

WRITTEN COMMENT(S)

FOR

ITEM NO. 4

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Marty Fox [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Sukhmani Purewal; CMO_BoardFeedback
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Subject: Agenda Item No. 4 Public Comment – Local Health Emergency extension Board of Supervisors Tuesday, April 7 meeting

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Hi Mr. Assistant Clerk Sukhi, Please read my comment to the Board in Redwood City on Tuesday morning that is attached below. The "Word Count" tool of my MicroSoft Word program indicates that this comment is no more than 300 words long.

Please allow me to promptly respond to any Board member comments by calling my mobile phone at [REDACTED] before reading my comment to the Board so that I may respond to any comments made by board members or staff in real time.

This request and any other participation in the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meeting in Redwood City on Tuesday, April 7 should not be considered a waiver of my right to appear before the Board in person and seek redress for the illegitimate overreach of the Governor's Executive Order limiting public participation.

Thank you,

Martin Fox
Belmont, CA

-----Agenda Item No. 4 Public Comment (298 words) -----

Good morning my fellow veteran President Slocum, members of the Board, County Manager, Mr. Callagy and County Counsel, Mr. Biers. Thank you for your service to the County during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

Please extend the declaration of the Health Officer's local health emergency to at least the day of your first regular meeting next month, May 5, but no longer than December 8, the day of your last meeting of the calendar year. The California legislature agreed to reconvene on Monday, May 4 late last Friday, and your Board's next meetings after it reconvenes take place on May 5 and May 19. As the Board is the state's local legislative body, it would demonstrate respect for the legislature to extend the local health emergency until at least the day of your next meeting after it reconvenes, May 5 or May 19. It would demonstrate leadership to extend the local health emergency until December 8, the day of your last meeting of the calendar year and the fiscal year mid-year point. The staff recommendation was made back on March 19 when circumstances giving rise to the local health emergency were more uncertain.

Persons living with Serious Mental Illness respond more favorably to concrete proposals than indefinite ones. The COVID-19 public health emergency will end at some point and persons living with Serious Mental Illness and their family members will experience less apprehension and anxiety if the declaration of the Health Officer's local health emergency is extended at least to May 19 but no later than December 8.

This comment and any other participation in this meeting should not be considered any waiver of my right to appear before the Board in person and seek redress for the illegitimate overreach of the Governor's Executive Order limiting public participation.

-----End of Comment-----