

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Jen Card <jenycard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** COB; wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us  
**Subject:** Comments for 5/5/20 BOS meeting

Dear Supervisors,

There is no cure for Covid-19. There is no vaccine. The redwood curtain does not exist.

If the County moves to open for business before the rest of the state we will invite the second wave of Covid-19 cases. This is  $1 + 1 = 2$ . If you decide to open the county to tourism you are going to cause an outbreak that our small, fragile health system cannot handle. Without widespread testing and contact tracing you are asking us to play Russian Roulette because some of us will get sick and die, or have non-Covid emergencies and not be able to get medical attention because the hospitals are overflowing with Covid patients.

I was horrified by your recent survey asking the public which businesses should be open first, as if you are going to manage a global health pandemic by public opinion. Perhaps you are simply pandering to the anti-science protesters in front of the courthouse, but it raises the alarm that our leaders are ready to risk the health and safety of our community the same way they are doing it in Georgia and Florida where cases are exploding because of course they are.

Your survey said businesses will be "required" to provide availability of hand-washing for employees and customers. Have you been to old town Eureka? This is not possible for most businesses in the heart of the commercial district and to put that burden on businesses is madness. Your survey said "after reopening the first group of businesses, the county will wait to see if more people get sick." Since you are willing to make guinea pigs of your constituents who absolutely will get sick in this scenario, the county must come up with a solution for widespread handwashing stations.

Retail businesses will also carry the burden of enforcing physical distancing and mask requirements. That might be doable for grocery stores with large staffs but small retail businesses will struggle with this, the consequence of not doing it is serious illness and death. In old town, businesses and the library already have to contend with a large population of homeless and mentally ill. It will require extra staffing in a time when many business will not return to pre-covid sales numbers for years to come. Does the county have a plan to assist with these issues or are we on our own?

When you prematurely move to reopen the county before widespread testing and contact tracing is in place locally and beyond, you are putting the entire county at risk. People like my husband who has COPD will be at greater risk even if he diligently stays home because once the virus is spreading through the community (which it will) any trip I take to the grocery store increases the odds that the virus will be contracted and brought home.

The United States has seeded a massive outbreak through poor leadership, denial and greed. Humboldt County must be better than this. We have done a great job of flattening the curve with our early actions to shut down non-essential business. We have saved our small and already overburdened medical workers the trauma of an unmanageable onslaught of critically sick patients. But we will undo our success if we start taking our cues from the frauds and con-men in other areas of government (you know who they are).

So I urge you in the strongest possible terms to listen to science and reason, and coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions before flinging the doors open. Many of us are taking a major financial hit but money doesn't matter when you're dead or there aren't enough doctors.

Your legacy as leaders may hinge on this moment alone. Please have the courage to act accordingly.

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**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Clancy De Smet <clamjam22@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 7:51 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Madrone, Steve  
**Subject:** SIP Order

Dear Board of Supervisors -

I'm opposed to ending the SIP order. We need to stay safe, and re-opening things will only hurt us in the long run. Please listen to the Governor's office before rescinding the order in Humboldt County.

It's irresponsible to consider otherwise. People are dying!

Sincerely,

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**Doug Hooper Trucking  
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May 2, 2020

RE: OPEN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Dear Supervisor Fennell:

As a small businessman in Humboldt County for nearly thirty years, I have seen ups and downs in the logging economy and have overcome them all. However, this is one that could shut not only my own operation down but many others.

With only fifty-four cases in Humboldt County and only TWO active cases, we must assess the closure of our county and REOPEN for our families. Being a man, I can only speak of my species... MEN MUST WORK. We already have an infestation of homeless, YOUNG people in our county. We, as mature Humboldt County residents, we MUST get our community BACK TO WORK!

Humboldt County was already struggling with crime, drug/alcohol addiction, homelessness. As of May 1, 2020, Humboldt County is now SURGING with:

- Crime – UP 30%
- Domestic Violence – UP 50%

Not only am I concerned about our community but specifically the FAMILY. A LARGE majority of our schools report through the State of California's CALPADS (California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System) that their student body is above the poverty level in the National School Lunch Program, at 50% or above. Currently, every school in California is responsible to feed breakfast and lunch to any and every child at age 18 or below (regardless of whether or not they are on the free/reduced lunch program) throughout the week. Our schools are preparing thousands of breakfast/lunch bags each week and delivering them with our school-bus workers. How long are we going to be able to sustain this? Families **want** to be able to **PROVIDE** for their children. I understand they need a hand up right now, but for HOW LONG is this going to go on?!

PEOPLE NEED TO WORK. PLEASE HELP OUR FAMILIES GET BACK TO WORK.

We need to be concerned for our law enforcement also. They aren't able to report on fender benders and home invasions because of lack of time – How can they handle crime UP 30% and domestic violence UP 50%?! We are MULTIPLYING our problems in Humboldt County. Due to the LOW number of Covid-19 cases in Humboldt County – I URGE YOU to help Humboldt County to REOPEN – PLEASE!

Respectfully,

***Doug Hooper***

Doug Hooper Trucking/Blue Lake Garbage Co., Inc.

**Barbara Hooper  
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MAY 2, 2020

RE: OPEN HUMBOLDT COUNTY!

Dear Supervisor Fennel:

As a school-site employee, I am pleading with you to utilize your powers above to re-open HUMBOLDT COUNTY! I am SERIOUSLY concerned for our children of homes that are under duress. As you know, this county isn't what it used to be thirty years ago. School is a SAFE PLACE for MANY students. The consequences of saving some people of higher risk for the mental stability of our children is a VERY HIGH PRICE to pay! People of high risk to the Covid-19 must take on personal responsibility and shelter in. Where is the CHOICE? Where is our FREEDOM to make CHOICE? This is NOT AMERICA.

Many of our families who are used to having parents who work and provide for their loved one and are now loafing around the house are becoming stressed and depressed – this is CRITICAL to our families.

HELP SAVE OUR FAMILIES!

Barbara Hooper

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May 2, 2019

Dear Supervisor Fennell,

I am writing to ask you to support Supervisor Rex Bohn's letter to Governor Newsom in regard to lifting the shelter-in-place orders for Humboldt County in order to move forward to protect the health of our economy in Humboldt County while at the same time implementing protections for employees and customers.

