

From: [MJ Baretich](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Enactment & Enforcement of COVID-19 Safety Measures
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:48:41 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I had sent this to Cathy Fikes and unfortunately did not realize I had to forward it to this email address.

You are the governing body of our city. We elected you to serve and protect us.

Please follow the recommended safety measures mandated by the Governor to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in Huntington Beach and surrounding communities. Please abide by the pandemic emergency declaration to close all beaches and city parks that started May 1, 2020.

Please support the enacting and enforcing of the California's State-wide, Stay-At-Home closure policies—including but not limited to all metered parking spots at local beaches and recreational areas.

Please follow the Orange County Health Officer's Order, which temporarily bans all public gatherings, with specifically noted exceptions (Emergency Regulations, dated March 17, 2020) which also requests Closure of all County parks, beaches, and recreational facilities.

Last weekend showed crowds packed on bike paths and failure of social distancing per the Governor's orders (many interviewed were from San Bernardino, Culver City, Chino, and portions of Los Angeles) obviously with no regard for their catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus. The large crowds of demonstrators in both instances were made up of numerous out-of-town people also and an organized group prowling the State. These people are endangering the health and safety of our residents. Very few demonstrators or onlookers were wearing masks.

This is unacceptable.

Please keep our beaches and parks closed until a vaccine is available and working, and until the level of infections are minimized and close to "0".

Private apartment, condo, and mobilehome park clubhouses and pools have been shut down to protect our citizens from exposure, along with schools, houses of worship, and non-essential businesses. Please close the beaches also.

Please protect us.

Thank you,

Mary Jo Baretich

Resident of Huntington Beach since 1983 (prior resident of Newport Beach from 1967 to 1983)

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Thursday & Friday's decisions for Huntington Beach
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:15:37 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: C Mazelow <cmazelow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Thursday & Friday's decisions for Huntington Beach

I can't tell you how disappointing it is regarding the reopening of our City. The citizens of our community were in this fight together, to make a difference, help prevent the spread of covid19, and prevent loss of lives. We are all making sacrifices to keep our community Safe. To then have all of our efforts, time staying at home and sacrifice thrown out the window, because you can't take the pressure nor look after the citizens of the city. Its easier to reopen. You knowingly put the citizens of this city at risk as well as front line workers.

Last weekend was disturbing with the crowded beaches. But I assumed the city would reassess and take action to avoid having public assembly on a large scale. Instead you caved. You allowed people from other counties to congregate within our city limits. I understand freedom of speech. Everyone has that right. However, it's one thing to have citizens of this city demonstrating and it's another to have people making a spectacle downtown with no regard for our city and front line workers.

As the Mayor of Huntington Beach, it is Your job to protect the citizens, police and maintain order in our city. That being said, you have set the city of HB back to day one of social distancing. All of these people, since last weekend, possibly spreading and contaminating this city with covid 19 to our front line workers, grocery stores, drug stores, local restaurants, and HB residents.

Thanks a lot,

C.Mazelow

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:16:25 PM

From: Cassie Zalewski <cassiemz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

I am very upset that we are incurring attorney fees to sue Governor Newsom over closing our beach in HB. You will not win. Why don't you care about our safety!?! I am outraged over 3000 people attending a political rally blocks from me... Endangering our health! Why aren't they arrested??? I understand that the number diagnosed just doubled since the last protest. Now of course in a few days we will see the result of the out of control weekend on our beach. As a retired RN, I beg the council to spend our money on PPE, food, etc and figuring out how to save people in nursing homes. My own son in law is disappointed not to be able to surf but he's mature enough not to endanger other people's lives. Please drop the lawsuit now and save lives.

Cassie Zalewski
Deane Garden

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beach closure
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:21:30 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Nanette Willis <nanivictoria1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach closure

I am sorry to see the large police presence here in Huntington Beach today to “enforce” a voluntary policy of beach closure. It is a waste of resources and a disappointment.

Nan Willis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beach closures from Gov.
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 5:01:27 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Alan King <alankingapple@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach closures from Gov.

Lyn, you are doing a great job. My kids and grandkids use our beaches down there. Thanks for fighting for my family to enjoy the beach and ocean!

Alan King
209-406-8189
Alankingapple@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Closures
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:27:56 PM

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From: Jennifer Schaumburg <jrandono@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach Closures

Dear Mayor of HB,

If our city had properly closed street parking that fed directly into beach access from the beginning , we would not be in this current situation.

Living close to the beach is a life line for my family & every one of my neighbors. By allowing others to park on our streets has effectively caused this advance beach closure & commotion. Our city failed us.

Regards,
Jen

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beaches
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:13:33 PM

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From: Bill Buss <nbuss@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beaches

Thank you for defending our rights, and standing up to the authoritative actions of the Governor to restrict our access to our beaches. Please keep up the efforts. I'm impressed with and proud of the actions of the City Council.

