



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams, Supervisor McCowen and Dr. Noemi Doohan

Meeting Date: April 28, 2020

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 120 min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Economic Recovery, Including Phases and Timelines, for Relaxing COVID-19 Restrictions on Business Activity in Mendocino County

(Sponsors: Supervisor Williams, Supervisor McCowen and Dr. Noemi Doohan)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Discuss with Dr. Doohan phases and timelines for relaxing COVID-19 restrictions on business activity and give direction to staff on economic recovery related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

The local economy has been severely impacted as a result of the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Orders which were imposed to save lives and limit the potential that local health care facilities would be overwhelmed. The local orders of the Public Health Officer, including the SIP Order, may be more restrictive than those imposed by the Governor, but not less restrictive. Significant re-opening will depend on action by the Governor who has indicated that re-opening will be gradual and will occur in stages. Most businesses understand the necessity for the initial orders but find it very difficult to make plans for an eventual re-opening without an understanding of how long their sector of the economy will be effectively shuttered or the restrictions that may be imposed once re-opening is allowed.

This discussion will provide an opportunity for the Board; County staff and the public to more fully understand the challenges ahead; anticipated State and Bay Area trends; anticipated phases of loosening of restrictions including business sectors the phases may apply to; best practices for local business sectors to propose Social Distancing protocols specific to their business type that will promote a safe-reopening; the outlook for recovery of various categories of business; the possibility of reinstating restrictions if a surge in COVID-19 cases occurs; COVID-19 modeling and related topics. A frank discussion of which businesses are likely to be allowed to re-open, when, and under what conditions will best position business owners, employees and suppliers to plan for the future. The Board may also discuss possible direction to staff that will assist with economic recovery for local businesses and how best to position the County to maintain fiscal stability and continue to provide critical

services to the public.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not give direction.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: n/a

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Date: April 28, 2020

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