As a business owner and community member in Humboldt County I do not believe it is the right of our Government or Public Health Officer to pick winners and losers in regard to which businesses are selected to open back up. I believe it is your duty, and that of the Health Officer, to implement and provide direction on best practices for businesses (i.e. Physical Distancing, wearing of face coverings, and goo hygiene) to follow if they are open for business. It should be up to the businesses to adhere to such guidance and decide how (or even if they can) they can open up by following the requirements.

I would not only ask for your support in agreeing to send this letter to Governor Newsome but to also open **all** businesses in Humboldt County no later than two weeks from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as long as they can ensure to adhere to the physical distancing, use of masks if social distancing can't be maintained, and provide accommodations to maintain handwashing for customers and employees.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dena McCullough', written in a cursive style.

Dena McCullough  
McCullough Construction Inc.

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Carol Coal <btc.dv@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Supervisor Bowen's proposed letter to Governor Newsom

I strongly disagree with the letter Supervisor Bowen is proposing to send to the Governor calling for local jurisdictions to make decisions on when to lift the State wide SIP.

The whole state has to reopen in a coordinated manner. Variations such as Governor Newsom's ultimate decision to only close some beaches in Southern California leaving those in Northern California open is one example of recognizing the unique differences and needs between rural and urban California. However, cooperation and coordination is critical. We can not build a moat around Humboldt County.

The Governor must, with input, lead.

We are all in this together. One County cannot act without impacting another. This is the spirit behind the mandate that we all wear a mask.

We take care of one another, individual to individual, County to County.

Thank you for your time.

Be well,  
Carol Coal, LCSW

Sent from my iPhone

May 03, 2020

Dear Supervisor Fennell,

I write this letter to you to ask that you join in support of Supervisor Bohn's letter to Governor Newsom requesting him to lift the shelter-in-place order. The order, though unconstitutional in its origin, has been followed by our community in an effort to suppress the spread of Covid-19. Now that we have more evidence of how this virus develops in our communities, we are witnessing that the death rate is minimal and does not warrant such a massive reaction and intrusion from our government.

Looking at the numbers on a local, national, and world level, it is completely illogical for us to continue under such draconian orders. These orders have had a severe negative impact upon our business community, food supply, and overall health and well being of our people. It seems we have traded rational and reasonable thought processes in favor of fear motivated/mongering reactions that have widespread detrimental consequences.

Somehow giant corporate businesses have received a pass to operate while mom & pops are shuttered and collapsing. Some businesses are 'allowed' to remain open due to being deemed 'essential', but with dramatic decreases in their business as a direct result of the lock down they are unable to cover operating expenses so they are closing for good. People are losing/have lost their jobs, savings, businesses, livelihood, very way of life and for what? Individuals cannot simply go to their doctors for regular care with ongoing health issues. It's like an act of congress to go to the dentist. For what? For a virus with less than 250k deaths from Covid-19 worldwide in a world population of 8 billion. Seriously?

Let's rip the band-aid off, enough is enough already. The cost to our economy is far too great. This entire shut down is unsustainable. Please work together to end it now as the longer we remain shut down the more we will lose on EVERY level. Open it ALL up. Every business is essential because every business represents the people who own it and their employees. The people are essential and it is time to do right by them.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gill

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**From:** Greg King <siskiyouland@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Mike Wilson; Bohn, Rex; Fennell, Estelle; Madrone, Steve; Bass, Virginia  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors: Do NOT reopen Humboldt County

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for your continued service during this difficult time. While nearly all of us are feeling the severe economic impacts of quarantine, I ask you to refrain from "opening" Humboldt County beyond the restrictions currently in place.

Here is a quote from today's New York Times:

**"Rural towns that one month ago were unscathed are suddenly hot spots. ... Cases are growing by 2 to 4 percent daily, and more than 1,000 people have died each day for over a month."**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/05/us/coronavirus-updates.html?action=click&module=Spotlight&pgtype=Homepage#link-35caed35>

Humboldt County's response has been admirable, from the Health Department to the hospitals, and the Supes to the people themselves. Relenting now would likely be deadly, potentially on a mass scale. We do not have the medical facilities to handle a great increase in cases, and you can bet there won't be any flights down to UCSF. We are on our own, and we need to act accordingly.

While the economic crisis could be extreme, it won't result in the bodies of our loved ones piling up in a refrigerated semi parked outside the morgue. This is not hyperbole, it's a very real possibility were Covid-19 to spread here.

What we DO have in Humboldt County is the ability to feed everyone—that is, to make sure we use our collective ingenuity and resolve to hold and protect each other, to make sure that we all get through this terrible time.

Please do the right thing. Keep Humboldt County closed.

Thank you,

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## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Laura Pickens <lpickens57@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Relaxing Shelter In Place Requirements

Part of the reason our County has so few cases of Covid-19 is because of the SIP order and our population adhering to this order. Covid-19 is not gone and with relaxing SIP we run a much greater risk of many more cases. Let's not jump the gun on this, we've done so well up to this point and we can do this right.

Sent from my iPhone

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** cangell@reninet.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Shelter In Place Orders need to stay

To County Board of Supervisors:

Please do not seek to lift the SIP orders in this county until the California state orders are lifted and new guidelines for how to open safely are instituted.

Lifting the SIP orders too soon will risk endangerment to the overall health of our community and is reckless and unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Christine Angell, age 73  
McKinleyville

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Stephanie Silvia <bknystef@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Don't lift SIP restrictions

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

It would be disastrous to prematurely open up Humboldt County at this time. Shelter-In-Place has keep us safe, but we are not through this scourge yet. Lifting restrictions will endanger us all..

With urgency,

Stephanie Silvia

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Deason, Dave <ddeason@mckusd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:30 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Opening businesses

Hello. My name is Dave Deason, a resident of McKinleyville. I would like to voice my concern about opening up businesses without a data driven plan that includes massive amounts of testing. As a Middle school teacher that lives with an 88 year old, I am really worried about opening without a clear plan that includes reclosing if the data supports that decision. Does Mr Bohn have a number of people that may die or be infected that would be acceptable for him? This must be asked because that is exactly what we are looking at if we open without being able to collect the data through massive testing. I hope the supervisors will consider this and appreciate your time. Dave Deason

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Tom Cockle <tcockle@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:30 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Premature relaxing of Atay at Home requirements

While I sympathize with shuttered businesses, and miss going out myself, I believe that opening up must be done cautiously, and fully in line with medical recommendations. We do NOT need a resurgence of Covid-19 after all the progress we have made by Stay at Home in containing it.

