

de la Guerra, Sheila Public Comment-Health & Human Services.

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Hello,

Please read this comment on my behalf as I am not able to attend tomorrow's BOS meeting. Thank you.

Melissa Schimmel

Good morning,

My name is Melissa Schimmel and I speak on behalf of the residents of Santa Barbara County that are here with me today and watching this meeting live. We are the Freedom Coalition Santa Barbara County. We have many chapters across CA and are growing. Our mission is to restore our state of CA and local community, giving power back to the people. It's been far too long that government entities have failed to represent the electors of this county in the capacity in which we now demand. We have stood back and allowed state and local government to make decisions on our behalf without consideration to what 'We the People' want and need. Instead, state and local government has far overreached your power and its time, today, this comes to an end. We are here to watch, listen and engage in every single decision made on our behalf and if changes need to be made, we will make them. We are here to ask for you to support our efforts and align with our requests. As we are the electors of this state and county, we have collectively decided to take action to regain our state, county, city and most importantly our FREEDOMS.

We are here today to specifically address a few points that have recently come to our attention and feel it is imperative we receive a resolution within 30 days.

We respectfully request that Santa Barbara County pass an ordinance that explains in detail how AB 262 (Now Cal Health and Safety Code Section 120175.5) will be implemented within Santa Barbara County. **Specifically, we need clarification that section 120175.5 will never be interpreted to permit the County Public Health Officer to remove citizens of Santa Barbara County from their residences under any circumstance unless that citizen's own primary care physician, or a physician elected by that resident has determined that that resident is currently infected with a communicable disease that poses a significant threat to the community; and that citizen must be afforded all due process rights under the law.** We are willing to work with the County on the language to be adopted, and even provide them with a draft of the interpretation of CA Health and Safety Code section 120175.5 that needs to be adopted.

We submit that if the Board members cannot agree to adopt such a limitation within the following 30 days, given the serious abridgment of freedom that California has undergone over the course of the past 15 months, then efforts will be undertaken to remove and/or recall those board members who cannot agree to this extremely reasonable request.

We know this meeting and all BOS meetings are recorded and we ask that nothing is edited or removed from any recording when uploaded for future review and that all meetings are conducted in accordance with the Ralph Brown Act.

County residents believe there is a planned systematic attempt to force residents to get the shot through AB262, AB389 and CMS-911-5-F. We would like to understand how AB 262 (Local health officers: communicable diseases) that was passed on Oct 19, 2019, is related to the County 21/22 fiscal budget which supports CMS Patient Access and Interoperability Final Rule (CMS-9115-F).

The CM911-5-F 'final rule' requires hospitals, counties and physicians to provide to the government, patients' medical information, including but not limited to patients CURRENT ADDRESS, Medical clinical notes and most concerning our immunization records.

AB 262, While the bills language is vague it is clear AB 262 gives the local county health officer FULL discretion and power to issue orders to other governmental entities within the local health officer's jurisdiction, to take any action the local health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the communicable disease using tax payer's money. Any action can include removing you or any family members from your home!

AB389 authorizes a fire protection district to enter into a written subcontract with a private ambulance service. AB389 authorizes a county to develop an emergency medical services program, and requires a county developing such a program to designate a local EMS agency that is required to be the county health department, an agency established and operated by the county. AB389 grants a county to contract with Amy Luanne services with a fire protection district governed by the county's Board of Supervisors and provided those services through a written subcontract WITH A PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Residents and tax payer of Santa Barbara County will be paying to be removed from their homes if the CA governor or HHS/local agency deems any person(s) a threat to public health.

Article XI, sections 4 and 5 of the California Constitution provide that charter cities and counties may develop ordinances to govern local affairs and further, that ordinances passed by these entities take precedence over conflicting state laws as to LOCAL AFFAIRS, such as the County Health Officer's decisions surrounding the implementation of the Cal. Health and Safety code. We the people of Santa Barbara County request you, The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, pass an ordinance that explains how AB 262 (Now Cal Health and Safety Code Section 120175.5) will be implemented within this County.

