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Attachments: Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors copy.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Brian Goebel- Santa Barbara County's COVID-19 Hospitalization Numbers Have Been Low and Steady.webloc; ATT00002.htm; Brian Goebel- Now That California's COVID-19 Hospitalization Curve Is Completely Bent, What's Next.webloc; ATT00003.htm



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Dear Clerk of Board,

Please accept the following attachments in connection with the above-referenced hearing. The first attachment is also to be read into the record.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Cori Hayman.

April 13, 2020

Dear Clerk:

Please read into the record the following public comment; please accept this letter, along with the attachments, into the record; Item D-1; 20-00262. Thank you.

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The current data on COVID-19 hospital admissions demonstrate that it is time for the County to develop a plan for a prompt and safe re-opening of the economy and society. Statewide, COVID-19 hospital admissions have plummeted. Discharges are exceeding admissions. As to Santa Barbara, the data demonstrate that hospitalizations have been low and relatively flat throughout the pandemic. There will be no "surge" or "peak" in May or June, as previously thought. Attached please find the two most recent posts by Brian Goebel setting forth the data.

The basis for the unprecedented stay at home order was to ensure that Santa Barbara and the rest of the State of California had sufficient healthcare capacity to treat COVID-19 patients. The justification and objective for the stay at home order have been met. It is time for the County to plan for a reopening with adequate public health and safety measures in place. Without immediate planning, the growing economic and social pandemic in Santa Barbara will outlast any risk of bed shortage for COVID-19.

I also would like to acknowledge the continuing improvement by the County in reporting relevant COVID-19 data, particularly in regards to segregating out the Lompoc Federal Prison outbreak. It is my understanding that 10 of the current hospitalizations are from the Lompoc Federal Prison, and thus do not pose a risk of community transmission. For purposes of tracking hospitalizations, and for the public benefit, I would ask that the County segregate the prison patient population from the overall population when reporting this data.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cori Hayman.