



CITY OF MURRIETA

May 4, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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VIA E-mail: ExternalAffairs@gov.ca.gov

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Murrieta thanks you for your efforts to protect and support Californians during this unprecedented public health crisis.

There is no denying that COVID-19 has significantly affected life around the globe. With more than 52,000 confirmed cases and 2,100 deaths in California alone, we know that this virus will have lasting impacts not only on the individuals directly affected, but also on our society as a whole.

The pandemic has also had a devastating effect on California's economy. The state has seen more than 2.8 million unemployment claims since March 12, 2020 – not including independent contractors. The impact has been particularly devastating for California's small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy.

Fortunately, the state has made progress in flattening the curve and increased preparedness of the health care delivery system. Now, we look forward to utilizing a science-based and data-driven framework to guide our re-opening timing while planning our economic recovery. We also look forward to taking actions that can help Californians recover as fast and safely as possible from the COVID-19 induced recession and to shape a prosperous future. Engaging business leaders in a variety of industries and utilizing business data is a vital step in that process. A number of businesses have already implemented guidelines to protect patrons and their employees, which can serve as guidance as more businesses reopen.

With that in mind, we ask that your plan for re-opening include consideration of statistical data and patterns of behavior by city and region, allowing those with greater success in managing the crisis to progress through re-opening sooner. Our community has seen success and is supportive of precautionary social distancing and disinfecting protocols. We are ready to help you move California forward.

The City of Murrieta looks forward to further hearing how together we can continue to best protect Californians and reopen our economy. Thank you again for your efforts and partnership during these uncertain times. We have no doubt; we will emerge stronger from this crisis.

Sincerely,



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