Thomas Cockle  
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## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Fhyre Phoenix <fhyrephoenix@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Lifting restrictions

Please do not lift shelter-in-place orders. At the very least, wait until the end of May to see what has happened in states that are lifting their orders now, to see what happens. We all know that the results are not going to be pretty. The lifting of restrictions now is going to cause a second wave of infections and death 4-6 weeks from now.

I agree that these are very difficult financial times that call for action. That action should be financial assistance from the federal government of a monthly payment of \$2,000 per month for those whose income is \$130,000 per year or less, as proposed by some Democratic legislators. Those payments will float most people until the health crisis is over, allowing people to shelter in place for as long as it takes to find responsible and safe ways to end this pandemic..

There are those who are suffering from crisis fatigue, especially in areas such as Humboldt County, where there are relatively few C-19 cases. However, we are all connected. Once restrictions are lifted, people will begin to travel, infections at local businesses, work and especially through school re-openings will spread like prairie fires. All that we have worked for will have been for nothing and many more people will die.

California must hold the line and not blink in the face of financial pressure or cabin fever. As much as we want this all to go away quickly, only we, by our collective actions, can determine the timeline and severity of the pandemic. To relax guidelines and pretend that the pandemic will magically all go away, as one has suggested, will prove to be a grave mistake.

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**From:** Nathan King <mobiking2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy

We as a concerned community need to be wise in our sip regulations. To open up too soon is jeopardizing our most vulnerable, it is one thing to take the chance with your own safety, but to jeopardize others because you feel money is more important than the safety of those more vulnerable. Please be patient!



**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Paula Mattocks <1paulamattocks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Closure comment

Please do not let people force you to open our county right now. It's too soon. Follow science not public opinion. Our vulnerable people need us to do the right thing! Please wait.

Thanks

Paula Mattocks

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**To:** COB  
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**From:** Kenzie Mullen <kenzieroxie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Opening up humboldt county???

Please leave in place the masking rule and shelter in place for quite a bit while longer. Humboldt has a low corona virus number because we've been practicing these and other rules. My husband has a compromised immune system and I don't want him dying. Let's see how places that relax the rules do before we rush into anything hasty.

Thank you  
Kenzie Mullen  
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Kenzie

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## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Pat Kanzler <rivndell7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** SIP

Hi

I am an RN working with Cal-Mat, a group of health professionals who go to different parts of California to treat disasters. Right now I am working at a SNF with most of their population positive, and 30% dying.....Bohn is really getting me pissed off, does he want to reopen the businesses so people have a choice of getting sick and dying or paying the rent and food? Will he pay for their healthcare? Personally?

I cannot be present here, I am in Yolo County at the moment.

This sounds very much like the "Haves" forcing the "Have Nots" to keep working and making them money, for if Bohn does this, people will not be able to collect unemployment, and so have to make the choice, do I infect my family and bring home sustenance or do we all starve? Bohn is NOT doing this for the people but for business interests.

Tell Bohn I am a VERY angry RN, and he is being cruel and inhumane.

Pat Kanzler, RN

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Anna Thaler Petersen <annathaler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors agenda item about ending state SIP

Hello,

I'm writing to share my concern about the idea of pushing for an end to shelter-in-place, or even for a shift to local, county-level control of our social distancing rules. I have been watching Governor Newsom's briefings every weekday, and I have heard over and over about how he is consulting with county and regional authorities in his decision-making. I believe he is keeping our best interests at heart at a state and local level during this challenging and unprecedented time.

I have grave concerns that any local decisions to ease social distancing restrictions could result in people traveling to areas that are offering a greater degree of freedom for socializing. Humboldt is a tourist destination, as are other more rural areas of California, and I would worry that people from more metropolitan areas who were still under shelter-in-place would feel tempted to get out of town and travel somewhere where they could enjoy the freedom to go to a restaurant for dine-in, or visit a bowling alley, or see a movie in a movie theater. I think we are safer staying aligned, and under the control of, state-level government (in consultation our local elected officials) until more state-wide positive movement is made toward addressing concerns about COVID-19.

Thank you for your time.

Anna

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Heidi Bourne <heidi@pacificmindfulness.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:40 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Continue SIP

Please, do not lift the SIP orders. It is far too premature.

Thank you,

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**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** ann souter <annsouter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** mask requirements

As a retired nurse from the Yolo County Public Health Dept my job was to work in communicable diseases for many years. I did mostly TB and each year or so I had to get a skin test to see if I had become positive. I never did. It was my mask and following strict public health guidelines that kept me safe. Now that I reside in Humboldt County I urge the Board of Supervisors to maintain the same distancing and mask requirements the governor put in place and do so until it is deemed safe by the health professionals to have the order lifted. Our lives depend on it!  
Ann Souter

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** courtney blake <blakesbooks@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fw: Opening Up Humboldt County

I agree entirely with Erik Kirk.

Sincerely  
~ Courtney Blake

Supervisors:

Please do not send letters to Sacramento which would embarrass the County of Humboldt and defy medical science. If portions of the state may be opened up in part or in whole then let it be part of a comprehensive policy. The Governor knows that not all counties are the same and we have already had public officials reacting to rumors that he was going to shut down beaches everywhere instead of where there were serious crowd problems. We really do not want cases piling up to overwhelm an already very challenged health care system such that physicians are forced to make decisions about who lives and dies, as has happened elsewhere. California has done extremely well to "flatten the curve" as opposed to other parts of the country, and we own the urban areas a debt of gratitude for having shut down early on even before the statewide order. Let's not make that in vain.

I'm all for reasoned discussion as to how we can mitigate the economic concerns, but pandering to those who storm public buildings with guns and compare their lack of opportunity to go bowling with life in Auschwitz would really send the wrong message. I assume that the Board of Supervisors is in regular contact with officials in Sacramento and let us please keep it on that level and be as transparent with the public about those communications as reasonable. A grandstanding letter which is more for public relations than productive discussion among the authorities is no help at all.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work during this very difficult time.  
Eric V. Kirk  
Eureka



## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** John & Janet Fesler <cwfesler@humboldt1.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Shelter in Place

I am an 80 year old retired teacher. My husband is an 83 year old mortgage broker now working from home. We are at risk for Covid19 because of our ages and my husband having one lung that does not fully inflate. Otherwise we are healthy.

