From: <u>Linda Moon</u>

To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council 5-18-20 Agenda Items 19 and 20

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:01:54 PM

Huntington Beach City Council:

RE: Agenda Items 19 and 20, May 18, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a 46 year resident, homeowner, business owner and attorney in Huntington Beach.

I am increasingly concerned about our city's repetitive challenges to valid state mandates, incomplete disregard of the public health and welfare. Such actions are irresponsible, arrogant, and shameful.

Councilmember Peterson's Statement of Issue regarding Agenda Item 20 again smacks of arrogant irresponsibility. The direction implied by the councilman, that it is appropriate to expand the category of essential businesses to include any and all businesses, with no restriction is foolhardy and inconsiderate of the lives of Huntington Beach residents, visitors, business owners, customers and employees.

The inference that Huntington Beach should challenge and refuse to enforce State orders is frightening and irresponsibly further wastes city, state, and judicial resources.

I encourage the city to carefully plan for the safe and responsible reopening of businesses, including retail, service, industrial and professional establishments and also public forums, parks, libraries, and services, by a thoughtful process of review of the needs and protocols necessary to ensure the safety of all persons involved. The State of California is providing reasoned guidance in this regard. I urge you not to reject it.

I request that you vote in favor of Item 19, with the stipulation that all State orders and guidance are followed.

I support the recommended action in Item 20 to discuss policies needed to open businesses and services. However, there is no need to create a list of essential businesses differing from that designated by the State. The only discussion of local enforcement of State orders should be in regard to how to best enforce such orders. Any discussion of refusal to do so is unjustified.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Ron Miller

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: Items 19 and 20

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:30:54 PM

Please vote yes on 19 no 20 guys are opening up a canna worms if you open up all these restaurants with all the amount of people showing up on main street this is a invisible virus does not care who you are So please vote yes on 19 NO on 20 Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Ashley Loftus</u>

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: Make Main Street Downtown Pedestrian traffic only

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:56:33 AM

Making Main Street pedestrian friendly to encourage social distancing. Much like other beach cities have closed the Pier Avenue or Main Street, it is a matter of public safety to temporarily or otherwise close Main Street in the two blocks closest to PCH to vehicle traffic (like on Tuesday night markets). This would encourage social distancing and business can move inventory outside easier. Restaurants can expand outdoor eating. Even if only on weekends, this would reduce the vehicle congestion and increase the walkability of our beautiful downtown. A minimal approach would be to eliminate street parking on Main Street on weekends. This would NOT hurt local businesses or store fronts because most of the business is pedestrian traffic from the parking lots across the street at the beach or in the parking structure off 6th

St. https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/11/us/coronavirus-street-closures.html https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2020/05/13/every-seat-outside-would-help-cities-consider-closing-streets-to-traffic-to-make-space-for-struggling-restaurants

From: Bobbi Ashurst

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: May 18, 2020 City Council Agenda items #19 & #20

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:03:54 PM

I am in favor of opening businesses in accordance with the guidelines set forth by Governor Newsom.

Agenda Item # 19 is a a well thought out suggestion to find a way for citizens to enjoy dining out again. Restaurants are a large portion of our city businesses and can be dealt with as a block, unlike many other businesses. Many have already made adjustments to cater to take out orders. One suggestion would be temporary closing of a 2 block portion of Main Street to cars and allowing our restaurants to expand their outdoor dining during this time of social distancing. Additionally limiting the size of parties and requiring servers to wear masks, with hand cleansing stations conveniently located. Also sections of parking lots could be cordoned off when convenient.

Agenda Item #20 as proposed by Erik Peterson is a poorly written and haphazardly presented suggestion for completely opening all businesses without regard for guidelines or an understanding of current conditions. Without considerations and requirements for social distancing and requiring PPE. Don't get me wrong, I am desperate for a Mani / Pedi, but will not go anywhere that does not consider my health and well being. We need to carefully consider what guidelines are appropriate for each individual business type. What works for a nail salon is different from a hair salon or barber, or retailer.

I think we can open our economy with the necessary caution required. And thoughtfully without creating more problems and increased infections.

Bobbi Ashurst ph - 714-969-6400 fx - 714-969-0549 cell- 714-287-7302 bobbiashurst@rocketmail.com From: <u>Jan M</u>

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: Re: voting to reopen!!!

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:26:55 PM

I want to say we support Item 19 and hope you reject Item 20.

The worse thing you can do for our community is reopen too fast. Please put our health above all else.

Or it will be on your hands if the numbers increase and people die.

Sincerely,

Bill & Jan Erickson