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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – By invitation
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**
Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. Report out from Closed Session on April 28, 2020.
B. Approval of the minutes from the April 28, 2020 regular meeting.
- IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**
A. Human Services Agency:
1. Consider:
a. Authorizing the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase of six Chevy Traverse and one 12 Passenger Van from the lowest dealer’s quote that can deliver vehicles before June 30, 2020; and
b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
- B. Job Training Office:**
1. Consider:
a. Authorizing the Economic and Workforce Development Director to conduct a procurement compliant with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, specifically Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 and Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive WSD17-08; and
b. Approving a contract with a vendor selected after a compliant procurement process has been completed and the Employment Development Department has authorized the expenditure not to exceed \$150,000.
- V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**
A. Community Development Agency – Greg Gatzka
Monthly report of the Planning Commission’s actions from their May 4, 2020 meeting.
- B. Department of Public Health – Edward Hill**
1. Consider:
a. Authorizing the Director of Public Health to accept the COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding from the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office to support the needs of the people of Kings County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and
b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**



C. Administration – Rebecca Campbell

1. Consider:
 - a. Approving an annual agreement with the CrisCom Company for State Legislative Lobbying services; or
 - b. Placing State lobbying services on hold until fiscal impacts become clear; or
 - c. Taking an alternative action.
2.
 - a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and
 - b. Receive an update on a reopening plan and take action as necessary.

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- ◆ Board Correspondence
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally.** The title is: “BNSF Railway Company v. Alameda County, et al. US District Court Case No. 3:19-cv-07230-JCS [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
- ◆ **Deciding to initiate litigation.** 1 case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)]
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
 Negotiators: Rebecca Campbell, Roger Bradley, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
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 - Probation Officer’s Association

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 12	11:00 AM	California Public Finance Authority Regular Meeting
May 12	11:00 AM	California Community Housing Agency Regular Meeting
May 19	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting Cancelled in Observance of Memorial Day – May 25, 2020
June 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
June 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
June 16	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Brian Kleinhammer
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

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Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board stated that the Board has received 16 written comments, some of which are quite lengthy. Consequently, copies have been provided to each Board member for review and consideration, and will be incorporated into the record as part of the action summary for approval at your next regular meeting. See exhibits A-P for reference.

Lynette Duston, Kings County resident asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order so that businesses can reopen and residents can get back to living their lives.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford Director asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order so that businesses can reopen and stated that downtown business owners are ready to get back to work and have measures in place to safely reopen.

Sonia Toste, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen.

Ayla Tidwell, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen and stated that she has asked the City of Hanford to do the same.

Trina Guajardo, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen, and stated that her clients need her services for their pets health.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session on April 21, 2020.

REPORT OUT: LEE BURDICK, COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE FINAL ACTION OF THE BOARD AT THEIR APRIL 21, 2020 MEETING DURING CLOSED SESSION WAS THAT THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A FIVE PERCENT PAY CUT FOR ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

B. Approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2020 regular meeting.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF,CP, JN, RV, DV- Aye)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Community Development Agency:

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$3,400,000 in funding for Public Facilities and Improvements, Homeownership Assistance and Housing rehabilitation, and authorizing the Community Development Director or designee to act on behalf of the County in all matters pertaining to the application and signing the grant agreement upon a successful award. **[Reso 20-029]**

B. Administration:

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Risk Manager, who is the County's Primary California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority Board member, to execute the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority. **[Reso 20-030]**

ACTION: APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (CP, RF, JN, RV, DV-Aye)



V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay

1. Consider:

- a. Approving an Emergency Housing Agreement with Jagdish Patel, owner of Holiday Lodge to provide shelter options from April 29, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and **[Agmt 20-023]**
- b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED (CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye, RF-No)

2. Consider:

- a. Approving an Emergency Security Agreement with Josh Gaither, Director of Royalty 92 Inc., dba Central Valley Signal 88 Security, to provide security services at established non congregate shelter from April 28, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and **[Agmt 20-024]**
- b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye, RF-No)

B. Public Works Department – Kevin McAlister/Dominic Tyburski

1. Consider:

- a. Approving the underground encroachment option contingent upon mutual acceptance of a franchise agreement between County and Westlands Transmission, LLC; and
- b. Approving the underground encroachment option contingent upon mutual acceptance of a franchise agreement between County and Aquamarine Westside, LLC; and
- c. Withholding final approval until the Board approves the franchise agreements.

ACTION: APPROVED OVERHEAD ENCROACHMENT OPTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS “a” & “b”, AND WILL BRING RECOMMENDATION “c” BACK ON A FUTURE AGENDA (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

C. Sheriff’s Office – David Robinson/Dave Putnam

Administration – Rebecca Campbell/Domingo Cruz

Consider approving an Agreement with the California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. for the Jail Bed Competency Treatment Program effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 20-025]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

D. Human Resources – Henie Ring

Consider approving the face covering policy for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS HAVING AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE POLICY (RV,DV, CP-Aye, JN,RF-No)

E. Administration – Rebecca Campbell

- 1. a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and

ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO SEND LETTERS TO OUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES (JN, CP, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

- b. Receive an update on the Shelter in Place order and take action as necessary.

ACTION: SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN MOVED TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 20-025 AND TO ASK THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP A LIST OF BUSINESSES THAT COULD REOPEN AND WITH GUIDELINES FOR SAFE OPERATIONS. SUPERVISOR NEVES SECONDED THE MOTION. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION, SUPERVISOR VALLE MOVED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COUNTY COUNSEL IN A MEMO TO THE BOARD, WAIVING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD THEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN’S ORIGINAL MOTION. (CP, JN, RV, RF, DV –Aye)

- 2. Receive an update on the County Budget and take action as deemed necessary.

ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.



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Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting on April 22, 2020 and participated as a virtual judge for 4-H Presentation Day on April 25, 2020.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that the Board received a letter from Resource Management Agency regarding the County of Tulare amendment to their Animal confinement facilities, a notice from Avenal City Council of their meeting cancellation for April 23, 2020, Warn notice of mass layoffs from San Joaquin Valley College, Inc. and Southwestern & Pacific Speciality Finance, Inc. She stated that they received a resignation letter from Tom Hurlbutt from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, and they received Ground Surface Agency Assessments for FY 2019/2020 from Kings Waste & Recycling Authority, Lemoore Cemetery District, Sites Tower Holdings, Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Gas Company, Southern Pacific, Stratford Sanitation District, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Tulare Lake Drainage District.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Rebecca Campbell stated that Mental Health Awareness Month will be in May and National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7, 2020. She stated that the Kings Community Action Organization has released their food distribution dates for May and the information will be placed on the COVID-19 information website page.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Rebecca Campbell stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: COVID-19 update, an agreement for State lobbying services and a Master Fee update.**

The Board discussed the need to hold a meeting on May 5, 2020 which was cancelled as part of their annual meeting schedule approved on December 10, 2019. A motion was made by Supervisor Fagundes and seconded by Supervisor Pederson to hold a meeting on May 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. (RF, CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

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IX. 10:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 29	8:30 AM	Housing Authority of Kings County Special Meeting
May 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting cancelled
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Venturella, Catherine

From: Carolyn Studebaker <studsclan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting 4/28/2020

April 27, 2020

To: Kings County Board of Supervisors

I am writing to encourage you, the elected Supervisors of Kings County, to lift the shelter in place order.

Kings County small business and many residents are at the point where we feel it would do more harm than good to continue the shelter in place order. If there are citizens who feel the need to continue to shelter in place they may do so but for many of us the ban will only create more hardship.

While I recognize the fact that there are more cases of COVID19 in our county than 7 weeks ago, I also recognize it is because more people have been tested in the last 3 weeks which will undoubtedly show an increase in the countywide positive numbers. I would also like to point out the number of community transmission cases in Kings County are at two. These numbers are extremely low in comparison to other counties. Our citizens have done their part to flatten the curve and our infection and transmission numbers reflect that.

As a member of the Senior Citizen community I feel that I have done my part to protect mine and my husbands health by staying home to remain healthy and allowing my daughter to do my grocery shopping and run only essential errands. I completely understand that the shelter in place order has created hardships for many people in our community and my family is no exception to that.