As a consequence of the foregoing, we respectfully request that this County approve, adopt and ratify an ordinance that clearly interprets California Health and Safety Code section 120175.5 as follows: **Section 120175.5 will never be interpreted to 1) permit the County Public Health Officer to remove citizens of County from their residences under any circumstance unless that citizen's own primary care physician, or a physician elected by the resident to be removed has determined that said resident is currently infected with a communicable disease that poses a significant threat to the community; and 2) that citizen must be afforded all due process rights under the law, irrespective of any "emergency" powers Santa Barbara County purports to be operating under.**

We are also requesting the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors take our concerns to the state Assembly by submitting our letter, that was provided to you at the beginning of public comment today, requesting the immediate stop on any further action on AB262. Ensuring AB262 will not be enforced. While the bill's language is vague, it is clear the local health officer is given the authority to take any action necessary. Other states throughout the United States have also performed acts to add Sections to their Health and Safety Codes as it relates to public health.

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*AB 262, Gloria. Local health officers: communicable diseases.*

*Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to examine into the causes of communicable disease in man and domestic animals occurring or likely to occur in this state, and to establish a list of reportable diseases and conditions. Existing law requires a health officer knowing or having reason to believe that any case of the diseases made reportable by regulation of the department, or any other contagious, infectious or communicable disease exists, or has recently existed, within the territory under the local health officer's jurisdiction, to take measures to prevent the spread of the disease or occurrence of additional cases.*

*AB262) This bill would require a local health officer, during an outbreak of a communicable disease, or upon the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, to notify and update governmental entities within the health officer's jurisdiction about certain communicable diseases that may affect*

*them, if, in the opinion of the local health officer, action or inaction on the part of the governmental entity might affect outbreak response efforts. The bill would require the local health officer to make any relevant information available to those governmental entities, as specified, and would require both the local health officer and the governmental entities to comply with applicable state and federal privacy laws with regard to information that the health officer provides to the governmental entities. The bill would authorize the local health officer to issue orders to other governmental entities within the local health officer's jurisdiction to take any action the local health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the communicable disease.*

*By imposing new requirements on local health officers, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory*

## **SECTION 1.**

*Section 120175.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:*

### **120175.5.**

*(a) During an outbreak of a communicable disease, or upon the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, a local health officer shall do both of the following:*

*(1) Promptly notify and update governmental entities within the local health officer's jurisdiction about communicable diseases listed in Section 2500 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations that may affect them, if, in the opinion of the local health officer, action or inaction on the part of the governmental entity might affect outbreak response efforts.*

*(2) Make any relevant information available to governmental entities, including, but not limited to, the locations of concentrations of cases, the number of residents affected, and the measures that the governmental entities should take to assist with outbreak response efforts.*

*(b) In addition to the actions required under subdivision (a), the local health officer may issue orders to other governmental entities within the local health officer's jurisdiction to take any action the local health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the communicable disease.*

*(c) A local health officer that provides the notification and information to a governmental entity pursuant to subdivision (a), and the governmental entity that receives the notification and information, shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws.*

## **SEC. 2.**

*If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

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*AB 389, as introduced, Grayson. Ambulance services.*

*The Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, among other things, authorizes a county to develop an emergency medical services program, and requires a county developing such a program to designate a local EMS agency that is required to be the county health department, an agency established and operated by the county, an entity with which the county contracts for the purposes of local emergency medical services administration, or a particular type of joint powers agency. The act authorizes a local EMS agency to create one or more exclusive operating areas in the development of a local plan, if a competitive process is utilized to select the provider of the services pursuant to the plan, except as specified.*

*This bill would authorize a county to contract for emergency ambulance services with a fire protection district that is governed by the county's board of supervisors and provides those services, in whole or in part, through a written*

*subcontract with a private ambulance service. The bill would authorize a fire protection district to enter into a written subcontract with a private ambulance service for these purposes.*

