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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission
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Public Comment Submission

Please submit your Public Comment for the Wednesday, May 20th Board of Supervisors Special Session here.

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Name Kathryn Curtis

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Agenda Item (Optional) 1A COVID-19 Seroprevalence Study in Placer County

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From:
To: [Megan Wood](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] May 20, 2020 Board of Supervisors special meeting public comment
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:23:34 AM

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Kathy Curtis, Lincoln

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Name Mary Griffith

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Agenda Item (Optional) 8A Update | COVID-19

Comments (This comment is intended for the May 20, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.)

The two items on the May 20 agenda seem to conflict. The first proposes a study to learn more about how exactly the pandemic is affecting Placer County. The second proposes to terminate the current state of emergency as though we already know what there is to know about this virus and are ready to resume normal life.

Only a tiny fraction of our population has yet been tested for the virus, and We have no idea how many asymptomatic carriers we may have. We do not know how well or how long recovered COVID-19 patients are protected by antibodies, nor are there yet effective treatments for the disease, let alone a vaccine.

The Board of Supervisors should not try to second guess our public health officials. Leave the emergency declaration decision to the scientific experts who have a far better grasp of the consequences of relaxing the shutdown too soon. Better to be over-cautious than to be forced to regret preventable death. We've taken the proper course so far and should not deviate until we know more about the real precancerous of the virus.

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From: Bonnie London
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Special Meeting tonight

From: Bonnie London

Date: May 20, 2020 at 10:18:45 AM PDT
To: Jim Holmes <JHolmes@placer.ca.gov>
Cc: Beverly Roberts <BRoberts@placer.ca.gov>
Subject: Special Meeting tonight

Hi Supervisor Holmes,

With regards to the first agenda item, I agree data should shape policy. I question if the dollars spent are worth the data and information a seroprevalence study will yield, though. If the study could show that a large percentage of our population was previously exposed, that'd be helpful, but there's a greater likelihood the study will show what's been consistently shown in other areas and countries which is only 1-7% of the population has been exposed. This is nowhere close to the 50-70% needed for herd immunity. Reviewing hospitalization data from January through March might even indicate our exposure has been much less than other areas. I wonder if our dollars would be better spent in providing services or filling in gaps of funding, especially if the second item were to pass.

The second item raises a lot of questions and concerns. What does our county gain and what do we lose if the local emergency order is rescinded? We're on the path to reopen and it will take a couple weeks before we anticipate an increase in cases and hospitalizations. Why not wait until we can evaluate the impact? While I know the positive cases in the hospitals have steadily declined, the numbers of suspected cases have actually risen.

If the emergency order is removed, does that mean all our businesses can reopen? If I understand correct, the state orders and guidelines still supersede local jurisdictions so I'm unclear what is actually gained by rescinding the emergency declaration.

Equally important and more concerning is what do we stand to lose? Emergency declarations are made to access state and federal funding, resources and disaster relief. Given the economic impact this has had on our county, local jurisdictions, businesses, and community residents, why would we even consider taking these dollars and resources off the table? It'll likely be diverted to other jurisdictions so our tax dollars will be used to help other jurisdictions? We also don't know the impact of reopening, nor do we know what will happen in the fall/winter when we have Coronavirus and the regular flu circulating at the same time. Why would we set ourselves up for another crisis when we're on the path to recovery? Unless there was considerable gain, it makes no sense why this is even being considered.

We're in a crisis which doesn't look to be over anytime soon. We need to pull together as a community and this type of action creates unnecessary division, conflict and distraction which is the last thing we need. I urge you and the other board of supervisors to focus on good governance and actions which support moving Placer County forward.

Sincerely,
Bonnie and Jason London

Sent from my iPad

From: Molly

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:04 PM

To: Jim Holmes <JHolmes@placer.ca.gov>

Cc: Aimee Sisson <asisson@placer.ca.gov>; Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Meeting 2.0

Mr. Holmes, BOS, and Dr. Sisson:

I DO NOT support rescinding the local emergency order. The cost of this has potential to be detrimental to our county, at absolutely zero gain. We have *just* started reopening...why would we not follow what science and data has shown us that it can take up to two weeks to see the effects of reopening?

I DO NOT support spending \$250,000 for antibody testing to determine if we have reached herd immunity, especially if we rescind our local state of emergency and release funds that could support us immensely. While it would be interesting and I absolutely believe data should inform policy, why not focus on encouraging residents to participate in testing that is already available in the county? Why not use information gathered from other areas that have done antibody testing (revealing 1-7% exposure) and combine that with confirmed cases (relatively low for our area) and make an educated hypothesis that our area's exposure is on the low end of this?

Please consider science and data when making these decisions rather than allowing a global pandemic to become politicized.

Molly Walker
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Name	ROBIN LYNN DRAGHLI
Email (Optional)	
Agenda Item (Optional)	1A COVID-19 Seroprevalence Study in Placer County
Comments	we have lost some valuable small businesses and we need to completely open up. People should be considerate and make sure to WASH THEIR HANDS and not touch everything. this has become political not due to illness anymore
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