My husband Jim has dementia and before COVID19 he was enrolled in the Senior Day Care facility in Lemoore. With the center closed for almost 7 weeks now I have had to hire full time help for 12 hours a day because I cannot physically care for him on my own. The financial, physical and emotional burden has begun to take its toll on both of us. If the Senior Day Care doesn't open soon I will be forced to place him in a skilled nursing facility and, unfortunately as we have seen in neighboring counties, he is more likely to contract COVID19 in such a place. I want to avoid such a scenario of course and feel that the reopening of Lemoore Senior Day Care Center is a safer option because the number of people that gather there is much lower than at a nursing home facility. My goal has and is to keep him living at home as long as it is safe and beneficial for him but without the services that the day care center provides I will be unable to continue to care for him at home on a full time basis. We are only one of many families who are feeling the negative impact of reduced or no services. As with any virus or illness, there is always risk but at some point we must all weigh that risk with necessity and knowledge and make a decision that will benefit our quality of life. In my opinion reopening services in Kings County is one of those decisions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my position on this matter and for your service to the people of Kings County.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Studebaker

4/23/2020

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board,

I am Christine Davis and I am the Fingerprint Technician with the Kings County Sheriff's Department. I have worked for the County for 12yrs. I am writing you because of the recent decision by our CAO to reduce employee's pay by 5%. I work paycheck to paycheck as I am sure most employee's do, this would be devastating to all Employee's and their families.

We have been Shelter in Place for 1 month and I cannot believe the County is hurting for money that badly in 1 month. Aren't there any other options to pull money from Budget's or something other than taking away our pay. We are dedicated and loyal Employee's to this County and I'm sure you can find other means to fix this money problem our County is having.

Thank You for your time.

To: Kings County Board of Supervisors
From: David Dodd
Date: April 23, 2020
Re: BOS Meeting, "Public Comment" period on 4/28/20

Dear Elected Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Officer (CAO). I'm a life long Kings County citizen and have worked for Kings County as a first responder at the Sheriff's Office since April of 2001. My parents and the many, many other family members I have, have also lived in Kings County their entire life. We all have the upmost respect for our first responders and think highly of the work they do in keeping us safe, especially during this Pandemic! We oppose any salary cuts to first responders.

I tend to praise rather than criticize as you may have heard in other statements made during this meeting regarding an idea of salary cuts to our first responders. This letter will be about praising those men and women who we call first responders. Let me remind you, every day we see and hear stories reporting violence in our country. We see cell phone video from people who were there, we see reporters on the scene, but who we don't see are the first responders who have put their lives on the line to protect our citizens and county. Dispatchers, Deputies, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians are who deal with the events as they happen to ensure safety and provide medical attention. On behalf of my family and me, here is a quick "thank you" for all of their hard work and bravery.

Thank you to our Dispatchers.

Thank you for sitting by the phone waiting to answer the 911 calls from terrified victims and informants, only to then keep the caller calm as you relay information to the deputies, firemen, and medics who will be responding to the scene. You serve as the eyes and ears of a situation before anyone can arrive, and your position is overlooked and underestimated way more often than it should be. Without you, how would anyone know where to go and what to prepare for?

Thank you to our Deputies.

Thank you for putting your lives on the line in order to save those around you. Each day that you wake up and put on your badge, you know there is a chance you might not make it home to take it off that night. You enforce laws, ensure public safety, and get labeled with the "bad-guy" reputation just because you signed up to make the world and our community a safer place. You run toward the things that most other people run away from. You truly deserve to know that your hard work, bravery and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed.

Thank you to our Firemen.

Thank you for doing so much more than putting out fires. When you go to work each day, you could be signing up to save a cat from a tree, deliver a baby on the side of the road, or save a child from an overturned vehicle inside a canal. Other days you could be rescuing a family from a burning house, or have to tell the family outside that there was no way to get their family member out of the flames. Either way, you put yourself in harm's way every day so that you can keep others safe. You are so appreciated.

Thank you to our Emergency Medical Technicians.

You are the difference between life and death. You are the calm voice amongst the confusion that says "everything is going to be okay." You see the most terrifying crashes that most could never dream of, but they leave you with nightmares for weeks. You have made a difference in so many lives, and your bravery, skill, and passion is seen in the lives you've saved.

Thank you to each and every person who goes to work with the goal to save a life. You are all amazing human beings and need to be supported more than ever during these difficult times.

Respectfully,



David Dodd

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kimberly Pedreiro, Commander *KP*
DATE: April 27, 2020

I want to relate to you today how disappointed I am that our County Administrator would think so little of our County employees. I would hope she would be more supportive and compassionate with her decisions concerning all county employees during this State of Emergency. It appears our County Administrator's priorities are more focused on building up the contingency fund instead of investing in the human resources that keep the county functioning. I want to mention our First Responders and thank them for coming to work every day. They face many obstacles and challenges during their time at work and should not have to worry about someone attacking their income. While many First Responders are being honored and praised nationwide for their selflessness, our County Administrator has seen fit to negate the Kings County First Responders' sacrifices by even suggesting a cut in pay during this state of emergency. If there were cash flow problems within the County, wouldn't it be wiser to involve the Department heads first and allow them the opportunity to offer possible solutions instead of making an arbitrary decision that appears cold and callous? Involving the Department heads is one way to ensure all pertinent data is made available for those who have to make the final decision. I want to ask you Kings County Board of Supervisors to please consider what message you would deliver to County employees and the general public if you were to approve the County Administrator's pay cuts recommendations during this State of Emergency.

Mark Bevens

Kings County Board of Supervisors,

Quoted from Rebecca Campbell on March 27, 2020:

“Our healthcare workers and emergency first responders deserve the utmost respect for they are on the front line of the community in fighting this pandemic. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the County staff who have made shifting our work practices possible- and to all the staff for complying with these arrangements while continuing to show great dedication in your day-to-day work that supports our great communities.

This is a very unsettling time for everyone. I ask that you support each other, lean on each other, be forgiving during moments of pressure, and the County will do everything in our power to support you because the work we do has an important role to play in the community, especially right now.”

The drastic punitive actions now being proposed by the same person less than a month later have me bewildered beyond belief. This is a knee jerk reaction to a moment in time and a decision certainly made in haste. Has this been thought through at all? Have other ideas been presented? There has been a significant reduction in overtime. There has been a significant reduction in travel, to include hotel costs and per diem. There has been a significant reduction in not only fuel costs but in fuel consumption as well. Have any of these cost saving measures been calculated?

I truly find it shameful that Ms. Campbell would even suggest, without proper and appropriate vetting, these measures in such a time. Including all of the dangerous things first responders are responsible for, we now have the fear of exposure to a deadly virus that we have minimal means to protect from. In addition, we now have the fear of having our pay cut. Though we do have minimal protections from Covid 19, you as a board are the ones to protect us from these punitive measures. I find it difficult to believe anyone of you on the Board would even entertain the notion of reducing the pay of any essential employee at this time.

I started working for the County of Kings in 1992 and aside from a few years, I have dedicated most of my adult life to providing quality service to the

community I grew up in. I am currently a Sheriff's Commander and though I have not received a pay increase since 2016, never have I felt more appreciated than when I read the memo from Ms. Campbell on March 27th of this year. However, never have I felt less supported than I do now after her ridiculous proposal based on unreliable information.

"The County will do everything in our power to support you." A quote by your CAO merely three weeks ago. I have no doubt you as a Board agreed with her then. I hope and pray you do not agree with her now.

Mark Bevens

Public Comments for the BOS April 28, 2020 Meeting.

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Board,

My name is Rick Bradford and I am a Commander with the Kings County Sheriff's Office. I have been in Law Enforcement for the past 31 ½ years. I am writing this because of the recent decision by our CAO to reduce deputies pay by five percent. I am not worried about my pay, even though as a Commander I personally have not received a raise since 2016, but my concern is with our deputies. As you all know, these deputies are on the front lines keeping all of you safe. They see and hear things that you could not even imagine. Now, with COVID-19, these same deputies are still doing there everyday duties as expected, but now there is a new enemy they have to watch out for, COVID-19. This new enemy could not only potentially affect the deputies but also their families, but you already know this and so do they. The deputies choose to stay and protect the citizens of Kings County as the County chooses to take five percent of their income. How does this make any sense? It does not. Some agencies are paying their officer's/deputies more due to the COVID-19 dangers, but ours is trying to take from them. I can honestly say that I am totally embarrassed of this County for even thinking about taking from these hard working men and women. I hope the Board of Supervisors does its job and takes its responsibility to look after these deputies. Thank you.

