I am writing to request that you deny the request for a \$100,000 increase for the public health officer position. At a time where most of our residents are struggling financially, this money should be put towards helping out the most vulnerable. Correct me if I'm wrong, but from what I've gathered, after setting her initial orders, she non-essentially put herself and others at risk by driving to San Diego to her other home (interchanging homes) where she will be residing full-time for a new position she has taken there in addition to this public health officer position. Her heart does not seem to be for Mendocino County, and it appears she is not a good example of following her own orders. Driving multiple miles requires you to go to multiple gas stations increasing risk along with visiting other family members. I know I'm not alone in my thinking here.

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I should add that I am in favor of the orders she has made and making them early on. Those efforts, I believe, have really helped us. I have no doubt she has put in countless hours toward COVID. The amount of increase is almost doubled which I believe is unnecessary. Could something be added to her contract that if a pandemic occurs requiring increased efforts/time that additional pay could be considered for those times. I'm sure the position otherwise has less time constraints than something like COVID requires. Thank you for reading my letters

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