

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

We, the undersigned Mendocino County medical professionals understand the County is recruiting for a Public Health Officer.

During this continuing public health emergency, we believe the public interest in responding to the Covid pandemic will best be served by local medical professionals the community knows and trusts.

Given the critical importance of this position , we respectfully request a brief delay to confirm that all viable local options have been considered.

We appreciate the leadership and expertise of Dr. Doohan but now that her departure is imminent we believe it is imperative that the County renew it's efforts to draw upon local expertise.

While no one individual may have all the requisite expertise, we are confident in the collective knowledge of our local medical community which can be augmented by regional and professional connections which they may draw upon.

Of equal importance, as we are likely to be responding to the Covid pandemic for the foreseeable future, it is critical that the duties of the Health Officer be fulfilled by local professionals whose dedication to the community is unquestioned and whose professional judgement the community already knows and trusts.

Respectfully,

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