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Curtis, Melanie; Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Fwd: Please help me and my family

Sonia Toste wants hers read into the record

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sonia Toste
Date: April 27, 2020 at 4:46:53 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: Re: Please help me and my family

That would be great, yes, please! Thank you so much!

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 4:27 PM Verboon, Doug <Doug.Verboon@co.kings.ca.us> wrote:
Sonia,

Can I put this on the record as comment from the public at our Tuesday meeting?
Just to let you know we are doing all we can to get you back in business and I hope I can give you a day you can be open by.

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

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On Apr 27, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Sonia Toste <sonia@memoryavenuephotography.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, my name is Sonia Toste, and I own Memory Avenue Photography in iconic downtown Hanford. I am one of the hundreds struggling financially since the Shelter in Place orders have been enforced in early March. My business is operated by myself without additional employees. I offer in-studio sessions for newborns, toddlers, and children as well as on location (outside) for family, seniors, and weddings. My studio is open by appointment only and never has had more than 5-7 people at a time in my 500 + square foot space. All of the items touched by every newborn has been cleaned to the standards provided by the Professional Photographers of America. Once I am back open, face masks will be used as well as additional air purifiers in my

studio space. Furthermore, I am well equipped to capture a session outdoors using social distancing guidelines of staying 6 feet or farther apart. With all of that said, I have clients emailing, messaging, and calling me begging for me to capture their families' memories and I can't, currently. Please imagine not having the professional portraits of your new baby or your graduating senior on your wall. Those images are all we have after an event, besides memories. But we know, memories fade. I am begging to work. My business is the main source of income in my family of 5. If this continues I will be forced to close my studio and sell my home because I'll no longer be able to afford them. Thank you for your time, I truly hope you will listen to the pleas of not only myself but all the other wonderful businesses that are eagerly awaiting the time to reopen and serve the public.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration in this very important matter - Sonia Toste

Venturella, Catherine

From: Paavo Luoma <luomapaavo7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Unscheduled appearance statement (to be read via Clerk of the Board).

(OK, Catherine. Here it is, and sorry it landed on your desk. Really.)

I am Paavo Luoma, and although most of the individuals at this meeting know me, there are some who don't, and those who don't are, of course, unaware of my past history here with the County, both as a previous employee of long duration, and since, as a member of the public served by the various County departments here at the County Complex. As my issues have been several and many are quite serious in nature, I have been at great pains and trouble to follow the established procedures already in place to address such concerns.

However, my many years of experience with merit systems and with Kings County in particular, and to a lesser extent Tulare County, as well as the master's degree I achieved while employed here at the County through the County's collaboration with Fresno State, and simply the professional experience I have gained and learned throughout my career as a public servant have all led me to the decision that my concerns as to a number of inconsistent and irregular procedures now in place for some time here at the County, can no longer go unaddressed or ignored. As many of these troubling circumstances continue to directly affect me, literally daily, I decided it was time to bring them to the attention of the Board and its associated members. Hence, this statement. Please know I do not make these assertions frivolously or casually, and only after a great deal of personal research.

Firstly, I am concerned with the hiring activities and procedural changes currently in vogue, apparently, at Human Resources. I was, as previously stated, a long time employee with an employment record of satisfactory achievement, if not better. I was unhappily forced from both of these positions, from two separate departments, and on two separate employment occasions, both for the same reasons and by similar tactics; reasons not at all pleasant or ethical. Normally, I would have followed the grievance procedures available to County personnel for this purpose, but these procedures were denied me at the time as well as recently and due to a combination of factors, including:

- 1.) a lack of the proper or essential staffing in the necessary positions to handle such issues, most often within the H.R. Department, and,
- 2.) the deliberate and willful targeting of certain employees, most notably myself though I can name several others, employees targeted for no other reason than for unethical monetary gain or exploitation by other County staff. I will give examples:

Personally, I am currently working with the CalPERS Retirement Agency's Sacramento Headquarters on an unfortunate and almost unbelievable situation in which my employment at the County was, after long service, deliberately made unpleasant in many ways which ultimately led me to, in the first instance, quit outright, and in the second to actually resign on four separate occasions, finally quitting again for lack of H.R.'s acceptance of said resignations.

The second period of employment, it must be noted, began only after repeated and sometimes ridiculous attempts by the H.R. Director and department staff to guarantee my return, for reasons then unknown to me but obviously very important to some H. R. staff at the very least. I was pursued through many such attempts at

rehire, and as many of my refusals. I simply did not wish to go through the unpleasant events attendant upon my first severance from County employment. Nevertheless, I finally did return to County employment for the second time. I shouldn't have, as it turned out.

Basically what has happened is this, and please understand I am simplifying greatly not only the system of harrasment employed against me but also the frustration and emotional and financial toll these actions have had on me personally.

My entire service credit from both of my separate periods of employment with Kings County, and at Tulare County via reciprocity, were taken from me, deliberately, the credit and retirement benefits ultimately being placed under different and separate social security numbers for individuals who were never employees of the County. I continued also, to remain employed at the County well after my separation from employment, though at the time unbeknownst to me. Again, incredibly, a second social security number was acquired for me through the Social Security Administration, ironically enough citing identity theft as the justification for same, but was deliberately not associayed with my original SSN and employment history at the SSA, as it should have been for obvious reasons. I therefore, in effect, became two separate individuals.....and two separate employees. The earliest date I have found the second SSN to have been employed so far is 2006.

I essentially was paid as two separate employees for the same position when H.R. finally persuaded me to return to County employment, again in 2006. By late 2008 the circumstances of that second period of employment were again made deliberately unpleasant, and during the course of my regular job duties at the new position, I became aware of other highly questionable and unethical practices here at the County often involving other County departments. I won't discuss those issues here, though these, too, are quite serious in nature.

Additionally, when I was forced to leave employment, application was made for me through the employer for PERS disability retirement. As I was now "two" separate employees, I have been receiving two separate PERS disability retirements, both for several years now, and both at a full 80%, though both are also going to persons other than myself.

According to my researches with PERS and also through the use of the Transparent California website, the public accountability watchdog for public employee salaries, ect., both retirements were supposedly from the Kings County Sheriff's Department, though I know this to be false, again just a deliberate reporting error to Transparent California, and I think it's now somewhat in context as to why I have been arrested by Hanford P. D. and processed by the Sheriff's Department for periods of associated incarceration over thirty times now at last count. I wish to avoid further arrests, obviously, and hope this explanation of events will at the very least help do just that.

At the time of actual retirement appointments at PERS Fresno Regional Offices, however, the persons posing as me gave their own social security numbers, thus securing for themselves PERS lifetime retirement benefits. For me, however, both of "my" social security numbers are again free to begin building employment histories at the old employer, whether I am, again, aware of that employment or not! The obvious question is, who are the retirement thieves? I will withhold their identities for now, but implore this Board to act immediately to investigate this issue, not only for myself, but also so that it does not happen to anyone else, including other less severe and more casual collateral damage victims of this fraudulent scenario, of which there are more than a few unfortunately.

That is enough for now, and I hope Catherine was able to read this within the time allowed. I would request, however, that it be arranged for me to speak privately, initially at least, with both the new County Counsel, Lee Burdick, if she would deem it appropriate, as well as to the Sheriff, for several reasons. I have been consistently and actively blocked in trying to meet with both of them, and for a very long time, too.

Because of these and other ongoing concerns, I have recently sought tentative legal representation, though I hope to perhaps mitigate the need for such as much as possible as I very much enjoyed and appreciated most of my employment here at Kings County. But the circumstances, as set forth here, if and when verified, really don't give me much choice for the resolution of the matters as they now stand, however, without this further action, as I'm sure Board can understand.

Thank you. My contact information, if needed, is:

Paavo Luoma
717 N. Harris St.
Hanford, Ca 93230
916-207-5446

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:42 AM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: To My Board of County Supervisors

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ayla Tidwell
Date: April 27, 2020 at 9:58:11 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: To My Board of County Supervisors

To My Board of County Supervisors:

Below, is a letter that I wrote to the Hanford City Council earlier this month. I wanted to send it in advance of the meeting tomorrow morning. I apologize for the late night email but I wanted to give you the chance to look it over or at least have it before my statement at tomorrow's board meeting:

April 15, 2020

To my Hanford City Council Members

I am humbly writing to you as the small business owner of Blue Door Massage and Spa. Unlike a few other businesses, it has been nearly impossible for us to adjust to the closure of our business. We literally provide a hands on service that can't be made up by online videos or curb side pick ups. It has been nearly 4 weeks since we respectfully did our part as a non essential business and closed our doors. However, with that being said, we are also greatly feeling the repercussions from closing our doors.