Thanks again

Bill Buss
Huntington Beach, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: CLOSE OUR BEACHES!!
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:20:51 PM

From: Kathy Johnson <travelingkath@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: CLOSE OUR BEACHES!!

Dear Ms. Delgleize,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for voting to oppose the decision to sue Governor Newsom over his order to close the beaches here. I wholeheartedly agree with the Governor's order since people here just will not listen to or follow the social distancing rules or face masks rules. Today's embarrassing protest further evidences people's stupidity and callousness towards human life. A day at the beach is not worth a human life - any day of the year!

As a resident myself of HB, please know that there are many people in HB that want the beaches closed due to the rule breakers and the ones who ruin it for all, they just are not the ones in the streets protesting since its dangerous!

Thank you for standing up to the pressure of the ignorant people and doing what is right. Please continue to vote for and uphold actions that protect the citizens of **this** city and not cave into the desires of beach goers from other cities and counties that want to come here and spread the virus to me and my family!

Protect HB and keep beaches closed until we can handle this virus!

Thank you,
Kathleen Johnson
HB resident

From: Kathy Johnson <travelingkath@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:24 PM
To: barbara.delgleize@surfcity-hb.org <barbara.delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>

Cc: CFikes@surfcity-hb.org <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: CLOSE OUR BEACHES!!

Dear Ms. Delgleize,

I was shocked and appalled at what I saw this weekend in HB. Not only were the beaches crowded with way too many people who were NOT social distancing and NOT wearing masks but all of the streets within many blocks of Main Street were crammed with people. I drove past the beaches all the way down PCH and through the downtown streets to drop off a dinner to sick friends near downtown and it was unbelievable how many people were not 6 feet apart at all and not wearing any masks.

Our beach is one of the only ones open and everyone knows it and many people are coming from ALL OVER LA County, inland Orange County, etc to descend on our city and violate all social distancing rules and spread the virus in our city! This is outrageous! The city council and Mayor are supposed to work for US, the residents and protect us and not to provide recreation for people all over the state to come here and violate the rules and put our lives in jeopardy! There are not even many of our businesses open so we don't even get a local benefit to all this danger. You do not owe a duty to these outsiders at such a dangerous time, you owe a duty to YOUR residents and instead you are endangering them and my family!

Most of the local residents I know and have spoken to did not even try to go to our own beaches this weekend because they were overrun with outsiders not social distancing. I want you and the council to CLOSE OUR BEACHES down, like Newport Beach is proposing to do, for the next several weeks. How much worse will this be if they close down and we don't? Then everyone will descend just on our beaches and we will have a spike in the virus. We are being called the Florida of California now, who left their beaches open during spring break and then saw a spike in their virus numbers. We are a laughing stock now, as we should be for such poor decision making.

Please close our beaches now! I am a very active citizen and voter and will remember and remind others what you all decide to do on this issue once election day comes again for you and the City Council, so PLEASE do what is right for YOUR residents not for the yahoos who come here and break our rules and spread death in our city!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Johnson
Resident of the Estates of Seacliff, Huntington Beach

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Closure
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:30:09 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Katzen <robertkatzen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Closure

The continued closure of Huntington and Newport Beaches is grandstanding and cherry picking by Governor Newsome due to the court actions by city councils. I was at the beach watching for more than 1 hour helicopters filming over the pier the day before closure. 95 % of the people were in compliance and if not directed by lifeguards and announcements from the pier to maintain social distancing, the pictures on television were not representative. The risk of covid is much worse in enclosed locations. Those council members who voted for closure like yourself need to understand the true intentions of the governor especially since the death rate and hospitalization rate in OC is less than 1% when the denominator represents the total citizenry in OC. I hope that you will reconsider your vote in view of the consequences to businesses downtown and general health of your constituents as the economy opens. Sincerely Robert Katzen

Sent from my iPad

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Concerned resident
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:02:24 PM

From: Jonathan Tamayo <jtamayo85@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; Hardy, Jill <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>; Brenden, Patrick <Patrick.Brenden@surfcity-hb.org>; Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>; Peterson, Erik <Erik.Peterson@surfcity-hb.org>; Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>; Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Concerned resident

To the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore, and Councilmembers of Huntington Beach:

My name is Jonathan, and I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I am writing again to express my extreme disappointment and embarrassment over our city's failure to enforce California's stay-at-home order, and its decision to sue the state over beach closures in the middle of a global pandemic. Huntington Beach has failed its citizens by choosing to overreact to the governor's order, rather than responding to the serious challenges our city is up against. I deeply implore you all to take this pandemic seriously; and actively enforce our state's Stay-At-Home order by issuing fines to those who violate it.

