

To my neighbors and friends who are kind enough to serve as county supervisors:

Thank you very much.

1. I am in favor of opening any parks, beaches, trails we legally can open. @ 50 reasons. That is meant to be slightly amusing, I think humor, even with a heavy heart is useful to all. And healthy.

2. I strongly suggest that political will and common sense is focused into getting testing in place NOW. We need all the scientific and protective equipment necessary purchased and created NOW. We need a committee researching what other places have done and finding the innovation to do what is necessary even if no one else has done anything. We need a committee finding and ordering supplies. We know that there are both diagnostic and antibody tests that have results in minutes. We know that labs can be adapted to do this. We need thermometers. And... to be a bit innovative we need TEST TEAMS. TEST TEAMS could be made up of trained volunteer and/or paid people (college students, folks who have had the virus, people who need jobs, any trainable healthy human being who wants to and is capable of doing this job). The training would be done by a medical professional. The testing can be targeted if necessary, but needs to be widespread as soon as possible. Take temperature before you go (wearing your mask) into a bank, when you go to the gas station, the grocery store. If temperature, isolate and test. If test positive, trace contacts and isolate. Everyone else lives a healthy, active life. Start recruiting and training TEST TEAMS NOW, while we collect everything needed and make sure we have enough medical technicians. Knowledgeable medical people can adapt to do the jobs necessary. TEST TEAMS can be a model for all communities. We can do this, don't need permission. MENDOCINO TEST TEAMS. This is almost more of an emergency situation than the onset of the virus. We must prevent more destructive waves and we must live in a more healthy way. My 22 year old granddaughter, recently graduated from college, here because... the reason there are many here... says she would love to be trained to work on a TEST TEAM.

3. We must end Shelter In Place as quickly as possible. @500 reasons. It is harmful economically, socially, culturally, psychologically, physically, intellectually, spiritually, medically, educationally, individually, societally, on every level. Yes, we need to keep masks, hygiene and no large crowds. And, yes, it is the strong medicine we need right now, in spite of the negative side effects, because we did not have enough gentler medicines, like testing.

Thank you again for the work you are doing. I think that's my three minutes.

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