I currently employ & provide jobs for not only myself but 7 others. I do not only use Blue Door as a benefit to my well being but I feel that it is my responsibility as a business owner to involve Blue Door in our community as much as possible. To support not only my home, but our home, our city.

I know our government has provided some relief as an aid to the destruction that this shut down has caused to many small businesses. But I come to you as a small business owner that was prepared to turn in my application (with all the requirements) for the Payroll Protection Plan weeks before they were accepting them. I knew my business and my employees would truly need it and could greatly benefit from it. Although I was prepared, I am afraid to think, let alone say that we will not be seeing this "aid" they have made available. As I said, we are rounding FOUR weeks closed and it is April 15th. The SBA provided this application online three weeks ago. Very few banks started accepting the application and even fewer banks were processing them as of Friday April 3rd, the day of opening. I was on a waiting list 3 weeks ago for my bank (where we hold our business account). They JUST called me yesterday, April 14th. I was told it'll be another 3 weeks until I hear from the SBA. That's 7 weeks and IF I get approved for any aid from the SBA it'll be longer than that until I see it. There are businesses that have not even been able to apply. The media is currently reporting that the stimulus funds are all nearly claimed and it does not look hopeful that they'll be releasing more funds. I am told they are still processing applications that were turned in on day 1, 12 days before ours was even submitted to the SBA. All things considered, you can see why I, and many other small business owners don't expect to receive a part of this bailout.

The banks were not prepared for the rush of business owners. A business owner applying for aid can only do so at a bank they are connected with, whether it be an account, loan or line of credit. As banks started taking applications to process they were selective on who to help first. Blue Door was opened with hard earned cash that my husband and I saved as very young adults. We have never had to have a line of credit or a loan, but because of that we weren't placed as priority on the list of customers. They want and need to help the people that owe them money first. So it has been quite a struggle.

It's amazing what some of the other businesses have done to re-invent the way they do business but, this is just a bandaid. COVID-19 is still financially affecting their business. We are all just hanging on, counting the days and dreading how long this will go.

As business owners we have spent countless hours of dedication, sleepless nights, blood, sweat and tears to run our business. And as a business owner there is never a true day off. All this hard work that we've poured into each entity could possibly be gone. I do understand the risks of being a business owner but there was no way that anyone could've been prepared for this. I personally believe that before this happened no one could even fathom the possibility and reality of an event like this taking place.

I write to you to tell you of my own personal experiences through this event. I do not expect the city to pay for all my business hardships but what I hope and what I do expect is for your support. However that may come is up to you but in order for the city to continue to thrive we need our small businesses to stay afloat and I hope that each of you can come together as a council and back us up with the support we need.

Sincerely,

Ayla Tidwell

Owner of Blue Door Massage and Spa

Cheryl Pender
2443 Cherrywood Ct.
Hanford, CA 93230
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Exhibit J

April 28, 2020
County of Kings
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Dated Tuesday, April 28, 2020

To All Board Members:

I have been a citizen of Kings County for nearly 50 years and this is the first time I have addressed our Board of Supervisors. The reason is because it has been brought to my attention that the Board may be making a decision today regarding reducing the budget of the Kings County Sheriff's Department. I am shocked that this would even be discussed, especially during our current situation.

I am not only a concerned citizen, I am also the mother of two Kings County Sheriff's Deputies. My sons, along with all other deputies, are out there exposing themselves to the COVID-19 virus firsthand. They are dealing with a larger amount of domestic violence calls, one of the most dangerous of calls that law enforcement receives. They are also now dealing with the Zero Bail policy that California has imposed leading to many more criminals on our streets. Our deputies are then going home to their families with no way of knowing if they could have possibly contracted the Covid-19 virus while out **servicing and protecting** the citizens of our County. Some deputies, like my sons, have had to distance themselves from family to protect against the risk of spreading the virus. The Law Enforcement career is a dangerous and stressful. Reducing the budget could lead to a cut in pay or a reduction in personnel. Our deputies are already spread thin. There are areas in which they patrol that are 20-30 minutes, or more, away from back up assistance if, God forbid, is ever needed. Even with the aforementioned conditions, our deputies are dedicated to Kings County.

Our deputies, along with **ALL** first responders, should be thanked for all they are doing, not punished.

I hope that you take these concerns into consideration and vote **NO** on a budget reduction to the Kings County Sheriff's Department.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Pender

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Business closures

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adam T. Medeiros"
Date: April 27, 2020 at 12:58:38 PM PDT
To: "Neves, Joe" , "Valle, Richard" , "Verboon, Doug" , "craig.pederson@co.kings.ca.us" ,
"Fagundes, Richard"
Subject: **Business closures**

Dear Board of Supervisors

I am writing to you in a time of need, as a business owner of a business deemed non essential. My income was 100% terminated by the Shelter in Place order. I am now in my 6th week of no income. I have applied for unemployment, Paycheck Protection Plan, and a Small Business loan. I was told that Cosmetologists (hairdressers) would qualify for these but I have received nothing. I ask you, how do you expect us to make a living? All of my bills are still due. I would guess that you are still receiving an income, so Shelter in Place probably means something different to you than it does to us, so when you are making decisions for our county, please remember we are not all in the same boat. While some are still getting paid, others are using up their savings or just doing without. These are people who were working, paying taxes, and supporting our local economy, and are now unemployed. You as our elected leaders can put an end to this Shelter in Place order, and get our county productive again. This order violates many of our Constitutional and Civil rights. Please help us by allowing businesses to open up so we can get back to work.

Sincerely,
Adam T. Medeiros

Thank you

Adam T. Medeiros

KINGS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
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To The Kings County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to request that you lift the Shelter in Place regulations for Kings County.

This was put into effect by our Governor based on alarming information which we were told was factual. We were told it was necessary to flatten the curve in order to avoid overwhelming our hospitals. We complied, we lost our income, and many of us went into unhealthy isolation. Forty days later I can look back and conclude that the danger was not as bad as predicted. Our hospital is now laying off employees and cutting hours. The current confirmed cases don't line up with the numbers given in March. I think we can safely say that we have done our part and now it's time to get back to work.

It is my personal opinion that Kings County has already experienced Covid. I (along with most of my family, friends, and co-workers) was very ill in January with symptoms consistent with Covid 19. I believe this explains why our cases are less than other parts of the country. If the test for antibodies was available to us we could prove that a large population of us have had it and are no longer at risk. This disease is affecting all of us very differently, either medical concerns, financial disaster, increase of domestic violence and/or substance abuse; we are all affected.

Our county complied to help support the medical concerns. I believe it is now time to support the financial and emotional concerns of our community. We don't want to be part of a socialist government. We want to go to work. We want to go to church. We want to go shopping. We want the freedom to gather together.

Please help restore Kings County and vote to lift the restrictions so that Kings County can once again be the vibrant community we love.

Respectfully,
Amy Medeiros

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Stay at Home Order

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Colleen Brown
Date: April 27, 2020 at 6:16:25 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: Stay at Home Order

Dear Mr. Verboon,

My name is Colleen (Costa) Brown. My dad is Manuel Costa and my father in law was Jeff Brown. I am self employed as a hairstylist downtown, my job was deemed non essential but more than enough time has passed, I feel we have done our part to flatten the curve. Please vote to reopen businesses at your meeting tomorrow. Our family is depending on you to help us get back to normal and we desperately need my income to return.

Thank you for your time,
Colleen Brown

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Northern CA counties wishing to reopen

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kalish Morrow
Date: April 27, 2020 at 11:27:35 AM PDT
To: "Neves, Joe" , "Valle, Richard" , "Verboon, Doug" , "Pedersen, Craig" , "Fagundes, Richard" , "Fisher, Nichole"
Subject: Northern CA counties wishing to reopen

To the Kings County Board of Supervisors and County Public Health Officer:

Good afternoon, I hope you all are doing well. I'm emailing an attached letter that several rural northern CA counties have signed on to to request Gov. Newsom allow those counties to exercise local authority for the purpose of a phased reopening. I'd urge you to consider a similar request for Kings County and hopefully have other Counties in the Central Valley sign on as well.

I would hope that we can all agree that these lock downs are not sustainable and that our people are already suffering. The fallout from this is not only going to force our already financially vulnerable into poverty and what's more is the disruption to a complex supply web with issues just beginning to surface.