We feel the pain of those who have lost their income and the terrible worry that results. However, opening up all businesses and making social distancing and mask wearing optional would be a major mistake. Risking and losing thousands of lives is a big price to pay.

To be safe, testing would need to be available regularly and often for everyone. Businesses would need to determine how to keep their employees safe as well as the public. This will take time. We need to be patient and realize that life cannot go back to exactly what it was before. Don't be over influenced by those who demonstrate; they need to be heard, but they are a minority. Board of Supervisors, please be cautious and go slowly.

Janet & John Fesler  
McKinleyville

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Cat Koshkin <catkoshkin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Commissioner Bohn's suggestion to override Governor Newsome on Covid-19 Issues

Dear Commissioners:

In case this proposal is still on the table, I would like to register my **STRONG** disagreement with any proposal to preempt the Governor in decisions related to Covid-19 and opening, or not opening, the county.

Sincerely yours,  
Cat Koshkin

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## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** diane ryerson <adryerson7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy; Wilson, Mike; Madrone, Steve  
**Cc:** diane ryerson  
**Subject:** Shelter in Place requirements

As a constituent of Supervisor Wilson, I favor precaution over business promotion in planning Humboldt County's response to the coronavirus pandemic. We need to have at least two weeks of no new cases, widely available testing with fast results and adequate staff for all contact tracing necessary before making changes. We're getting closer to meeting these conditions, so let's be patient a few weeks longer.

The suffering people are experiencing - job loss, mounting debt, hunger - follows choices being made by the administration, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. Judiciary. The federal government has the capacity to cancel debts and create as much money as needed in this crisis. Instead they are choosing to serve wealthy, powerful individuals including themselves. The anger and frustration people feel is better directed at the administration, Senate members, CEOs and investors of major corporations benefiting from this crisis than our local or state governments.

Thank you for your service in this difficult time.

Diane Ryerson  
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**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Madrone, Steve  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fw: Reopening the county

For the BOS

Steve Madrone  
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Supervisor, District 5  
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**From:** Kathleennunleymonahan <kathleennunley@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve  
**Subject:** Reopening the county

Dear Mr Madrone

I'm writing to ask that you continue to support and keep the shelter in place in our county until the later in May or June. Let us take the time to make sure our efforts are successful. I am very concerned that opening now will put us at risk for more extensive spread of the Covid 19 virus leading to more deaths, more impact on our health care system and potential longer closures with more damaging economic consequences. Let's keep Humboldt safe and observe what is happening else where and follow the advice of experts and science.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Nunley-Monahan

Sent from my iPhone

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Carol Somebody <carolcon25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Agenda 5/5/2020, Letter to Governor Newsom requesting the removal of the Statewide Shelter-In-Place Order

**Re:** Discuss a Timeline for Opening all Humboldt County Departments and Consider sending a Letter to Governor Newsom requesting the removal of the Statewide Shelter-In-Place Order (SIP) (Supervisor Rex Bohn), Agenda 5/5/2020

Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors:

As a resident of this county, we strongly oppose any efforts to undermine the actions and intent of Governor Newsom and State authorities to contain the effects of COVID-19 in Humboldt County.

We cannot afford to pretend that because the Shelter In Place Order is working, it is no longer needed. We still do not have adequate testing capacity for residents with mild cases or who are asymptomatic that would enable us to quarantine only the infected parties. Nor do we have a cure or vaccine for COVID-19. And people who may or may not be infected continue to come and go from Humboldt County.

We are just as vulnerable now as we were when these orders were first put into place. Nothing has changed. At this time, the Shelter In Place Order combined with required masks and social distancing are quite simply the only tools in the toolbox.

Lifting the Shelter In Place Order prematurely risks more harm to our economy as well. Encouraging businesses to open early puts local residents in the difficult position of choosing between protecting their families' health and earning an income. Residents who choose their health over an unsafe job offer will lose badly needed employment benefits that were intended to support families and our economy in this difficult time. The lives and health of employees must supersede short term gain.

We know a second wave of infections will be triggered when restrictions are eased – there is literally nothing to prevent that inevitability. When that happens, we will need all the resources and strategies the state and the county can provide in place and ready. While many infected may never become ill, our country has numerous residents who are cancer survivors with compromised immune systems, those who are over age 60, and those who have risky co-morbidities such as diabetes and heart disease that will put them at higher risk of serious illness and death. Our normally fragile healthcare infrastructure must be ready before we begin.

Let's please continue to work in concert with our state, which has so far been responsive to local needs and conditions, as in the case of access to local beaches. Succumbing to the sentiments of a loud minority that would pretend COVID-19 does not exist serves neither our health nor our

economy. We need the experience and knowledge of state hired public health and economic experts in making smarter decisions as we navigate this difficult time.

Thank you,

Larry and Carol Conaway

2660 Kelly Ave

McKinleyville, CA 95519

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Carol Crivelli <cardasa2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** relaxing restrictions

I do not believe that it is time to relax restrictions and social distancing. We have remained low because our community has done a very good job at staying at home. I know it is hard, I understand, we are all in the same boat. Let's hold off, (maybe 4 weeks) I want to watch how these other states are managing with relaxed restrictions. I am worried they will not fare well.

Carol Crivelli  
McKinleyville

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Matina Kilkenny <matinakilkenny@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Opening up

My take: let's be sure we fulfill the seven benchmarks New York State's governor Andrew Cuomo outlined before we open up again. No date is a magic number, circumstances must guide us.

Thank you for your work and for your concern.

Matina Kilkenny

Arcata resident for 47 years



## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Simona Carini <simonacarini1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Comment to Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda item G.1

Please do not lift the shelter-in-place (SIP) order.

I am writing in support of having Humboldt County continue to follow the Governor's order of SIP and his roadmap for reopening in phases, based on meeting pre-specified conditions.

This is all about keeping people of all ages and backgrounds safe from contagion. My personal experience in the last two months has been that while most people follow the recommendations in terms of physical distancing and mask-wearing, not all do. Those who don't put other people in danger and create an uncomfortable situation for others, upon whose shoulders falls the policing task. Just in the last 3 days I have witnessed cases of people ignoring the county rules about wearing masks and fighting attempts at making them comply. What will happen if the requirement is lifted altogether?

