

My comments for item 5B for the April 14th meeting are attached and typed below:

**5b) Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of Fourth Amendment to Standard Agreement No. PH-19-024 with Noemi Doohan, M.D., Ph.D., Increasing the Amount from \$125,000 to \$225,000, for County Health Officer Services, Effective When Fully Executed Through a New End Date of December 31, 2020**

Greetings Honorable Board of Supervisors for Mendocino,

I greatly appreciate the work done by the board and the Public Health Officer during this seemingly unprecedented biological event.

Still I wanted to express how concerned I am about the way the mandate has been ordered and executed. It seems to literally not even consider that our country is a Democratic Constitutional Republic and does not carve out provisions for the most sacred and vastly relevant Bill of Rights.

Each time the liberties of WE THE PEOPLE are infringed there is always a pressing claim of saving lives and each time it is a mistake. As when for example in our history, for security we put Japanese in internment camps; or when we justified torture because of the fear of an impending terrorist attack; how about when we made it common to spy on every day Americans because of 9/11 and then launched wars around the world preemptively because of the fear of a nuclear attack? Group think can be very dangerous indeed.

Acting government officials must know their limitations and also stay true to the Oaths that have been taking to protect the Constitution. This mandate does not protect religious freedoms, freedom of health choice, or basic inalienable rights such as the ability or "the right of the people peaceably to assemble." And this is during a time when the largest wealth transfer has taken place to bailout once again the mega corporations. A time when people may want to come out and protest. It would have been much more appropriate for our county to be advised and motivated with incentive to take proper steps related to the health crisis instead of fear mongering MANDATE and criminalizing the public at large (with the threat of fines and time in jail). This mandate did not declare 2nd amendment activities essential such as buying firearms or training at a conceal carry weapons class during an enhanced time when many more might want to be able to defend themselves. MANY liberties have been violated without the intention to preserve this aspect of our society that so many have died to protect!

The Public Health Officer should have acted as a leader to protect Health, Wealth, and Liberties as they are all interconnected. **Because this was not done and what I consider to be political malpractice to have taken place, I do not support the current Public Health Officer's retainment or increase in payment at any level.**

We are all essential,

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