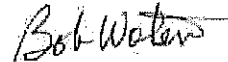
If a change isn't made soon we can also anticipate local protests. This is not ideal and I have been getting many requests that I personally begin organizing these. Obviously protests seem counter intuitive given the situation - granted there are means by which to have one safely and responsibly - but I've been holding out hope that our local leaders will take a stand against the state's draconian measures and act in a manner that's more relevant to our situation here. It's pertinent that we all be working together, but the longer these lock downs continue the greater the rift between those who can weather this storm and those without the means grows larger.

I can only imagine how much stress is resting on your shoulders. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and I hope you are inspired to make bold yet necessary changes that incorporates more of the big picture.

In Liberty,

Kalish Morrow - Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kings County

Ph 909.234.0776



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City of Live Oak

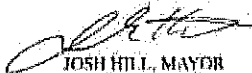

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City of Wheatland

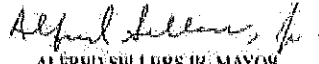

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Town of Paradise

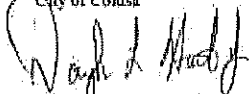

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DANILE EYESTONE, MAYOR
City of Red Bluff

April 24, 2020

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94814

Governor Newsom:

There is no denying that COVID-19 has significantly affected life around the globe. With more than 37,000 confirmed cases 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. Further, we have seen just how truly vital California's quick action in issuing Stay-at-Home orders and instituting social distancing measures was for flattening the curve in our great state.

The early and thoughtful response in our six rural counties has been exemplary. Our infection rate has remained low, at 69 total cases in our six counties, which have a combined population of approximately 500,000 people. 50 of those individuals have fully recovered. As of today, there is only one confirmed COVID-19 patient in the ICU. Additionally, acute hospital admissions are down in our region. For example, at Adventist-Rideout in Marysville, acute hospital admissions are down approximately 40%.

In addition to the extraordinary efforts our residents have taken to maintain social distancing and flatten the curve, our region has worked with FEMA and the National Guard to proactively prepare for a worst-case scenario. The Enloe Rehabilitation Center has been outfitted with 125 field hospital beds and supplies to treat patients, if necessary. In the Yuba-Sutter area, approximately 350 surge beds have been identified locally through collaborative partnerships between public sectors and healthcare facilities.

At this point, given the COVID-19 numbers locally — and our enhanced healthcare capacity — we ask you to allow our counties to exercise local authority to implement a careful and phased reopening of our local economies.

We've asked a great deal of our residents in the past month, and they have risen to the challenge. Now we must move to the next phase, which is economic recovery. As you know, more than 3.4 million Californians have filed for unemployment over the past month. Some are predicting a statewide unemployment rate near 20% within the next month.

The public health stakes are high too. We know that prolonged recessions cause dire public health issues of their own. The indirect impacts of this virus can cause a higher risk of heart disease, acute sleep deprivation, depression, decreased response to vaccines and an increase in smoking and drinking alcohol.

We believe that the local public health data, in addition to our area's ability to continue monitoring cases, should allow our counties to soon begin a science-based, thoughtful reopening of our economy, consistent with national guidelines, which would allow our residents to get back to work.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to reopen the economies in our six counties under local orders, developed in concurrence with local county health officials.
Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

April 27,2020

To all City Council members, State Officials, County Supervisors and City Mayors in Central California:

We are writing this letter to express our frustration over the current Stay at Home Order and virtual shutdown of our retail business. We have four furniture stores in the Central Valley. We have a store in Fresno located at 5641 N. Blackstone Ave. that is 18,000 square feet. We have a store in Hanford at 295 N. Redington St that is 10,000 square feet. Our store located at 8426 W. Mineral King Ave. in Visalia is 40,000 square feet and our Bakersfield store located at 3600 Stine Rd. is 14,000 square feet. Sometimes we have only two salespersons working at a time.

Everyone knows that furniture stores are never packed with customers. Actually, there probably is not a lower density business that you could find. There are many times during the day when we have no customers at all. We would have absolutely no problem practicing social distancing at any of our four locations, in fact it is nearly impossible to NOT practice social distancing at our stores! Our employees would gladly wear masks and gloves. We would install plexiglass at our front counters if asked to do so. We would even be willing to take customer's temperatures if so required.

Where would you feel safer shopping if you needed a mattress or perhaps an item of patio furniture? Would it be Wal Mart, Target, Home Depot, Cosco or Oak Furniture Liquidators? Of course it would be Oak Furniture Liquidators! And yet, those stores remain open freely able to sell furniture while our doors remain locked. Customers are flocking to those stores in droves. Cosco has huge lines around their building. Where would you be more likely to catch Covid-19? This policy makes no sense to keep us closed while all of these other retailers are allowed to remain open.

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Oak Furniture Liquidators

P.O. Box 2629

Visalia, Ca 93279-2629

Monica Bice

April 27, 2020

To all City Council members, State Officials, County Supervisors and City Mayors in Central California:

We are writing this letter to express our frustration over the current Stay at Home Order and virtual shutdown of our retail business. We have four furniture stores in the Central Valley. We have a store in Fresno located at 5641 N. Blackstone Ave. that is 18,000 square feet. We have a store in Hanford at 295 N. Redington St that is 10,000 square feet. Our store located at 8426 W. Mineral King Ave. in Visalia is 40,000 square feet and our Bakersfield store located at 3600 Stine Rd. is 14,000 square feet. Sometimes we have only two salespersons working at a time.

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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay/Jay Wood

SUBJECT: VEHICLE PURCHASE

SUMMARY:

Overview:

The Human Service Agency (HSA) is requesting the Board’s approval for the purchase of six Chevy Traverse and one Chevy Express 12 passenger Van. These vehicles will allow workers to transport more than two children’s car seats, provide staff with the ability to travel to locations with unpaved roads and into mountainous regions of the State, and to transport welfare-to-work crews to job sites.

Recommendation:

- a. **Authorize the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase of six Chevy Traverse and one 12 Passenger Van from the lowest dealer’s quote that can deliver vehicles before June 30, 2020; and**
- b. **Approve the budget change. (4/5 vote required)**

Fiscal Impact:

There is no increase to net County Cost associated with this purchase. The total costs of the requested six Chevy Traverse and one Transit Passenger Wagon will not exceed \$220,000. The total amount for the proposed purchase of the six Chevy Traverses is \$189,182 and \$30,541 for the Chevy Express 12 Passenger van for a total of \$219,724. This purchase will be applied to HSA's Social Services allocations to draw down applicable federal and state funds. This purchase will be expended from its Administrative 510000 Budget Unit (Account 94004 Vehicles – other). HSA is requesting approval to transfer \$220,000 in budget appropriations from Budget Unit 510000, Account 91000 Regular Employees to Budget Unit 510000, Account 94004 Vehicles – other. HSA has available revenue in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for this request, which may not be available for next Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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BOARD ACTION :

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CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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BACKGROUND:

The HSA is removing 11 vehicles from its Fleet. A total of five vehicles have greater than 100,000 miles, four of those vehicles are 2007 models and one is a 2008 model. In alignment with County Vehicle Policy (13.5) for economic and safety reasons the nine vehicles are costly to maintain and have outdated safety features. There is a single 2015 Van that needs replacement. The 2015 Van is used to transport work crews to work sites, the Van has no rear A/C or heating for the work crews. HSA is requesting to replace these vehicles with six Chevy Traverses and one Chevy Express 12 Passenger Van. The HSA Fleet reduction in the number of vehicles does not negatively impact HSA's ability to successfully perform their mission.

HSA currently owns two 2017 Ford Explorers that are heavily used with mileage nearing or surpassing 80,000 miles. This is 30,000 more miles than any 2017 vehicle in the HSA Fleet. The Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) will be used by Social Service staff to transport clients (children), attend training, and support HSA's mission. The SUV provides operational functionality ranging from car seat placement, vehicle operation, safety, and the ability to travel to locations with unpaved roads and into mountainous regions of the state. The Van's purpose is to transport welfare-to-work crews to job sites.

The Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bids and delivery dates. The County received eight bids for the SUVs:

- McPeeks Chrysler Dodge Anaheim, CA. Dodge Durango SXT; \$172,188, Delivery 60-90 days.
- Madera Ford Madera, CA. Ford Explorer XLT; \$227,285, Delivery 15-20 days.
- Lithia Nissan of Fresno in Fresno, CA, SUV; \$203,108, Delivery Unknown.
- Silveria Chevrolet Sonoma, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$195,039, Delivery 30 days.
- Courtesy Chevrolet Center San Diego, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$189,182, Delivery 15 days.
- Giant Chevrolet Visalia, CA. Chevy Traverse 1LT; \$228,932, Delivery 45 days.
- Keller Motors Hanford, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$195,682, Delivery 60 days.
- Keller Motors Hanford, CA. Chevy Traverse 1LT. \$220,824, Delivery 60 days.

