



May 18, 2020

The Honorable Michelle Steel  
Chairwoman  
Orange County Board of Supervisors  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, California 92701

Subject: California's Pandemic Roadmap and ReOpen OC Safely

Dear Chairwoman Steel:

Orange County's business community is struggling as never before. Our organizations are comprised of business members representing every industry sector and millions of jobs essential to a thriving economy and high quality of life.

We wish to commend your proactive approach to developing a four-county urban plan for early reopening of this regional economy guided by medical and public health criteria and support your efforts to meet

with the Newsom Administration to recognize the important regional geographic and demographic differences that would enable earlier reopening. We specifically urge your advocacy to Governor Newsom to open this county within weeks, not months.

Orange County is unique: low infections, hospital capacity available and now robust testing opportunities will enable us to move more quickly through the state's stages. We encourage the County to prioritize Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding—whatever it takes—to implement measures and programs required to support your efforts for early reopening and allow for state certification as required by the Resilience Roadmap with a local variance attestation.

We also pledge to you that we will advocate for your efforts to our leaders in Sacramento, and reiterate to them that OC's numbers are worthy of a modified plan for achievable parameters to enable us to move expeditiously to the latter part of Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order Guidance to County Governments. We will also urge our health care providers to increase testing as much as possible.

In the meantime, our organizations are working together to encourage businesses to begin planning for safe reopening, consistent with the County guidelines, as well as state mandates. One such resource can be found at <https://www.ocbc.org/reopenocsafely/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance and further support for your efforts. Thank you again for your leadership to ReOpen OC Safely.

Sincerely,



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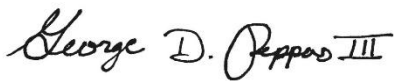
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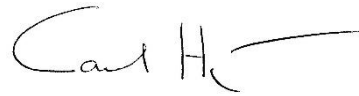
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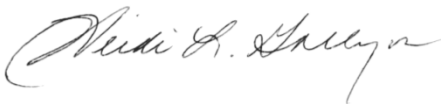
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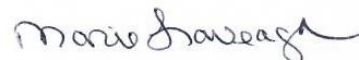
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