We are not living in normal times, and our constitution allows state and federal governments to temporarily suspend certain rights during an emergency. So why is Huntington Beach suing the state for executing its legal authority to protect its citizens from a virus that has infected 226 of its own residents? In an email, Ms. Fikes explains that, "the City disagrees with the Governor's sudden decision to order the closure of all beaches in Orange County and without soliciting input from local jurisdictions." But this response is an excuse not a reason. Any objective observer can deduce that the governor's "sudden decision" was a response to the City's failure to prevent residents from gathering in large groups at our beaches last weekend. Moreover, Ms. Fikes confirmed that our beaches were closed as of May 1st, which was the same day an estimated 2500 people from all over the county gathered at our beaches to protest. It is clear that the governor needed to issue this order because our city officials failed to stop this massive gatherings. Huntington Beach is at fault, not California. I am heartened that a federal judge denied your request to block the governor's order. Yet my distress continues as our city's attorney general, Mike Gates, vows to keep this fight going for no other reason but his own political ambition. I once again implore you to stop this nonsense and to stop playing politics with peoples' lives. This behavior is irresponsible, childish, and unfit for elected officials of our city. I hope the City realizes the gravity of this, and understands that their actions could cost people their lives.

Words cannot express my outrage and confusion at the City's actions. I would like a direct response

as to why Huntington Beach allowed this to happen. It is common knowledge that large gatherings increase the risk of spreading the virus, so why is the city not putting a serious effort into preventing this from happening? It is even more disturbing to consider that these protests took place just miles away from the Huntington Valley nursing home that reported an outbreak that killed 6 people and infected 100 more patients and medical staff just a few days ago. It makes no sense as to why the city council, besides Ms. Carr and Ms. Delgleize, thought the best way to respond to this crisis was to sue the state for ordering safety measures the city refused to implement. This is not a 'David and Goliath' situation where a big state is infringing on the liberties of a small city. That notion is a misguided fantasy that I fear the majority of the Huntington Beach City Councilmembers have embraced for either purely political reasons or a lack of understanding of the potential consequences on public health. A better comparison of this situation is a parent disciplining a child for willingly doing what they know is wrong.

These actions described above sends a message to the people of Huntington Beach that our local government does not think that COVID-19 is serious; and that the City cares more about making national headlines about fighting big government, than the actual health and well-being of its own citizens. In addition, the culture this creates could lead to more COVID-19 cases and deaths in our city that can directly be attributed to this City's failure. I had hoped our city officials could demonstrate leadership by invoking our better natures of common sacrifice for the good of all. Instead you have disgracefully chosen to embrace the petty and selfish impulses of those who are outraged for simply being asked to stay at home to save lives. This is not who we are as a city or a country, and I am ashamed that Huntington Beach failed to rise to the occasion.

Please take this more seriously.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Tamayo

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: consider the impact on health care workers
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:25:55 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: MPetrosky <mp@mpetrosky.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: consider the impact on health care workers

Dear Mayor & Council members:

I'm writing to express my dismay at the demonstration in Huntington Beach today where hundreds of people gathered to protest ongoing shelter-in-place orders and collected in dense groups in a clearly irresponsible manner, without social distancing nor face coverings.

Several of our family members are health care workers on the front lines helping COVID-19 victims. Every day they put their health and lives on the line for patients. When I see people like these demonstrators ignoring public health advice, it makes me angry, as they are potentially aiding the spread of this terrible virus with little concern for the impact of their actions on others, especially health care workers and other first responders.

So here's what I have to say: If you and your constituents insist that you have the "freedom" to go to the beach, work, gather to protest, etc., then please DO NOT seek medical care if you become ill with the coronavirus.

With freedom comes responsibility. If you can't act responsibly, then please don't ask other people -- especially not my family members -- to clean up the consequences of your selfish actions.

MP

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: COVID 19 -
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:08:58 PM

From: varini desilva <outlook_C07DA1B744583EEC@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: COVID 19 -

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you as I am very concerned and frankly disgusted with my fellow HB citizens. The blatant disregard of public safety is appalling. **You must call an end to this madness, please!** We don't want our city to be the one to cause an up-tick in COVID 19 cases!! Surely, these people must know the facts and the science behind this virus, or are they so ignorant that they have to be educated about this serious issue?

Thank you,
Varini de Silva
A concerned citizen

Tel: 714.964.6896

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Covid 19
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:07:45 PM

From: Hardy, Jill <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Jun, Catherine <catherine.jun@surfcity-hb.org>; Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: Covid 19

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "ccofhb@gmail.com" <ccofhb@gmail.com>
Date: May 2, 2020 at 9:27:55 AM PDT
To: "Hardy, Jill" <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Covid 19

As a concerned citizen and 32 year resident of HB, I would like to prevail upon your good conscience to drop the lawsuit against Gov. Newsom's closure of HB beaches and businesses. This is a waste of taxpayer money. We need to help this virus slow down, not add to the possibility of further contagion and deaths. Every citizen is suffering economic, social and emotional hardships, but let the science and data drive your decisions, not politics and protestors, many of whom are not HB residents. HB businesses and beaches need to remain closed until we can see a decline in cases.