Only four of the bidders are able to deliver vehicles before June 30, 2020. Madera Ford, Silveria Chevrolet, Courtesy Chevrolet, and Giant Chevrolet. The lowest bidder who can deliver the vehicles is Courtesy Chevrolet of San Diego. The County received one (1) bid for the 12-passenger van from Keller Ford for \$30,541.

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TOTAL						

Funding Sources:						
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TOTAL						

(B) Budget Transfer:

Transfer From:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	Amount to be Transferred Out
General Fund	Human Services Agency	Reg Employee	001	510000	91000	220,000
TOTAL						220,000

Transfer To:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	Amount Transferred In
General Fund	Human Services Agency	Vehicle -other	001	510000	94004	220,000
TOTAL						220,000

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Dept. of Finance Approval _____ Department Head _____

Administration Approval _____ Board Approval _____

BOS meeting date: _____



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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Job Training Office – Lance Lippincott
SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF MODULAR FURNITURE
SUMMARY:

Overview:

Workforce entities in California have been directed towards continuous improvement of its centers, which includes a client-centric design to deliver services. In an effort to provide the highest quality service to businesses and Kings County residents, an informal assessment of the Kings County One Stop Job Center was conducted in an effort to improve service delivery, as well as safety for clients and staff. This item is being brought to seek permission to purchase modular furniture for the One Stop Job Center located at 124 N. Irwin, Hanford, California to improve the overall quality and safety of services.

Recommendation:

- a) **Authorize the Economic and Workforce Development Director to conduct a procurement compliant with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, specifically Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 and Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive WSD17-08; and**
- b) **Approve a contract with a vendor selected after a compliant procurement process has been completed and the Employment Development Department has authorized the expenditure not to exceed \$150,000.**

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to the County General Fund. All funding for the proposed procurement is from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Master Subgrant AA011010 funding awarded on April 1, 2019. Staff recommends that an amount not to exceed \$150,000 be authorized.

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By _____, Deputy.

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PROCUREMENT OF MODULAR FURNITURE

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BACKGROUND:

The California Workforce Development Board, in conjunction with the California Employment Development Department, issued Workforce Services Directive WSD16-20 entitled *Certification Process for Comprehensive AJCCs*. The directive highlights that the local workforce entities are responsible for “maintaining a network of high-quality, effective AJCCs [America’s Job Centers of California].” As part of the certification process, three key areas are specified: effectiveness of the Americas Job Center of California (AJCC), physical and programmatic accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and continuous improvement. In furtherance of that direction, an informal assessment of the Kings County One Stop Job Center services and physical setup was conducted. Members of staff were sent to other workforce areas in the Central Valley to meet and report back on any best practices.

Based on that informal assessment, and in light of social distancing as a result of COVID-19, recommendations were made to improve the Kings County One Stop Job Center. The highest priority recommendation was to redesign the current center space to allow for greater accessibility for individuals with disabilities, improved security for the safety of staff and clients, and a center that has a design with all populations served in mind, including youth populations. The proposed changes include individual meeting rooms built from modular furniture to allow for social distancing and sanitization after each meeting to reduce the risk of the spread of disease. These individual meeting rooms also limit inadvertent access to confidential information. Historically, it has been the practice of One Stop Job Center staff to interview clients in their cubicles, which is not conducive to social distancing, and creates a risk of the unintentional disclosure of personally identifiable information.

The proposed procurement and upgrade is the first major upgrade proposed for the Kings County Job Training Office since 1999 when the department relocated from the County campus to the 124 N. Irwin Street location. Minor changes have been made previously this year to improve the security and accessibility of the center, including full size doors with electronic locks from public areas to staff areas; and, a re-designed reception counter that is now accessible to those in wheelchairs.

The proposed funding for these upgrades is Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding, specifically those funds awarded in Master Subgrant Agreement AA011010. This funding originates from the Department of Labor, then is awarded to the California Employment Development Department as the pass through agency to local areas. Funding under Master Subgrant Agreement AA011010 is required to be 80% obligated in the first year of funding, unless a waiver is in effect. This procurement be a positive step towards maintaining statutory compliance.

In order to remain compliant with the restrictions on this grant funding, a procurement must be conducted as specified in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 and Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive WSD12-10. Final purchase approval is subject to Employment Development Department authorization.



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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Community Development Agency – Greg Gatzka

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S ACTIONS

SUMMARY:

Overview:

Monthly report of the Planning Commission’s actions.

Recommendation:
Information only.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

BACKGROUND:

At its regular meeting held Monday, May 4, 2020, the Kings County Planning Commission reviewed the following:

ACTIONS AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 19-07 (HANFORD BIOGAS CLUSTER PROJECT) - The Commission considered a proposal to construct, install, and operate 7.3 miles of pipeline and a biogas upgrading facility to be located at 18275 6th Avenue, Hanford.

DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT CHANGE 668.15 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) – The Commission considered a proposal to amend Section 407, Table 4-1 of the Kings County Development Code to provide regulations for electrical energy storage facilities within one mile of an existing public utility substation as an allowed use with a discretionary conditional use permit in the AG-20, AG-40 and AX zone districts.

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-04 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) - The Commission considered a proposal to construct, install, and operate a DC battery energy storage facility to be located at 16885 25th Avenue, Lemoore.

ACTIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ITS CAPACITY AS DIVISION TWO OF THE KINGS COUNTY ADVISORY AGENCY TO THE BOARD

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 16-02 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) – The Planning Commission considered a proposal to subdivide a 20 acre parcel into two (2) parcels (5 acres and 15 acres) located at 16885 25th Avenue, Lemoore.



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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Public Health – Edward Hill
SUBJECT: COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE FUNDING

SUMMARY:

Overview:

The California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated funding for the COVID-19 Crisis Response to support the needs of the people of Kings County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Recommendation:

- a) **Authorize the Director of Public Health to accept the COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding from the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office to support the needs of the people of Kings County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and**
- b) **Adopt the Budget Change. (4/5 Vote required.)**

Fiscal Impact:

No impact to the General Fund. This funding will be used to offset the cost of Public Health Emergency Preparedness in budget unit 417400, response to COVID-19. The funding will be received in two allocations, the first allocation is \$254,350 and the second will be \$172,108. Both allocations have been received and are being held until this Board approves this item.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated a total of \$426,458 in COVID-19 Crisis Response funding to the Kings County Department of Public Health in order to support the County’s greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Public Health recommends allocating the funding to the County’s highest priority response needs in the following categories:

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- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response
- Jurisdictional Recovery
- Information Management
- Countermeasures and Mitigation
- Surge Management
- Biosurveillance

The following costs are unallowable:

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General	Health – PHEP	Regular Employees	100000	417400 407800	91000	246454
General	Health – PHEP	Retirement	100000	417400 407800	91005	48,000
General	Health – PHEP	Health Insurance	100000	417400 407800	91007	30,774
General	Health – PHEP	Mgmt. Ins. Life	100000	417400 407800	91008	722
General	Health – PHEP	Workers comp	100000	417400 407800	91010	4,737
General	Health – PHEP	SUI	100000	417400 407800	91011	424
General	Health – PHEP	FICA	100000	417400 407800	91012	18854
General	Health – PHEP	Indirect	100000	417400 407800	93057	66,493
General	Health – PHEP	Special Departmental	100000	417400 407800	92063	10,000
					TOTAL	426,458

Funding Sources:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	APPROPRIATION AMOUNT
General	Health – PHEP	Other Revenue	0001	417400 407800	88025	426,458
					TOTAL	

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The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated a total of \$426,458 in COVID-19 Crisis Response funding in order to support our greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

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CAO Approval _____ Board Approval _____



SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

March 20, 2020

Dr. Milton Teske
Health Officer
County of Kings
330 Campus Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health
Service Act
(42 USC 243(c)(1))

Coronavirus Preparedness and
Response Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123)

Dear Dr. Milton Teske:

COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding
Award Number: COVID-19-17 for County of Kings

This letter covers COVID-19 Crisis Response reimbursement information for the period of March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) is allocating **\$254,350** to **County of Kings** in order to support your greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Your Agency may use discretion to allocate this funding to your highest priority response needs in the following categories (Attachment 1 – Allowable Activities):

- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response;
- Jurisdictional Recovery;
- Information Management;
- Countermeasures and Mitigation;
- Surge Management; and
- Biosurveillance

The following costs are unallowable:

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- the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

EPO will reimburse your Agency within three business days of invoice receipt. In order to receive your allocation, please complete and submit your invoice (Attachment 2 – Invoice) as soon as possible to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.

