow sidewalk between the stores and my car was blocked by a group of men, all without masks, who were part of a group that was overflowing from Carlos Hair Grooming for Men (the barbershop adjacent to the UPS store). I could not pass safely, and had to walk into the traffic entering the shopping center, then loop back to my car which was parked in front of this barbershop. This shop is a very small, single room and I was shocked to see that it was open, and also that there seemed to be no attempt whatsoever for social distancing control by limiting the amount of people inside (it is a glass store front so fairly easy to observe this) nor the crowding on the sidewalk in front which is shared by many people. I didn't see anyone inside wearing masks.

Are barbershops considered "essential businesses"? And if so, are they supposed to be allowing multiple people into small spaces, and without masks?

I know that a small number of businesses are "protesting" but I can speak for myself and a VERY large number of residents that we are concerned that Solvang is "looking the other way" when it comes to non-essential businesses re-opening before we actually enter Phase II and WITHOUT clear guidelines and the communication from our city leaders that public safety guidelines should be followed. If anything, it seems clear by the council majority statements on the record and their attendance of the May 1st protest, that they are not concerned nor respectful of our county and state guidelines. If today is an example of how the city plans to implement safety measures and comply with public health, I fear our little area is in for a health disaster. That would be a tragedy not just for the lives of the citizens who live here, but for our future as a tourist destination, for a Covid-19 outbreak will ultimately destroy the very businesses you aim to protect.

Thank you,

Debra Deyette

Citizen resident of Solvang, California, for 22 years. (Prior resident of Santa Barbara for over 40 years.)





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From: Curtis Miller <curtis@simplymarketing360.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Act Now to Save All Aspects of the Health of the Santa Barbara Community.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Board of Supervisors must act now before many aspects of "health" in our community collapse due to the failure to implement a commonsense approach to opening the local economy. The broad reaching and burdensome nature of the state's recently announced opening guidelines and checklists, as well as the criteria the counties must meet to further open their local economies undermines the greater health in Santa Barbara county.

Though some businesses could open on Friday, there's still too much ambiguity and discrimination on the nature and types of businesses that can open and the requirements to remain open. After almost two months of a shutdown, small businesses cannot hold on any longer. Therefore, I ask the Board of Supervisors to eliminate the uncertainty and adopt a common-sense plan that opens all aspects of the local economy by June 1st .

The Board of Supervisors has the chance to do the right thing. Any further delay will further devastate the physical, mental, emotional, educational, and financial health of our community. Don't just fight one community health risk at the expense of all other aspects of our health.

Best Regards,

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From: John Fishpaw <Fish0010@msn.com>
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Best Regards,
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From: Jim Knell <jim.knell@sima.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Saving all aspects of "health" in the Santa Barbara Community
Attachments: 2020.05 11.Act Now to Save All Aspects of Health in the Santa Barbara Community and Open All of Santa Barbara by June 1st.pdf

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We employ over 250 people (most laid off) in our businesses and lease to over 200 merchants (most closed down) in Santa Barbara, Goleta and Santa Ynez.

Please take the time to see the attached letter.

Jim Knell

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May 11, 2020

Via email to sbcob@countyofsb.org

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu St., #406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Act Now to Save All Aspects of the Health of the Santa Barbara Community.

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Sincerely,

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Concerned Citizen