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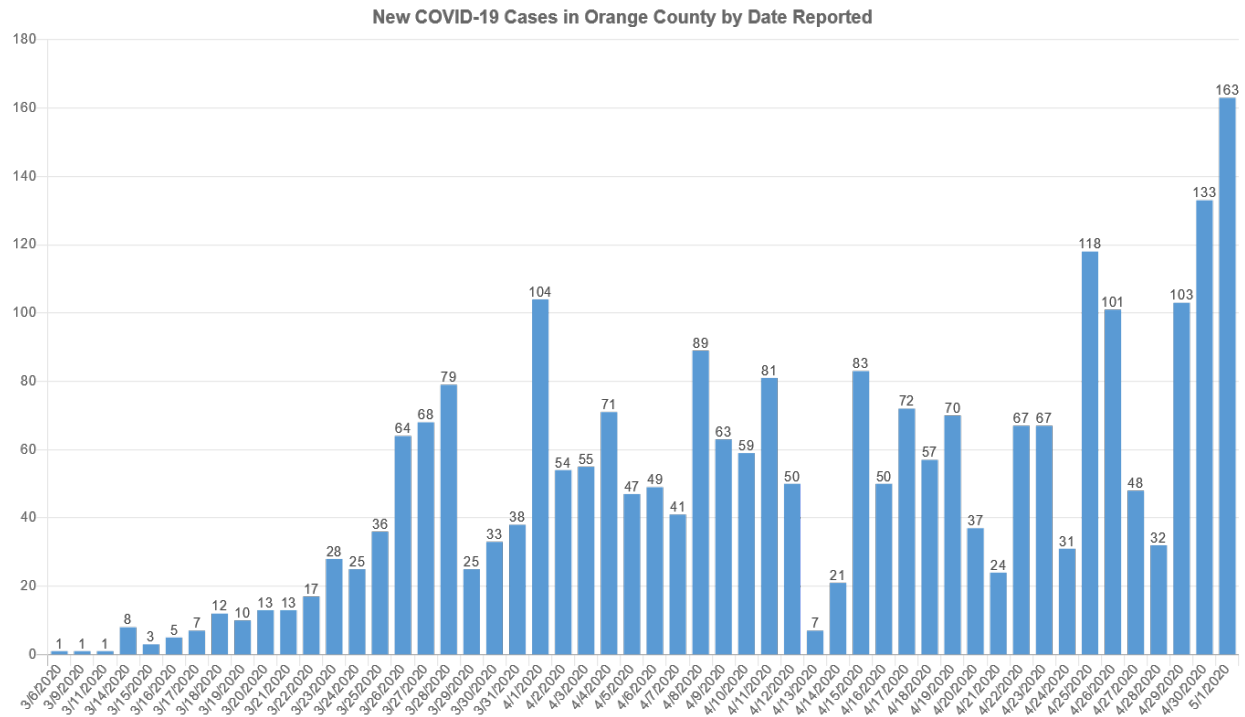
> Carolyn Houston

> HB resident

From: [Eliss, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Data on Covid spread
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:11:32 PM
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From: Vince <hbsip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:00 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Data on Covid spread

This graph, from OC Dept. of Health from 3-6-20 to 5-1-20, says a lot since the beaches were crowded a week ago and covid takes 5 to 10 days to infect once exposed. Also, I was disappointed by Mayor Semeta's Facebook video yesterday about the demonstrations. I voted for her last time but next election, I will not do so. I also need to know who the council members are who voted to sue the governor last week so I know who not to vote for next election.



Vince Sipkovich
Huntington Beach

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: HB rally today
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:16:45 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson Turner <wilson.turner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: HB rally today

Loved it -- handled perfectly by the City and law enforcement, and we needed the positivity the crowd generated out there! Don't know if they made the news anywhere but I saw a couple of signs thanking you, HB, and OC!

Wilson Turner

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach @ Covid response
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:03:06 PM

From: Jody Israelsky <jody.israelsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Huntington Beach @ Covid response

Shame on you, Shame on Michael Gates.....

Be honest and leave the false realities behind as well as your political differences with the Governor. I for one, have at risk parents, in Huntington Beach, a block from the beach and while they practice social distancing, the people come to the beaches in groups, hover in the streets, don't follow any guidelines, aren't wearing masks, and show little respect for those who choose to be mindful.