Like many others, I wish I could visit my friends, I wish I could swim in the pool. But above all, I wish for all to be safe, myself included. Who is going to decide what the "cautious decisions" mentioned in the proposal are? What are the public health parameters that will be used to decide that a decision should be rescinded?

I applaud the County for reaching out to all citizens to hear their preferences in terms of reopening priorities for each phase. I hope the Board will make use of the data acquired in planning the future, in accordance with the Governor's roadmap for the State.

Sincerely,  
Simona Carini  
Trinidad, CA 95570

Simona Carini  
[simonacarini1@gmail.com](mailto:simonacarini1@gmail.com)

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Seth Naman <swnaman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Comments on item G. 1. for 5/5/20 Supervisors meeting

Comments on item G. 1. for 5/5/20 Supervisors meeting

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you consider lifting the Covid-19 related restrictions on short term vacation rentals in Humboldt County. These restrictions have had a significant negative economic impact not only on owners of short term rentals, but also on employees who clean and maintain the rentals. Additionally, the restrictions on short-term rentals have had a large negative economic impact to Humboldt County through reductions in transient occupancy taxes, tourism dollars, and retail and restaurant spending. The economic slowdown associated with this pandemic will almost undoubtedly cause an economic depression that the Board should be working very hard to minimize within Humboldt County.

From a disease transmission perspective, it makes sense to maintain restrictions on large public gatherings, movie theaters, gyms, and other places where the disease can be transmitted easily and quickly to many people. However, as the dire economic impact of the restrictions continues to grow and people's jobs and livelihoods continue to be affected, the Board should be searching for ways to safely ease Covid-19 related restrictions and bring economic benefits back to Humboldt County.

Lifting the restrictions on short term rentals is one way to do this because social distancing protocols could still be maintained while allowing short term rentals to operate. Additional cleaning protocols could also be implemented between guest stays. Lifting the restrictions on short term vacation rentals would not lead to large public gatherings or other factors that might accelerate disease transmission. I hope the Board will consider ways for people to visit our county, stay in our hotels and vacation rentals, and enjoy our trails, beaches, and waterways while practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and taking other steps to limit disease transmission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I hope that you immediately lift the restrictions on short term vacation rentals so that Humboldt County and its residents can safely begin to have some economic benefits in this distressing time. Thank you,

Seth Naman  
McKinlyville, CA

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Grace Good Shepherd Church <ggschurch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** RE Shelter in Place

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It has come to my attention that you are considering lifting the Shelter in Place directive for Humboldt County. While I agreed with Sheriff Honsal about not closing our beaches, lifting the social distancing or mask requirements at this point in time would be premature and constitute reckless endangerment of the community, in my opinion. The members of our congregation are frightened and anxious enough about their vulnerability and increased risk to their health and well being without our county trying to override the governor's plan for gradual re-opening of our communities. Please continue to follow the federal and state public health guidelines for when and how to phase out our shelter in place so it can be called the time when we "Sheltered in Grace".

Sincerely,

Rev. Deborah Haffner Hubbard  
Rev. Dr. Lynn D. Hubbard  
Grace Good Shepherd Church  
McKinleyville

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Patti Rose <p.rose@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Cc:** Madrone, Steve  
**Subject:** reopening Humboldtq

I think that Humboldt County has been successful at minimizing our COVID-19 outbreak because we have taken seriously the “shelter in place” order. In my humble opinion, opening the economy too soon will result in medical expenses for people who don’t have adequate insurance and increased deaths.

I have been staying at home and am only leaving when mandatory and with a plethora of protective devices. I have a blind husband, developmentally disabled sister and bro-in-law, a deaf daughter and numerous deaf grandchildren and great grandchildren. They all depend on me to interface with government entities, interpret health reports and fight the system when services are withheld. I also give many hours of my time and finances to community, state and national activism and I work providing social services to seniors. Now multiply this by the number of citizens in Humboldt. If illness or death were to happen to any of us because our county decided to open up businesses too soon, just imagine the magnitude of the loss.

We all know that if Humboldt were to open too soon, there will be bystanders as well as participants that will die because we don’t know how COVID-19 is transmitted. Death is not painful to the deceased but it hurts immensely the people left behind. So my question is, “What does Humboldt really value? The ability to buy/sell things or the love that a family and friends share?”

I am against reopening Humboldt businesses until we know how COVID-19 is transmitted and how to treat it.

Patti Rose  
Mckinleyville, CA

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Fennell, Estelle  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on item G. 1. for 5/5/20 Supervisors meeting

Hi Kathy,

I believe this letter may only have come to me. Can you please share with the rest of the Board?

Thanks a lot,

Estelle

--Estelle Fennell  
Chair of the Board  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt  
(707) 476 2392  
efennell@co.humboldt.ca.us

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**From:** Seth Naman <swnaman@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 at 3:29 PM  
**To:** "Fennell, Estelle" <EFennell@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Comments on item G. 1. for 5/5/20 Supervisors meeting

Dear Supervisor Fennell,

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Seth Naman  
McKinlyville, CA

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Carolyn Frazee <cxfrazee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Shelter in Place order

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**From:** Carolyn Frazee <[cxfrazee@gmail.com](mailto:cxfrazee@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, May 4, 2020 at 3:48 PM  
**Subject:** Shelter in Place order  
**To:** [khayes@co.humboldt.gov](mailto:khayes@co.humboldt.gov) <[khayes@co.humboldt.gov](mailto:khayes@co.humboldt.gov)>

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please be advised that I strongly object to having county government, rather than state government, making decisions on policy related to COVID19. Please see Agenda Item G 1 on the 5/2 meeting agenda, introduced by Supervisor Bonn.

I urge you to reject this proposal. This is a worldwide pandemic. California State government has acted quickly & wisely thus far. People at the state level are far more competent to make these complex regional decisions than local politicians.

Humboldt has no special expertise in medical issues, but Sacramento does.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.

Carolyn Frazee, Attorney at Law

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Anne Hartline <anne.hartline10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Please do not allow relaxing of distancing or masking requirements yet

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will tomorrow be discussing the possibility of opening all county departments, and possibly relaxing distancing and masking requirements across Humboldt County.

As a current resident of Bayside and a 40 year resident of Humboldt County, I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote NO on these suggestions. Until we have adequate testing available in Humboldt County, I feel it would be extremely unwise to relax restrictions. Many of our citizens are members of at-risk groups and/or vulnerable populations. Our medical facilities are not adequate if there were to be a surge in COVID19 cases.