**SECTION 1.**

*Section 1797.230 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:*

**1797.230.**

*(a) A county may contract for emergency ambulance services with a fire protection district that is governed by the county's board of supervisors and provides those services, in whole or in part, through a written subcontract with a private ambulance service.*

*(b) A fire protection district may enter into a written subcontract with a private ambulance service for the purposes of contracting with a county as described in subdivision (a).*

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CA State Assembly

RE: Cease and Desist AB 262 Local Health Officer; Communicable Disease (2019-2020)

To members of CA State Assembly,

Residents of Santa Barbara County are requesting to stop any further action on the bill. We are addressing the questionable Assembly Bills AB 262 and AB 389 as it relates to use of tax payer dollars which gives the government a wide net to take any action deemed necessary. Given all the lockdowns, and continual loss of our freedoms, we are putting government on notice the "We the People" request a detailed explanation of the terms outlined in each bill; most importantly, explain in detail how the government intends to perform these acts within each county and the purpose of contracted private ambulance companies. A rhetorical question: is the intent of the government to deploy mobile crisis units to the homes of citizens who have not been vaccinated and deem them a threat to public health and society as outlined in AB 262?

Thank you,

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and Constituents of Santa Barbara County

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**Attachments:** Families ACT! Public Comment Budget 6.7.2021.pdf

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Attached please find our Public Comment on Budget Hearing of 6.8.21.

Thanks,

Suzanne

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**Stop the Revolving Door! Beds Not Cells!**

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June 7th, 2021

RE: Proposed FY 21-22 Budgets for Behavioral Wellness and Public Safety Departments

Honorable County Supervisors,

As Santa Barbara County reviews the proposed budgets for FY 2021-22 we at Families ACT! note that much has been accomplished in recent years to divert people with behavioral health conditions from the revolving door of incarceration, homelessness and backlogged courts.

Thanks to the efforts of the Sheriff's Co-Response Team, the opening of the Credo 47 Sobering and the Championship centers, the new North County stabilization unit, and the creation of new alcohol and drug treatment beds and housing with supportive service units, many of our citizens are receiving the care they need and deserve. We are pleased to see that the County Jail Census has decreased and we agree with those who feel that this is an opportunity to redirect some of our County General Funds to diversion and treatment options for those who need help and not punishment.

The Public Defender's Office has stepped up to the plate to help people caught up in the criminal justice system to actually find support, rehabilitation and healing. Its passionate staff members are willing to go out of their way to overcome the bureaucratic red tape and the multiple Catch-22s in our patchwork of services to get help for their clients. They exemplify what is needed to actually stop the revolving door cycle, and we support the department's funding request.

Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, the need for inpatient mental health services has only increased. We are dismayed to see that the Behavioral Wellness Department is proposing a reduction in funding for mental health inpatient beds, despite the fact that the number of patients showing up at Cottage Hospital's Emergency Department in a severe mental health crisis has doubled in the last year, and that many of them are released without being placed in an inpatient treatment bed. When 100 patients show up each month at the Emergency Department at only one of our hospitals, and we have only 16 beds at the County Psychiatric Hospital, it is not time to cut funding for acute care inpatient beds.

Families ACT! supports the idea of forming a diverse stakeholder advisory committee reporting to the Board of Supervisors that would shed light on the entire continuum of behavioral health care in our County. The complex and still very disjointed system of care has many gaps and imperfect linkages. Not only clients but decision makers and the general public need a clearer understanding of how the system functions. Our families are intimately familiar with the remaining gaps in the system and want to be of service in creating a more transparent, efficient and compassionate one. We are working with the Behavior Wellness Department to begin mapping the entire continuum and we suggest that a user-friendly phone app would be a wonderful tool to help individuals and families in need of help to navigate our immensely complex system of care.

Let's make wise decisions regarding how to spend our General Fund dollars to keep the momentum going in our county's campaign to divert its residents with complex behavioral health challenges to treatment, housing and a good life. Thank you for all your good will and hard work to help make our county a better place to live!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Suzanne Riordan".

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