

DRAFT MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2020

To: Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Public Health Officer Dr. Barbara Ferrer

From: Coalition of Businesses and Organizations in Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes

Re: **Request for Local Variance for Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes Region**

The undersigned are a coalition of local businesses and community organizations in the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills in the Conejo Valley / Las Virgenes region of Los Angeles County. We would like to formally request a local variance for our region within Los Angeles County. We are requesting that our region be granted permission by Los Angeles County Public Health to adhere to the health orders issued by the State of California, rather than the more restrictive local order for Los Angeles County.

Better Public Health Metrics in Conejo / Las Virgenes

While public health is always the paramount of concern for Los Angeles County, our region has performed much better than our neighbors in more densely populated regions of the County. Please see the chart below that illustrates that Conejo and Las Virgenes areas have not seen the same propensity of new cases and deaths as the rest of the county. Even when accounting for the smaller population, the cases and deaths per capita do not compare to the rates seen in Los Angeles County.

Metric	Los Angeles County	Conejo / Las Virgenes*
Total Cases	40,857	39
Total Deaths	1,970	0

* Conejo / Las Virgenes is the combined data for the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills.

Metric	Westlake Village	Agoura Hills
Total Cases	6	33
Total Deaths	0	0

Access To Adequate Health Care Capacity

In addition to the hospitals within Los Angeles County, our region is served by the Los Robles Health System in nearby Thousand Oaks. In fact, Ventura County has 153 available hospital beds in the event there is a surge of cases in our region. The state standard for a county variance is to have the capacity to withstand a surge of 35%, which our local health systems can accommodate.

Adverse Effect On The Local Economy

Since our cities are located so close in proximity to Ventura County, many of our residents have chosen to make the short trip over the county line to purchase goods and services from businesses that are allowed to open under their order. This is tax revenue and economic impact being left on the table, when it is safe for our residents to shop in stores locally.

In some cases, most notably in Westlake Village, businesses less than 100 feet from the county line with Ventura County are closed and similar businesses that happen to be in Ventura County are allowed to open. This shutdown is having real economic impacts to our otherwise safe communities.

Support From Local Businesses and Community Organizations

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

101 North Eatery and Bar - Westlake Village
Bamboo Room - Westlake Village
BCBC Nails - Westlake Village
Bio SoCal – Westlake Village
Calvary Community Church - Westlake Village
Candu Graphics - Westlake Village
Engen Enterprises, Inc., dba Taco Bell - Westlake Village
Five Threads Brewing Company, LLC – Westlake Village
Glass Arts Collective – Westlake Village
Heart Boutique - Westlake Village
Human Hybrid Athletics - Westlake Village
Jeanine Lynn Fitness - Westlake Village
Let's Create Something, Inc – Westlake Village
Lindero Oaks, LLC - Westlake Village
Lozano's Jewelry – Westlake Village
JG Management - Westlake Village
JLW Financial & Insurance Services – Westlake Village
Keller Williams Realty / Tim Velasquez – Westlake Village
Kirk Jewelers – Westlake Village

Knows the Code, LLC - Westlake Village
Oaks Christian School - Westlake Village
Office Evolution - Westlake Village
Malibu Sundowner Tasting Room - Westlake Village
My Health Studio - Westlake Village
Novo Cafe - Westlake Village
Nevers, Palazzo, Packard, Wildermuth & Wynner, PC - Westlake Village
Residence Inn by Marriott - Westlake Village
Selleck Development Group - Westlake Village
SDG Associates - Westlake Village
Shaina Aleece Photography - Westlake Village
Smash RX, LLC & The Therapist Den - Westlake Village
The Drapery Guy, LLC - Westlake Village
The Gallery Restaurant - Westlake Village
The Shoppes at Westlake - Westlake Village
Tim Joyce Homes Inc. - Westlake Village
Urban Vejje - Westlake Village
Wades Wines - Westlake Village
Westlake Office Court, Ltd. - Westlake Village
West Oaks Park LLC – Westlake Village
Westlake Village Inn - Westlake Village

Agoura Hills Town Center Joint Venture - Agoura Hills
Agoura Park
Basta - Agoura Hills
Black Diamond Leadership- Agoura Hills
California Community Church - Agoura Hills
CARES Compassionate and Reliable Estate Solutions - Agoura Hills
Carmichael Associates - Agoura Hills
Chalkline CrossFit – Agoura Hills
Courtyard by Marriott - Agoura Hills
DJM Commercial Real Estate – Agoura Hills
Emil's Bake House - Agoura Hills
Fordney Foundation – Agoura Hills
FOY Life – Agoura Hills
Gateway Church – Agoura Hills
Havasi Wilderness Foundation - Agoura Hills
Homewood Suites by Hilton- Agoura Hills
Jung Shim Energy Wellness, Agoura Hills
Key Pointe Asset Management, Inc - Agoura Hills
Knows the Code, LLC - Agoura Hills
LA Woolsey Fire Long Term Recovery Group - Agoura Hills
Lisa Rauschenberger, Stylist – Agoura Hills

Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization - Agoura Hills
Pacific Office Interiors - Agoura Hills
Pacific Patio – Agoura Hills
Paulson and Associates Inc. – Agoura Hills
Schmitz & Associates, Inc. - Agoura Hills
Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel - Agoura Hills
Swanky Salon Inc. – Agoura Hills
Tavern 101 - Agoura Hills
Tavern Tomoko | Ladyface Brewery - Agoura Hills
TechAhead Inc. - Agoura Hills
The Agoura Park - LA Fitness Center - Agoura Hills
TownePlace Suites by Marriott - Agoura Hills
Twisted Oak Tavern and Brewery - Agoura Hills
William M. Hang, DDS, MSD - A Professional Corporation - Agoura Hills

Caruso - Calabasas
The Commons at Calabasas - Calabasas

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** More will be added to this list