Instead, let's wait until adequate testing can take place and instead focus on ways to help our struggling small businesses and vulnerable populations. Let's organize and publicize more ways for people to donate to, and volunteer for, organizations who are working to provide food, shelter, and financial support to our citizens.

Let's help each other, not put each other at risk.

Thank you,  
Anne Hartline  
Bayside, CA



## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Marcia Mendels <sohumgirls@asis.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Letter on "reopening" the county

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am very conscious of the fact that, as a retiree, I can live without working right now, as I am conscious that there are many who do need to work right now. This is a pandemic, for God's sake, not anyone's idea of a normal event, and this is exactly when the federal government should have been prepared to step in and help all of those who are either sick or out of money because they can't work. And our federal government was not prepared to offer that, and is still not prepared to test everyone to find out who could safely go back to work. Total short-sightedness.

So what happens if the SIP orders are lifted? Will the feds say we're "back to normal" and stop sending stimulus payments (and I know so many who have not received those yet, including me) and cancel unemployment (again, so many people have applied and not seen a dime yet)? Sure, send people back to work in an unsafe environment, with no financial safety net, and landlords and creditors clambering for their money. How is that reasonable?

If Humboldt wants to "open up," then the Board of Supervisors is stating that it is safe to do so, and if we get a spike in cases, and God forbid, our first deaths, are you prepared to take on the financial responsibility for anyone who gets sick?

Revoking the SIP orders will also not flip a switch to normalcy. Many people are not going to feel safe going out to stores, restaurants, venues, events, etc., until there is universal testing. So what good will it do a waiter, for example, standing in a restaurant with only a trickle of customers? Sure, he's now "re-employed," but not making enough money to pay his bills.

I would love to be able to do all of the things I haven't been able to do, but not only do I not want to die, I don't want to ever cause another person to die. Please think this through, and vote as if your own family was at risk, because they may be. We've been so careful up until now, and I would hate to see us go too quickly and actually take many steps backward.

Thank you. I know these are tough decisions, and it's hard to find the right balance.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Mendels

Sent from my iPad

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Bobbie Hayes <bobbie.hayes666@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Stay in Place request to Gov. Newsom

I just received a note about Rex Bohn asking for all county offices to reopen and to ask Gov. Newsom to rescind the Stay in Place order.

This morning, our CDC was showing other departments what is going to be happening in mere weeks if we precipitously open everything. Yes, I'm retired and my living expenses are safe, I don't work so I haven't suffered grievous financial damage and I am in a vulnerable group for dying of Covid-19. It would be easy to disregard everything I have to say. But please listen anyway.

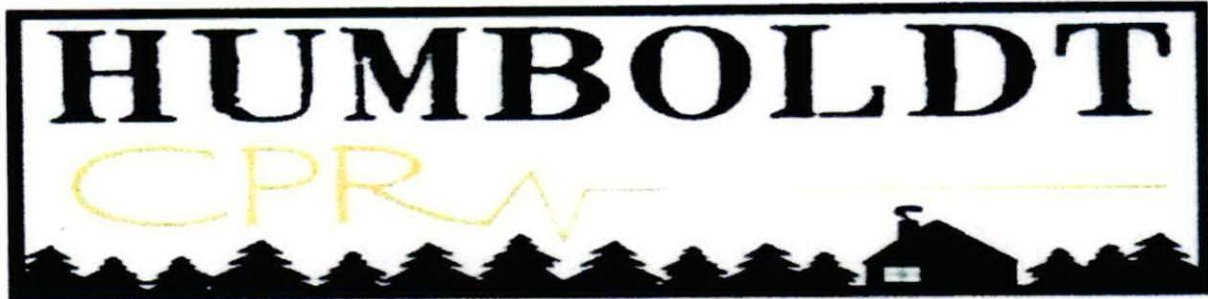
The lessons learned in January, February and early March should not be forgotten. We knew covid-19 was coming yet we did not prepare with stay in place or by acquiring materials or backing up our hospitals. The New York Times published a report showing that with the opening of the economy, we will be looking at 100,000 deaths by June. Our county should learn by the near past that we need to keep the things that have kept the epidemic off of our door step. But the people are getting restive. tRump continues saying that we've beaten the virus once and will do it again. But here's the rub. We have only one therapeutic drug, remdesivir, that thus far only shortens the length of the illness in very sick people but doesn't change the morbidity rate. A vaccine is more than just a couple months away. The only thing we have only mitigates the influx of people to our hospitals... nothing else. And if the cancellation of SIP happens, it will be as hard as the proverbial "getting the genie back into the bottle" when trying to SIP again.

The other side is that simply cancelling the SIP and opening businesses doesn't promise either full employment nor consumer confidence. A restaurant with social distancing may only have 25% of the previous seating which means less employees. And I, for one, will be cautious before going into a hair salon (no matter how much I need it) meaning that the 25% is even less. Who knows? And while salons and restaurants may be a problem, the bars won't be. A little liquid courage and we will be standing shoulder to shoulder singing silly songs or watching and shouting at sporting matches while standing on our masks.

I really understand that my life is relatively simple right now. But I live with a target on my back from this virus. Others are suffering horrible financial deprivation. I don't pretend to have an answer. But we need to think clearly about what we do. It's not just surfers complaining about civil rights and being able to surf. I wish it were that easy. But it is young families out of work and they are doing a good job being relatively patient. It is the elderly like me trying to survive without taking unfair advantage. But it is also those working mothers and fathers who can't afford to be sick because the illness affects both the health of their families and also their livelihoods.

The one thing I do know is that to open everything places those families sacrifice in jeopardy. Please, proceed with caution. Bohn wants to throw it all out. What do the scientists say? Is there any way to accommodate them all in some way?