The businesses in downtown for the time being are closed, so these visitors or residents aren't contributing to the local economy, the only contribution they might be making is to spread of the virus. It's disgusting. Woman and Man up and do the right thing..... Would you like your parents, family members to be found encircled by a bunch of irresponsible people during the Covid crisis?

Suing the Governor is Disgraceful. He is trying to protect people, protect lives, what is Huntington Beach doing?

"Mayor Lyn Semeta in a press release. "Given that Orange County has among the lowest per-capita COVID-19 death rates in California, the action by the State prioritizes politics over data, in direct contradiction of the Governor's stated goal to allow science and facts to guide our response to this horrible global pandemic."

According to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, there have been about 2,250 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Orange County.

New cases of COVID-19 have surged in recent days, according to the Orange County Public Health department website. On April 30, the county saw a record-high 145 new cases, up from 32 new cases on April 28, according to that public health database."

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Lyn Semeta/Trump Rally in Huntington Beach
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:17:17 PM
Attachments: [LynSemeta-Trump_Rally_Huntington_Beach.png](#)

From: Stan Russell <istanrussell@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>; Hardy, Jill <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>; Brenden, Patrick <Patrick.Brenden@surfcity-hb.org>; Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>; Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>; Peterson, Erik <Erik.Peterson@surfcity-hb.org>; Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Lyn Semeta/Trump Rally in Huntington Beach

Dear Lyn Semeta,

As of today more than 64,000 Americans have died a horrible death with Covid-19. 2,000 Americans died today a horrible death as their lungs turned hard as glass in their chest and they could no longer breath. While Governor Gavin Newsom is listening to the best epidemiologists available and forming best practices for getting a population through this terrible time you have chosen to promote a divisive, hateful, Trump rally and waste the coveted resources of our town - not to mention the ridiculous lawsuit you have filed against the state which was tossed out of court like a hot rock, another waste of our coveted, diminishing, financial resources.

I don't know what your political calculus is to foment these hate rallies with Trump followers and white supremacists but 70% of Americans are in agreement with sheltering in place and beating this disease, the same policies Governor Gavin Newsom is advocating.



Lyn Semeta/Trump Rally - Huntington Beach, CA © LA Times May 1, 2020
Man displaying the "White Power" symbol in front of Trump 2020 rally flags at Lyn Semeta/Trump Rally in Huntington Beach, California.

Today, you have made Huntington Beach an international laughing stock and have shown the world that you are unfit for the office you hold. You exposed the citizens of Orange County to dangerous people unwilling to

shelter in place, and certainly they were not keeping a safe distance. In about a month we'll see the lagging indicators - the people showing up in ICU's who were exposed by these people. Their death is on you.

Huntington Beach deserves quality leadership and it is clear that the white nationalists on the City Council are unfit for this job. Americans are sick of Trump's America; the hatred and cultural divisiveness, the lies, the gas lighting, the incompetence. Orange County politics are changing too. We are sick of this Republican style of leadership. I can only hope that the good citizens of Huntington Beach will vote you white nationalists out of our government so that these public displays of ignorance and hatred will no longer be tolerated. Huntington Beach is better than this. Huntington Beach is better than this city counsel.

It breaks my heart to see you embarrassing Southern California with your ignorance.

Sincerely,
Stan Russell

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: May 1st - Protest - future events
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:27:15 PM

From: W. Meyers <wolfgang.meyers@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: May 1st - Protest - future events

Dear Mayor Semeta-

First, allow me to share a thank you for you and our council members efforts in helping the residents of HB to manage in these uncertain times - thank you.

As a resident of HB for the past 24 years - (A city which I choose to move to almost 35 years ago) I am proud to always use the return address on outgoing mail to my tribe and global community.

Today's protest – while I appreciate different ideals and interests – I find almost with such disregard for others safety a hard pill to swallow. – People may choose to not wear masks – cry “OPEN OPEN OPEN” however when I am charged with the care of my son and others – which the actions of today jeopardize, I offer this as my protest and plea to both you and our city council.

Allow me to explain a concern -

Looking ahead – 4th of July – Please – I ask Please – cancel 4th of July activities and parade – or at least consider the impact of not cancelling – So Cal and neighboring communities – residents as we are already seeing demonstrating a “pent up” angst – If we are to open our city for normal 4th of July activities what stressors we as a city / community and neighbors will we endure (pre- during and post)?

Is this a cost you and our city can bare this year?

The 4th of July is of course and in every US citizens heart for many reasons –

Our community will still celebrate (locally) and even more - allow for neighbors to come together in a more meaningful way (I propose) as many of my neighbors have already discussed.

Please consider – both outcomes -

1. Hosting the 4th of July as normal ?
2. Announcing now – so So Cal can prepare to not come to our community on this years 4th of July -

As a concerned active citizen of our beloved city HB.