Please Submit the following to EPO:

1. Invoice requesting reimbursement at your Agency's full allocation. Use the attached COVID-19 Invoice. Submit your invoice to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
2. By April 9, 2020, submit a spend plan (Attachment 3 – Spend Plan) to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
 - Personnel supported with this funding should not duplicate efforts across other federal grants; exceed 1.0 FTE across all funding sources; and salary is kept below \$189k as required by the funder.
 - Please maintain any supporting documentation for expenditures against this funding.
3. By April 23, 2020, submit a work plan (Attachment 4 – Work Plan) to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
4. On a quarterly basis, beginning in June 2020, submit an expenditure report (Attachment 3) and work plan progress report (Attachment 4).

Thank you for the time your Agency has and will continue to invest in this response. I am hopeful that with additional funding your Agency will have the adequate resources for an appropriate response. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact your assigned EPO Contract Manager directly.

Sincerely,



Tricia Blocher, Deputy Director
Emergency Preparedness Office
California Department of Public Health



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State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



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Governor

April 13, 2020

Dr. Milton Teske
Health Officer
County of Kings
330 Campus Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health
Service Act
(42 USC 243(c)(1))

Coronavirus Preparedness and
Response Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123)

Dear Dr. Milton Teske:

**COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding
Award Number COVID-19-1701 County of Kings**

This letter covers COVID-19 Crisis Response reimbursement information for the period of March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has received another installment of this funding and is allocating an additional **\$172,108 to County of Kings** in order to support your greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation and your previous allocation, brings your total allocation to **\$426,458**.

Your Agency may use discretion to allocate this funding to your highest priority response needs in the following categories (Attachment 1 – Allowable Activities):

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EPO will reimburse your Agency within 72 hours of invoice receipt. In order to receive your allocation, please complete and submit your invoice (Attachment 2 – Invoice) as soon as possible to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.

Please Submit the following to EPO:

1. Invoice requesting reimbursement at your Agency's full allocation. Use the attached COVID-19 Invoice. Submit your invoice to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
2. By April 17, 2020, submit a revised spend plan against your total allocation (Attachment 3 – Spend Plan) to: LHPTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
 - Personnel supported with this funding should not duplicate efforts across other federal grants; exceed 1.0 FTE across all funding sources; and salary is kept below \$189k as required by the funder.
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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Administration – Rebecca Campbell
SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
SUMMARY:

Overview:

Kings County contracted with Michael Y. Corbett and Associates for Legislative Advocacy Services at the State level since 1999. The contract expired on February 29, 2020. Additionally, a Request for Proposal process was held seeking services for a State lobbyist. On February 11, 2020 your Board directed the County Administrative Officer to enter in negotiations with CrisCom Company for State Legislative Lobbying services.

Recommendation:

Consider one of the following options:

- a. Approve an annual agreement with the CrisCom Company for State Legislative Lobbying services; or
- b. Place State lobbying services on hold until fiscal impacts become clear; or
- c. Take an alternative action.

Fiscal Impact:

Prior to budget reductions in FY 2018/2019 the contract with Michael Y. Corbett was \$35,700 annually. Due to budgetary restraints, the services were reduced and the contract was reduced to \$12,000 annually. On February 11, 2020 your Board directed the CAO to enter into contract negotiations with CrisCom Company. The company agreed to their bid price of \$54,000 annually, which will be an increase of \$42,000. Due to the impacts of the novel coronavirus the County is facing significant budget reductions. Unfortunately, increasing a contract in the Administration budget during this fiscal situation will have a significant impact to its operations in other areas.

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BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: ____ OTHER: _____

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted
on _____, 2020.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk of the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

May 5, 2020

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BACKGROUND:

As your Board is aware, the environment in Sacramento continues to be substantially different today than it was a little over a decade ago. Term limits have caused a much greater turnover in legislators throughout the State, resulting in a greater reliance on State staff and legislative advocates for institutional memory and for an understanding of the legislative process to accomplish advocacy goals. Having a presence in Sacramento has enhanced Kings County's relationship with its legislators and with staff at the California State Association of Counties. This has been critical in the County's efforts to accomplish certain legislative goals in past years.

The County recently completed a Request for Proposal process earlier in the year and solicited bids for State Lobbyist services. The County received the following proposals:

Proposals

The CrisCom Company \$54,000 annually

Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange with Michael Y. Corbett and Associates \$36,000 annually

The Resolute Company, LLC. \$60,000 annually

Stone Advocacy \$120,000 annually

Assembly Member Phil Ting, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, in his April, 2020 letter outlined the legislature's plan for the State budget process. Due to the situation with COVID-19, the legislature will not consider new spending priorities or stakeholder ideas, with the exception of COVID-19 related costs, wildfire prevention, and homelessness funding. In fact, it may be necessary to revisit reductions to existing State programs depending on the State's fiscal condition. Assembly budget subcommittees will be directed to agendaize only items necessary to build a baseline budget or those associated with the recovery and response efforts (i.e., COVID-19, wildfire, and homelessness). A State Lobbyist working for the County will be expected to understand the County's programs in order to assist the County in avoiding program reductions at the State level.

On February 11, 2020 the Board directed the CAO to negotiate a contract with the CrisCom Company to provide State lobbying services. Due to budgetary constraints it is recommended to put State lobbying services on hold until fiscal impacts become clearer.

Agreement Between the County of Kings and
The CrisCom Company
For State Legislative Lobbying Services

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July 2020, by and between the County of Kings (herein referred to as "County") and The CrisCom Company (herein referred to as "Consultant").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County desires that the Consultant be retained to provide, in the capacity of an independent contractor, government lobbying services to and for the benefit of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is ready, willing and able to provide such services.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties as follows:

SECTION I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant's government lobbying services shall consist of those enumerated in Exhibit A. Consultant covenants that the persons providing the services described in Exhibit A are specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to provide them. The Consultant will perform no service which he or she deems illegal or unethical.

SECTION II - TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of services of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

SECTION III - COMPENSATION

As compensation for services to be rendered hereunder in accordance with Exhibit A, the County shall pay to Consultant as follows: The sum of \$4,500 per month, but not to exceed a total of \$54,000 per year, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, inclusive of all operating expenses, including, but not limited to, pro rata costs for support staff, telephone, fax, mail, utilities, rent, travel and legislative bill services included in the flat fee. The parties understand and agree that this monthly amount shall be full compensation for services rendered by Consultant and that Consultant shall not be entitled to any other compensation from County for said services or for the costs of providing the same.

SECTION IV - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Consultant shall act as an independent contractor, having control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. Consultant is not to be considered an agent or employee of the County and is not entitled to participate in any pay, benefits or other conditions of employment that the County provides for its employees. Consultant is solely responsible for the compliance with payment of employer-related taxes, business licenses and insurance on Consultant's own behalf and for Consultant's employees, if any, including but not limited to, federal and state income taxes, federal and state unemployment insurance, workers compensation insurance, adequate property damage and personal liability insurance, and Social Security (FICA) taxes, the cost of which is not reimbursable under this Agreement. The Consultant may act for and render government services to other persons, government units, firms or corporations during the term of this Agreement.

SECTION V - HOLD HARMLESS; INDEMNIFICATION

A. When the law establishes a professional standard of care for Consultant's Services, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless County and any and all of its Board members, officials, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses, including legal counsel's fees and costs but only to the extent Consultant is responsible for such damages, liabilities, and costs on a comparative basis of fault between Consultant and County in the performance of professional services under this Agreement. Consultant shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify County for County's own negligence or for the negligence of third parties.

B. To the full extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, and any and all of its Board members employees, officials and agents from and against any liability, including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including legal counsel's fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees where the same arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, the performance of services under this Agreement by Consultant or by any individual or entity for which Consultant is legally liable, including, but not limited to, officers, agents, employees, or subcontractors of Consultant.