Roberta "Bobbie" Hayes  
3501 High Street



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3402 Rocky Lane  
Hydesville, Ca 95547  
Phone (707) 845-7423

May 3, 2020

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
825 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Humboldt County Courthouse  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Chair Estelle Fennell:

We are writing you to express our full support of Supervisor Rex Bohn's letter to The Honorable Gavin Newsom (attached) being brought before the board for your approval on the May 5, 2020 agenda. Humboldt CPR believes that private property, and the businesses that are located on such properties, are at a critical junction and in danger of failure in the very near and distant foreseeable future. This prolonged shelter in place approach to our community as a whole is not appropriate for Humboldt County's sustainability. The repercussions associated with major tax revenue loss and severe budget cuts will severely impact both private and public sectors in our county. We would ask that the BOS take immediate action, to vote unanimously, to support Rex Bohn's letter, and expeditiously deliver said letter to Governor Newsom. Upon the confirmation of delivery we would advocate for frequent communication with the governor's office with the expectation of the SIP being lifted. Thank you for your attention to this extremely crucial issue and we look forward to Humboldt County reopening for business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan P. Rice".

Ryan P. Rice

Managing Director HumCPR

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Kate Lang Salazar <kls@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Shelter in place

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my opinion about lifting the Shelter in Place requirements for Humboldt.

I am self-employed, and like everyone, I am eager to resume some form of normalcy. However, I feel that a hurried response will set us back as a community. Our movements into the next phase must be slow and deliberate, and based on the best available data.

Other states have quickly resumed their regular operations and it will be a few weeks before we see the result of those actions. I am deeply worried for them, as it appears they did not think through the full ramifications of those actions.

I urge you to be careful and deliberate. Remind our community members that we are in a good place right now BECAUSE of our shelter in place actions. Our low numbers do not reflect that this is no longer a threat, but that our actions have been effective.

Let's not blow it now and cancel out the work we have done together as a community for the last 6 weeks.

I recognize the difficult decisions that we all face in terms of balancing health concerns and economics. But we do have some time right now. The unemployment for self-employed individuals is now starting to take shape, some of the PPP loans are now coming through, and unemployed workers will have decent coverage through the CARES act for a few months. Take this time to think creatively about how to support local businesses while we carefully navigate the next steps.

Please, take your time and move slowly, people's lives depend on it.

Thank you,

Kate Lang Salazar

Sent from my iPhone

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Clear Pictures <clearpix@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** BOS consideration of reopening the county

I was informed that the Supervisors may be considering reopening the County soon and will also be considering asking Governor Newsom to rescind the SIP order.

My current occupation is advising small businesses on issues of finance and operations. They are, to a person, worried about the economic impact on their businesses. They also have heard, and feel, the frustrations of a very vocal minority of people in the County.

However, they are more concerned about the safety of their staff, their customers, their families, and themselves. As am I.

Although Humboldt County may appear to have missed devastating effects of COVID-19 so far, I believe it is mostly because of the SIP and community acceptance of shared sacrifice. To remove the SIP before scientific evidence indicates that the risk of a surge is very low would be, I believe, very foolish and dangerous. Our healthcare system is not very robust.

My business colleagues and I believe that the overwhelming majority of the public would be reluctant to engage in the same economic activities as before the coronavirus. Most retailers I have talked to are very reticent to reopen because: 1) They do not believe very many customers will venture out to shop, and 2) they are quite concerned about how to protect their staff and themselves.

Some have expressed concern about possible lawsuits if a customer were to blame them for poor protection in their establishments. Absent firm guidance from a science-based, trusted organization about protection, most businesses would not be eager to simply reopen, and many people would be reluctant to risk their health.

I would ask the Board to place first priority on the health and safety of our citizens, even though it may cause more economic pain. People will survive an economic crisis; they may not survive a COVID infection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stilson Snow  
Clear Pictures Associates  
707.637.2690

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Marilyn Lang <uncimama@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Re-opening Humboldt County/Board of Supervisors' Meeting Agenda 5/5/20

Dear Ms. Hayes,

The NYTimes reports today that behind the scenes, Trump's own Administration is predicting that the coronavirus will take a disastrous turn for the worse. Based on government modeling from FEMA, we'll have about 200,000 new cases each day by the end of this month, up from 25,000 cases now. In the past 7 weeks, while we've been sheltering in place, not much has changed. The U.S. is stuck at the top of our peak and things are about to get much worse according to projections. An opening of the economy at this time is predicted to put us back where we were in mid-March.

To date, we still don't have the testing, contact tracing, PPE, etc. that we need. The only aides we have to protect ourselves and our communities are to continue to shelter-in-place, wash hands, wear masks and practice social distancing.

I am a firm believer in science, which teaches us to make cautious observations, to test our hypotheses and to move forward only with cautious deliberation. Hasty decisions are rarely good decisions. The rush to "get back to normal" will only make things worse for everyone, including those of us doing our best to follow guidelines provided by health experts and scientists. Moreover, it will only prolong the nightmare that challenges us. We could all benefit from more adult restraint and less tantrum-throwing.

My husband and I are in the high age, vulnerable group that really needs to stay at home, I worry that opening too soon will create more danger for my children, instacart workers and others we rely on to bring us supplies. Their endangerment will further endanger their families and the community at large.. As much as I understand the realistic money concerns, impatience puts us all at greater risk. That we have kept our local cases to 53 is a function of the fact that a large number of us are doing our best to shelter in place. We all realize the cost economically, but health concerns must come first. Better to be safe than sorry! We must remain vigilant until it is proven safe to move forward.

I trust medical experts more than the Trump Administration and a President who is actively encouraging people to protest the safety guidelines for his personal political aims.

I trust Governor Newsom's judgment more than that of local leaders. He has more information, more input from experts, other governors, etc. than do local leaders who I believe are more easily swayed by constituent wishes.

I fervently hope the Board of Supervisors will resist the push to move forward too soon and too fast. Now is the time for patience and vigilance.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Lang

cc: Virginia Bass

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** sue <suejh@humboldt1.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 9:18 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** message for the supervisors--caution in lifting restrictions

Dear Supervisors--

I hear that you will be discussing lifting some of the county's COVID-19 restrictions. I understand the issue with the economy, but it won't benefit us in the long run if we lift restrictions too quickly and more people get sick or die. I believe that the county health officer has done a tremendous job of keeping us all safe, and decisions about what to open and when need to be made very carefully, without arbitrary deadlines and in ways that allow the restrictions to be put back into place if there's a problem. It should not be a political decision. The increased testing capacity which we will have soon will be helpful in learning what the real situation is here. As an older person, and a person living with cancer, I urge you to not make premature decisions. So far Humboldt County has done really well, partly because we have been cautious and people have mostly been following the shelter-in-place restrictions. Lifting those restrictions too quickly, and without a careful plan to see how lifting those restrictions is working, endangers us all--particularly those of us who are more vulnerable. Please take care of all of us by not pushing to lift restrictions too fast or on some arbitrary timeline.