If I can aide in anyway – Please feel free to reach out via this mail or my home office #714-587-9152

Kindly,

W. Tyler Meyers
902 Pecan Av.
Huntington Beach – Ca
92648

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Neighbors not adhering to Stay @ Home / 6 ft social distancing
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:26:43 PM

From: j Aguilar <jlrscooby@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:45 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Neighbors not adhering to Stay @ Home / 6 ft social distancing

Dear HB City Council Members,

I have spoken to two of your workers at City Hall regarding the matter that neighbors are not wearing facemasks nor are they adhering to the 6 feet social distancing. These three households are congregating without any regard for others in my neighborhood they are obviously irrational. I'm setting aside with their lack of concern for their own lives but what really matters is to others that are elderly in this neighborhood and easily prone to the COVID-19 virus and that includes our United States postal workers. Both of your workers from Monday and Tuesday stated to contact the police though it's not a legal matter. I told them both the experiences I have had and my family with the HPPD. One of our cars was broken into earlier this year. The police officer that came out said that if it was him and he saw someone breaking into his car he would take matters into his own hands just shoot him he said. This is another example of the fact that you were HBPD doing nothing in this neighborhood. I have lived in this neighborhood on and off for 16 years. Not once have I seen a rational plan carried out that department. I don't know if it's due to its leader ship so that is why I am not involving them because they are useless. As I saw today none of your law enforcement that utilize horses were wearing masks at the protest at PCH & Main Street. Going back to your department the first lady was very understanding and caring for Monday. Unfortunately no one gave names on the second day and she was very uncaring. You don't encourage people go out in your neighborhood w/ no mask close together during a pandemic. I don't know what you're teaching or what's going on in that bubble of yours but it's disturbing that what came out of her mouth on Tuesday. I know it's not against the law but it is a suggestion that needs to be taken into a serious action.

I want to remain Anonymous because these neighbors don't care that people are actually dying alone and hospitals here at across the world. This is why the rest of the world thinks Americans are stupid because were protesting about being out in public during a deathly disease and were acting like it's spring break. The houses in my neighborhood that blatantly disregard every day from 4:30pm & on are the following:

8562 Lois Circle Huntington Beach CA 92647
owners w/ one young male child Caucasian

8531 Lois Circle Huntington Beach CA 92647
female owner Jennifer w/ one daughter Caucasian

8521 Lois Circle Huntington Beach CA 92647

two adult renters w/ one daughter Caucasian

They have been doing this since March 20th of this year. 8562 has brought out a bouncy house in their front lawn we're all the kids are inside screaming and yelling. I know there is a lapse in judgment as for all of these people as parents but with the news there's no excuse not to be conscious for others. If there is some way you could print out for them this neighborhood to please adhere to the guidelines of the stay at home ordinance like a newsletter and just mail it out so everybody gets it and to say that you will have to enforce it if necessary. The cities of Irvine, Burbank, Cypress, Beverly Hills, and etc. are all very serious and take this to heart. You've got to think of the world not just yourself in the situation. You can't enter a store without a mask why is it OK to go outside and be closer than 6 feet with no mask? I have already contacted the governors office regarding your City Hall and my neighbors. And as I've seen on TV and on the phone no one is taking this seriously. You say to yourself it's fine if it's not me. But you don't realize that you could be the other one in the hospital dying alone away from family and friends. That is the bottom line. It says save lives stay at home all over Facebook and social media why he isn't being practiced here in Huntington Beach?

Please reconsider that the next wave of Covid-19 could hit the rest of the population. It's sobering. And I hope you will all take this seriously & enforce what other countries have done. Italy is on complete lockdown. Why do you think? It's because they don't want anybody else to die from this virus.

Thank you for your time. when I say stay safe and well I actually mean it.

Sincerely,

Julie Ritchie

Sent from my iPad

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Open Beaches
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:24:17 PM

From: srussellinhb@aol.com <srussellinhb@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Open Beaches

Greetings,

I am writing to let all of you know how unhappy I am with your attitude towards the safety of the citizens of Huntington Beach. Allowing crowds downtown and on the beaches while not supervising or honoring social distances guidelines puts all of our health in jeopardy. I saw first hand the lack of face masks, lack of social distance, and lack of consideration for others. While I understand that people want to be outdoors and enjoy our beautiful coastline, we all know that the science and data should be what is guiding your decisions to protect all citizens of Huntington Beach. Until we have had a number of days with absolutely no new cases I believe you should error on the side of caution. Why you have chosen to cater to those with less than honorable intentions I surely don't understand, but I will remember your actions and will vote accordingly in all upcoming elections for several years to come.

Please remember history and how social distancing guidelines worked against the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic until they were hastily lifted. Let us not repeat the same mistake. The lives we may lose could be your own.

