

**Comments re: Agenda Item # 6a**

Submitted by:

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**Subject: Reopening Non-Essential Businesses**

In the five weeks that have elapsed since the Covid-19 restrictions were put in place, many businesses have remained open. These include:

- All building supply businesses including Matson, Rossi & Mendo Mill and in Ukiah Home Depot, Friedman's & Tractor Supply and of course the largest of all, Costco.
- All big box stores including Walmart, Rite Aids
- Gas stations and associated mini marts
- Banks.
- Construction and home repair businesses
- All grocery stores including Harvest Market, both Safeways, Purity, Raley's and FoodMaxx

*These businesses were able to operate without furthering the spread of Covid-19. As of this writing, there have been no cases of community spread, the coastal hospital has admitted no one with the Covid-19 infection and the anticipated surge did not materialize.*

We request, therefore, that the Board of Supervisors and the Public Health Officer permit the reopening of those businesses which are currently deemed to be non-essential. This would include restaurants, retail shopping and specialty stores, gyms, personal care businesses, theatres, and sports and recreation businesses such as golf courses. These re-openings would, of course, be contingent upon the use of the same protocols used by essential businesses and which have already been proven effective.

To facilitate this reopening, we request that a process be implemented whereby a business or group of businesses could submit its plans for reopening, including implementation of the proper protocols. We are including in our correspondence a sample submittal letter.

Bear in mind that it will be weeks or months before most people feel comfortable enough to dine out, shop, and otherwise support the local businesses. That is, reopening will be self-regulating further reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

Regards,

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## SAMPLE REQUEST

Dr. Doohan  
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County of Mendocino

### **Subject: Petition to Reopen**

Restaurant ReOpen has developed plans to reopen its business with changes intended to comply with the County's social distancing rules. These are:

- Limiting the number of customers that use the indoor area to 10 and arranging the inside tables so that they are separated by at least 6 feet.
- Re-arrange the seating outdoors in a similar fashion. Tables that seat more than four will be available to families only. In the event that it becomes the position of the County that sunlight quickly de-activates Covid-19, we would like the ability to relax or remove this restriction in the outdoor area.
- Hand sanitation will be facilitated by putting sanitation wipes at each table.
- Every eating area will be cleaned and disinfected after use.
- Our staff will wear both masks and gloves until the County deems that this is no longer necessary.
- If desired by the County, Django's will purchase infrared thermometers and take the temperature of every customer prior to seating. If a customer's temperature exceeds the medically accepted level that is possible indicator of C-19, the customer will be refused seating and asked to contact a medical professional for assessment.
- We will encourage the use of non-cash payments (e.g., Venmo) to the extent possible.

If appropriate, we would be happy to send you a photograph of our proposed seating arrangement.

We are targeting May 10<sup>th</sup> a soft re-opening. We do not expect many customers at first and anticipate it will take weeks before more people feel comfortable eating out, further reducing the risk of spreading the virus. Please acknowledge that this is acceptable and what, if any, further changes you think are necessary.

Regards,