Thank You  
Sue Hilton  
6210 Lanphere  
Arcata, CA 95521

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** T Proctor <mrtproctor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** ending shelter in place

Dear Supervisors,

I hope that you will follow the advice of medical experts and the medical community in your decision about ending shelter in place. Despite the loudness of some protesters I am feeling very proud that Humboldt has not lost a life to this virus. Please follow sound science and keep the people of the county safe.

Thanks T Proctor



**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** lindaehum@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 5:42 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Shelter in Place

Just a quick email regarding removing the shelter in place limits. While I recognize the need to open up government and businesses, I want to urge caution in the timing of and way this is done. Thus far, we have been fortunate in this county as far as Covid -19 positives - that we're aware of. Insufficient testing has been done to be certain of the risk involved. Please move slowly and with great care to reopen our economy.

Thank you.

Linda Eckert

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Mikkell Mikkell Foisy <mikkelfoisy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:01 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Masks

There is absolutely no reason to repeal the mask portion. Temperature checkpoints coming into the county might be a good idea. Not sure how effective with something.

Sent from Mikkell's iPad.

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Madrone, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:50 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fw: Protect tenants to protect our community!

Please share with BOS

Steve Madrone  
County of Humboldt  
Supervisor, District 5  
(707) 476-2395

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**From:** Alexis Brown <aob11@humboldt.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 10:00 PM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Protect tenants to protect our community!

Dear Supervisor Madrone,

My name is Alexis Brown, a Humboldt County resident. I am writing in support of the replacement of Ordinance 2641 regarding COVID-19 and evictions. The new changes take steps to address the severity of the economic impacts that working families in Humboldt County face from the pandemic. As a tenant, I'm worried about the impacts of this crisis on our small community, residents in neighboring Eureka have been granted tenant protections from their city council, I hope our Board of Supervisors will step up and give all of Humboldt County's tenants the protections they need during this crisis.

Data from the HUD American Community Survey shows that in 2016, 30% of Humboldt renter households (7,190 households) paid more than 50% of their income on housing. It is unrealistic to think that families that spend more than half their income on housing can repay back rent in a space of 90 days. In all probability at least 7,190 households (not individuals, households) will face eviction and probably homelessness at the end of that period. An extension to 180 days, as well as the other measures, provide a more realistic option to allow families to save the resources to pay off their landlords.

The County itself will also face a grave impact from a wave of evictions and should do everything it can to lessen, if not halt, that wave. The homeless situation here has been a crisis for a long time. As of 2019, Humboldt had an estimated homeless population of 1702, of which 1402 were unsheltered. The County lacks the ability to deal adequately with a homeless population of only 1700 individuals. With at least 7,190 households looking at eviction and homelessness, now is the time to ask how many more homeless can the County afford, and to take the measures to lessen that impact.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the revised ordinance.

Sincerely,

Alexis Brown

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Madrone, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:51 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support the temporary Eviction Prohibition Ordinance

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Steve Madrone  
County of Humboldt  
Supervisor, District 5  
(707) 476-2395

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**From:** Dave Meserve <davemeserve@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Please support the temporary Eviction Prohibition Ordinance

Hi Steve,  
I hope you will vote in support of the temporary Eviction Prohibition Ordinance.  
Especially in these times, all people need a place to shelter.  
Thank you,  
Dave  
834-3612

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Madrone, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:08 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fw: The COVID 19 Defense Ordinance

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**From:** L Farnham <laurelfarnham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** The COVID 19 Defense Ordinance

Dear Mr. Madrone,  
I am writing to urge you to pass the COVID Defense Ordinance today.  
During this pandemic, people should not have to worry about being evicted from their homes.

Thank you,

Laurel and Paul Farnham  
Fortuna, CA 95540

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Allyson Carroll <allyson.carroll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** comment on File #: 20-545 for the meeting of 5/5/2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

In response to File #: 20-545 for the meeting of 5/5/2020:

I DISAGREE with the suggestion to send a letter to Governor Newsom to remove the statewide SIP. The emphasis of File #: 20-545 is misplaced in its focus on pushing toward a more chaotic County-led pandemic response rather than working within a system of a State plan.

State planning and guidance are essential in managing the public health and economic components of the COVID-19 pandemic. This can be done in partnership and while advocating for Humboldt County.

Supervisor Bohn states, "A California-wide approach in dealing with the pandemic is difficult in that what will work in Humboldt County is different than what will work in Los Angeles County." Of course, Humboldt and LA are different, and to suggest that the State's pandemic response team doesn't understand this is simplistic. In fact, what the State brings is the ability to consider and manage complexities far beyond this basic one.

I would prefer that our County supports the State's pandemic response which has been largely successful and works as a partner moving forward. Staying the course with State guidance doesn't mean that we want all of California to move as a monolith in perpetuity, it means we have a coordinated State plan with benchmarks and guidelines overseeing the 58 regionally-distinct yet interconnected Counties in the state.

As a County, we can both partner with the State and also continue to articulate and advocate for the specific circumstances of the health and economic well-being of Humboldt County residents.

Allyson Carroll  
Blue Lake, CA

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Jeffrey DeSmet <desmetmj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Madrone, Steve  
**Subject:** Stay at Home order

Dear Board of Supervisors -

I'm opposed to ending the SIP order. We need to stay safe, and re-opening things will only hurt us in the long run. Please listen to the Governor's office before rescinding the order in Humboldt County.

It's irresponsible to consider otherwise. People are dying!

Sincerely,

Margene & Jeffrey DeSmet  
1090 Murray Rd, Space 24  
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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Margene DeSmet  
Jeffrey DeSmet

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Heather Quarles <quarles.hm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Keep Closed, Keep Safe

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I realize that the board is preparing to discuss a timeline for re-opening of all county departments; and draft a letter to Governor Newsom requesting the removal of the statewide SIP to allow local jurisdictions, following public health benchmark standards to open up their SIP orders. It also appears that Humboldt is considering how to reactivate businesses that are struggling economically.

I want to urge you NOT to rush things. If we relax prematurely of distancing, masking requirements, and group gatherings, it could constitute reckless endangerment of the community, not to mention the disheartening "second wave" we are trying to hard to avoid.

Please keep current regulations in place at this time.

Thank you,  
Heather Quarles