The beach will be there waiting when all of this is behind us. Until you are willing to put your own life and those of your family members in jeopardy then I see this as a total breach of your duty to represent and protect the lives of all residents.

Please rethink your stand on this and stop berating those that are working so diligently to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus and help us save lives.

With all due respect,
Sue Russell

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: open Hb. city
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 6:53:16 PM

From: eva weisz <evaweisz26@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 6:07 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: open Hb. city

Dear City Council Members of Huntington Beach,

As a citizen of this city for more than 20 years, I would like to put my opinion of the matter in this email. I was furious to see the pictures of our beach how crowded it was in the mist of our pandemic. Between 40000 and 50000 people was the estimation between Huntington Beach and Newport Beach. Unbelievable the ignorance. What the country goes through with this very fatal virus and actually our county is also, but a smaller scale. People came from the very much locked down county of Los Angeles also. 3500 tickets were given at the 405 Fwy. and the PCH. for over the speed of 100 at this last weekend. Where exactly are we rushing? Is anybody knows what is going on in NY? and elsewhere? This is an unstoppable virus, it is here to stay. It is damaging the most horrific way with all the organs. To danger the population here in our city and giving extra danger for our police force and for the first responders beyond me. Those whom want the beaches open and all our businesses, doing rallies in a very close distance without even wearing mask for what? Are we losing our common sense? I would like the City Council to please consider to open very carefully each step what are you recommending. Think over everything. We are definitely facing a monstrous enemy, which is not seen, be careful. It is here, but in the warmer weather less effective. It can mutate numerous time, and more monstrous way in a few month can be devastating. Follow other places what went through. Attacking lung, heart, brain and even kidney. Read what doctors saying. This something which no one ever seen.

Please be very careful. Do not let anyone pressure your common sense. Good luck.

May God be with us.

Best regards: Eva Weisz 5161 Pearce Dr. Huntington Beach 92649
714 369 3005

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Opening HB
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:12:32 PM

From: Pattie Mallard <mamaduck7781@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 7:11 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Opening HB

I am a teacher who used to live in Huntington. I now live about 30 minutes away, but still visit the beach, the restaurants and my friends in HB. After hearing and seeing your callous handling of and response to Governor Newsom's orders to shut the beaches, I promise you that I will never again spend one dime in Huntington Beach. Your reaction is irresponsible. The closed orders are there for a reason- to save lives. Opening the beaches without the general public having access to hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes and N95 masks is just reckless. Never again, and you can be sure the surfers in my family feel the same. Bad decision!

-Pattie Mallard

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: please respect the hard work of our health care workers and first responders
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:09:28 PM

From: Laura Perez-Aoki <LPerez-aoki@memorialcare.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: please respect the hard work of our health care workers and first responders

Madam Mayor,

I heard your news conference this morning.
You are advocating the re opening of the beaches.

You boasted that Orange County has one of the lowest mortality rates from Covid 19.
The reason is that there are many dedicated Doctors, nurses and other health care personnel that are working hard to keep our fellow citizens alive and safe, often in lieu of their own safety.

Please reconsider your stance on this issue.
I believe that you are placing public health in peril and minimizing the sacrifice of our hardworking health care workers and first responders.

Laura Perez-Aoki MSN, CCRN, ACNP-BC
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
lauraperezaoki@gmail.com

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Protesters
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:19:24 PM

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From: Suzanne Parker <suzpark1951@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Protesters

So embarrassing to see all the protesters out at Huntington Beach. You guys couldn't wait a couple more weeks? People have lost family members and this was a slap in the face to the medical community, who are trying to keep us safe, to see people piled on top of each other with no regard for the safety of their neighbors. Reminiscent of the pictures in Florida of spring break. Take a walk in your neighborhood, go for a stroll. You live in a beautiful community. You're extremely lucky. It's a small sacrifice, the beaches will be there, they will be open soon enough. But you've made it about politics. Very sad.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jun, Catherine](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
Subject: FW: Stay at Home Orders
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:57:58 PM

From: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Jun, Catherine <catherine.jun@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: FW: Stay at Home Orders

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From: Erin Rustvold <erin.massagetherapy@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Stay at Home Orders

Dear Councilmember Posey,

Please work cooperatively with our Governor to benefit us all. Please make decisions that work with California's Stages of Re-Opening, not defying them for some political agenda. I think that our Governor Newsom and his administration have all been working extremely hard and diligently to help us all get through this incredibly difficult era of the COVID-19 crisis, making sure the people of the State of California and by extension, the United States of America and the World come out of this safe, healthy and well. As a business owner of a salon in Orange County, as well as a self employed massage therapist, I have had to close my salon and I haven't had an income since March 16th. All my co-workers, some single mothers, some their family's breadwinner, are without income as well. That lays heavy on my heart. I understand that people want to get the economy back up and running, I want that too. However, as a woman who has struggled with asthma the majority of my life and a roommate of my 85 year old grandma, I want it to be done safely, smartly and slowly. It is not safe to try to move salons, hair, nail, barbering, waxing, massage, etc. into a stage sooner than stage 3. We cannot physically distancing ourselves from our clients, that is the nature of the professions.

