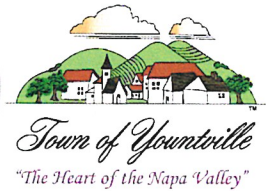




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May 14, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Ghaly, MD
Secretary, CA Health & Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Room 460
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RE: Support for Deep Stage 2

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Ghaly MD,

As the administrative leaders of Napa County and the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, Calistoga and St. Helena, and the Town of Yountville, we understand that the County Public Health Officer, Dr. Karen Relucio, is attesting that the County has met the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH's) readiness criteria to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We understand that the purpose of this certification is to permit counties, like Napa County, that are able to demonstrate an ability to protect the public and essential workers, to progress further into Stage 2 by reopening additional businesses and workplaces.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the cities/town have been in close communication with the County leadership. We believe that Dr. Relucio has implemented community mitigation strategies that have helped Napa County flatten the curve. We strongly agree with Dr. Relucio's assessment that Napa County is actively monitoring infection through epidemiology, implementing containment measures, offering a sufficient amount of testing and contact tracing, monitoring hospitals capacity and plans for surge, and protecting vulnerable populations. Collectively, we have issued guidance for our essential critical infrastructure workforce on how to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. We also have sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect our essential workers, both now and as we move further in Stage 2.

We support the need to protect vulnerable populations, continue social distancing, and monitor metrics that may trigger the need to reinstate more restrictive measures. At the same time, it is important to find a balance that allows for some businesses to reopen while ensuring the community's health. Napa County's plan to proceed with a variance in order to allow more businesses and workplaces to open is good for our community.

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We, also, support attestation by Dr. Relucio that the County can meet the readiness criteria outlined by the CDPH to allow for further progression into Stage 2 of the Governor's Pandemic Roadmap.

Sincerely,



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