



May 25, 2020

Via Email

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
The Honorable Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Suite 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Motion to Work with the State to Obtain a Partial Variance relating to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20

Dear Chair Barger and Supervisor Hahn:

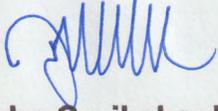
The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports your motion to work with the State to obtain a partial variance on behalf of interested cities and/or regions within the County; and to immediately upon readiness under the State's variance criteria, take all steps required to pursue a variance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles as a whole. In fact, the City supports the consideration of a full variance to allow all businesses to open with perhaps stay-at-home orders applying to those 65 years old and older or with underlying health conditions.

We believe this is the right, sensible and responsible approach to reopening, rather than subjecting a vast region with such diversely impacted communities to the same guidelines. To date, Rancho Palos Verdes has seen only 86 confirmed cases of COVID-19 out of a population of about 42,000 residents. Though we have succeeded in avoiding overwhelming L.A. County's health care system, we fear that delaying safely reopening will worsen the economic health crisis created by this pandemic. We project that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rancho Palos Verdes could potentially lose 9% of its revenue this fiscal and next fiscal year, impacting core city services. Our business community desperately needs our help to recover from the devastating toll of this crisis.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to pass this motion and make it possible for communities that are prepared to reopen to do so as safely and soon as possible.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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Sincerely,



John Cruikshank
Mayor

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