Thank you, stay healthy, safe and be well,
Erin Rustvold

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: SUGGESTION TO PREPARE A PLAN TO OPEN BEACHES BY MAY 31, 2020
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:03:53 PM

From: Tom Andrusky <tomandrussy@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: SUGGESTION TO PREPARE A PLAN TO OPEN BEACHES BY MAY 31, 2020

Dear City Council,

Thank you for all you are doing regarding the issues raised by Covid-19. The HB ready website has been helpful to me.

I believe that it would be very beneficial to our community to open our beaches in a safe manner by Sunday, May 31, 2020. This can be done by forming a committee lead by the City of Huntington Beach with the goal to prepare a plan to open our beaches by May 31, 2020. The committee could include State of California Beaches, HB Chamber, Downtown BID, Visitor Bureau, OC Health Dept., Surf Community, and others as needed. This committee would need to be formed in a very timely manner to meet the goal date for completion.

I know we can prepare a plan to open our beaches by May 31, 2020 because we have many talented and very creative people in our community. Thank you for considering my suggestion.

Sincerely,

Tom Andrusky
714-840-6325

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Support for agenda item number 15
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:31:29 PM

From: Ray Raines <rayraines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Support for agenda item number 15

First I will like to commend and thank our mayor, Lyn Semeta, for her extraordinary leadership at this time of unprecedented challenges to our city and our country. I speak in support of Agenda Item number 15. It is time to begin the process of safely returning our city to normalcy. I miss our library, parks, beaches and local establishments. I am 81 years old and don't want to spend my last years in a perpetual state of confinement and fear.

Respectfully,
Ray Raines

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Thank you
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:14:21 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug May <maydoug@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Thank you

I was at the protest today. Your police officers are awesome- polite, helpful and true pros!
And keep up the good fight on opening the beaches!
Sincerely,
Doug May

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: We Support Gavin Newsom's Beach Closure
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:06:13 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: davidjqb <davidjqb@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: We Support Gavin Newsom's Beach Closure

Hello Mayor,

I was just emailing to let you know that as a resident of Huntington Beach I support Gavin Newsom's decision to close the beach. Last weekend thousands of people were on the beach and yesterday thousands of people were protesting. This is unacceptable during a global pandemic and it will only cause more cases and more deaths in Orange County. Thank you for your time.

David Cristini

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Why are the police enforcing the beach closure
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:04:39 PM

From: Dean Francois <dean.francois@kaplan.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Why are the police enforcing the beach closure

It was my understanding that city was not going to enforce the beach closure and now they are. Is it true the city council passed an ordinance closing the beach? 310-938-219

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Your focus is misdirected
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:05:24 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: bob <robertranza@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Your focus is misdirected

Why is opening the beaches more important than the safety and health of Californians?

My guess it is economic. Money to you and your business affiliates is more important than public health.

You endanger me and others. This is God's truth.

Business, and therefor peoples jobs have NOT been curtailed for and extended period of time. The government should focus on a resolution to this crisis, not a crisis within a crisis.

Help those who need it (the unemployed for example), not those who have the ability to weather through this period.

Shame on you.

Bob Lanza

From: [henry flores](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Safety and economy
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:51:02 PM

To the Governing Council of HB; We are all floating in the Ocean. Some in yahts, some in boats, some on rafts. Coronavirus has been here since the 1960s. Coronavirus-19 is dangerous because its a new strain and we don't have antibodies. Half the population that get it will never know they had it. The half that's left 90% will experience flu like symptoms. Just as my co-workers that we're infected. Thankfully they are all well and back to work. Unfortunately a very small percentage with underline health issues such as emphysema, kidney, liver disease and cancer may have deadly outcomes, but not all of them. Orange County has a population of 3million. Less than 70 people have died in ALL of Orange County to COVID-19. In what mind set does that justify ruining our economy. People out of work is also killing us. Mental health has declined. Remember we all don't have income, food or family. We should shelter the old and those with predisposed health problems of course but not shut the economy and beaches. UV rays kill Covid-19. We have plenty of the cure right on our shores. All businesses are essential. All lively hoods are essential. Sheriff Barnes of OCSD is correct. Just because Governor Newsom makes a decree doesn't make it right! We look to our Elected Officials to stand for what is right and be the voice of the people. San Clemente opened last weekend. The beach and businesses. OCSD is not enforcing Newsoms decree BECAUSE IT IS WRONG! Open our city and be the voice of the people that elected you.

Henry