



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/12/2021

File #: 21-25

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

SUBJECT:

Consider Joining with Other California Counties in Supporting a Healthy Communities Resolution Directly Linked to COVID-19 Response (Supervisor Rex Bohn)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider supporting a Healthy Communities Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Bohn is asking the Board to consider joining other counties in adopting a “Healthy Communities Resolution” expressing agreement with several principles that are being proposed by State Legislators related to COVID-19 response. These principles include the following:

- That our county is best served by an ability to respond locally to the COVID-19 virus in accordance with local data and circumstances, as specified in the attestation filed with the California Department of Public Health.
- That our county is geographically diverse and ill-suited for the county-wide restrictions imposed by the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, and the state should enable COVID-19 response to be tailored to geographically separate areas, such as different zip codes, as circumstances and case levels warrant.
- That school districts in our jurisdiction are urged to safely open all schools as soon as possible and provide in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible without further delay.
- That our county requests an extension of time beyond December 31, 2020 to encumber and spend our federal CARES funds, to which we are entitled by law, consistent with our respective local plans and programs.

The facts demonstrate a need for collective and unified action from counties to enable local flexibility

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based on what is occurring in our respective communities, which have not been well-served by the state's one-size-fits-all Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Supporting Healthy Communities Resolution

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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