C. This indemnification specifically includes any claims that may be made against County by any taxing authority or third party asserting that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

D. These indemnification obligations shall survive the termination of this Agreement as to any acts or omissions occurring under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.

SECTION VI - INSURANCE

A. Without limiting County's right to obtain indemnification from Consultant or any third parties, prior to commencement of work, Consultant shall purchase and maintain the following types of insurance for minimum limits indicated during the term of this Agreement and provide an Endorsed Additional Insured page from Consultant's Insurance Carrier guaranteeing such coverage to County. Such page shall be mailed as set forth under the Notice Section of this Agreement prior to the execution of this Agreement. In the event Consultant fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend, or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.

1. Commercial General Liability. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) annual aggregate covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. County and its officers, employees and agents shall be endorsed to above policies as additional insured, using ISO form CG 20 26 or an alternate form that is at least as broad as form CG 20 26, as to any liability arising from the performance of this Agreement.

2. Automobile Liability. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with limits for bodily injury of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident and for property damages not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or such coverage with a combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Coverage should include owned and non-owned vehicles used in connection with this Agreement.

3. Workers Compensation. Statutory coverage, if and as required according to the California Labor Code. The policy shall be endorsed to waive the insurer's subrogation rights against County.

4. Professional Liability. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) limit per occurrence or claim and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) annual aggregate limit covering Consultant's wrongful acts, errors and omissions.

B. Insurance is to be placed with admitted insurers rated by A.M. Best Co. as A:VII or higher. Lower rated, or approved but not admitted insurers, may be accepted if prior approval is given by County's Risk Manager.

C. Each of the above required policies shall be endorsed to provide County with thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation. County is not liable for the payment of premiums or assessments on the policy. No cancellation provisions in the insurance policy shall be construed in derogation of the continuing duty of Consultant to furnish insurance during the term of this Agreement.

SECTION VII - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In the event County staff or officials request specific services to be provided by Consultant and a potential conflict of interest arises, Consultant shall notify the County of the potential conflict.

SECTION VIII - TERMINATION

Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement, Consultant's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon Consultant's bankruptcy, death or disability or in the event of fraud, dishonesty, or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by Consultant or, at the County's election, in the event of Consultant's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the duties hereunder. In such event, Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation under this Agreement, it being the intent that Consultant shall be paid as specified only during such period that Consultant shall, in fact, be performing the duties hereunder.

SECTION IX - ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement is personal to the Consultant and may not and shall not be assigned by Consultant without prior written consent of the County. This includes the ability to subcontract all or portion of its rights, duties, and obligations hereunder, except the right to assign payment for services to a third party.

SECTION X - AMENDMENTS

No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

SECTION XI - WORK PRODUCT

All reports, preliminary findings, or data assembled or compiled by Consultant under this Agreement shall become the property of the County. The County reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such materials.

SECTION XII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

SECTION XIII - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the recitals and Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter and all prior or contemporaneous agreements of any kind or nature relating to the same shall be deemed to be merged herein.

SECTION XIV - NOTICES:

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted one day after their deposit in the United States Mail, postage prepaid:

Charles H. Jelloian
President & Chief Executive Officer
The CrisCom Company
9550 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Rebecca Campbell
County Administrative Officer
County of Kings
1400 West Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Alternatively, notices may be sent through email to the email address set forth in this section. Notices sent through email shall be deemed received when acknowledged by the recipient. For purposes of this section, "acknowledged" does not include receipt of an automated response from the recipient's server that the recipient is out of the office, unavailable, or otherwise unable to receive emails. Notice of change of address shall be given in the same manner as prescribed herein for other notices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

County of Kings

The CrisCom Company

Rebecca Campbell
County Administrative Officer

Chuck Jelloian
President & Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Form
Lee Burdick, County Counsel

Carrie R. Woolley, Assistant County Counsel

Exhibit A

Scope of Services

State lobbying services include, but are not limited to, the following:

Strategy

- Work with the Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer, and key staff to discuss goals, objectives, opportunities, and priorities;
- Assist the County in the development and implementation of its legislative agenda, key proposals, and policy positions;
- Propose an annual strategic advocacy and political engagement plan designed to achieve legislative goals and support business objectives; and
- Develop a plan for off-session activities and coordinate with County staff.

Tracking and reporting

- Identify, track, and report on State legislation and legislative proposals and State regulatory processes, including specific analysis of administrative, legislative, and regulatory matters that may have an impact on the County of Kings (“County”);
- Report activities, at a minimum, throughout the contract term, as follows:
 - o Telephone or weekly updates on pending issues as they arise;
 - o Provide updates with insight from the State Administration and Governor’s office and the State Legislature regarding the County’s priority areas including, but not limited to:
 - State Budget
 - Administration of Justice
 - Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources
 - Government Finance & Administration
 - Health & Human Services
 - Housing, Land Use & Transportation
 - Other Special Issues
 - o A brief weekly written status report during the Legislative Session for the County;
 - o A quarterly status report during the Legislative Session for the County;
 - o A final written report and in-person presentation at the end of Legislative Session for the County;
- Track priorities and meetings of aligned partner organizations;
- Develop the County’s annual legislative platform, draft legislation, supporting documents and amendments, as necessary; and
- Organize State lobby registration, compliance, and reporting.

Advocacy

- Support the County with a strong presence in the Capitol as the “eyes and ears” of the County and serving as the day-to-day contact for legislators and other lobbyists on behalf of the County of Kings;
- Work to achieve the County’s goals on legislation, issues, or rules by lobbying members of the Legislature, legislative staff, and State government officials;
- Track and attend committee and rulemaking hearings, coordinate and assist in the preparation of testimony, submissions, and in-person testimony; and
- Attend and participate in interim hearings and meetings regarding issues important to the County of Kings.

Relationship building

- Assist in the development of relationships with key legislators, regulatory agencies, State agencies, local governments, and community organizations, consistent with the annual strategic advocacy and political engagement plan;
- Develop strong connections with other agencies and state membership organizations to support mutual goals as identified; and
- Facilitate meetings with State Legislators and agency department leaders to provide the County the opportunity to meet face-to-face with key decision-makers on pertinent County issues.



COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GOVERNMENT CENTER HANFORD, CALIFORNIA 93230 (559) 852-2362
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Administration – Rebecca Campbell
Department of Public Health – Edward Hill

SUBJECT: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COUNTY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

Overview:

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency throughout California because of the increase in cases reported of the novel coronavirus, a disease now known as COVID-19. The President of the United States likewise declared a national emergency because of the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020. On March 17, 2020, the Board proclaimed a local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings.

Recommendation:

- a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and
- b. Receive an update on a reopening plan and take action as necessary.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact to the County is unknown at this time. The County is tracking all of its costs related to the emergency.

BACKGROUND:

A Novel Coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019.

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BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: _____ OTHER: _____

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted
on _____, 2020.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COUNTY UPDATE

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

County staff has been working diligently to assess and provide resources and information to the community regarding COVID-19. An update will be provided to the Board on County related activities and response.

The Department of Public Health will provide an update on the status of the County's reopening plan.

Board Members

Doug Verboon, District 3, Chairman
Craig Pedersen, District 4, Vice Chairman
Joe Neves, District 1
Richard Valle, District 2
Richard Fagundes, District 5



Staff

Rebecca Campbell, County Administrative Officer
Lee Burdick, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

☎ (559) 852-2362 ❖ FAX (559) 585-8047 ❖ website: <https://www.countyofkings.com>

COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of Kings hereby provides notice that it will convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board of Supervisors by teleconference going forward, and will close its Board Chambers to the public generally, except as described below, until further notice.

Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, the County of Kings will allow the Board Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Board's Chambers. Members of the public who choose to attend the meeting virtually, using certain digital or landline phones, may listen to the audio broadcast of the meeting, but will not be able to comment during the meeting. Only those members of the public who cannot participate virtually, due to a need for a special accommodation (vision, hearing, etc.), may attend the meeting in the Board Chambers where efforts will be made to allow adequate social distancing and to ensure that exposed surfaces are sanitized. No more than 10 individuals will be allowed in the Board Chambers at a time. To secure the accommodation consistent with the American's with Disabilities Act and to attend in person, interested parties will need to contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as directed below no later than 8:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting virtually can do so one of three ways: Via the worldwide web; by telephone; or by postal or electronic mail. Members of the public, who participate via their computers or through the WebEx app, may provide public comment at the meeting by using the "Raise Your Hand" function. Public comment will be limited to two (2) minutes during the "Unscheduled Appearances" section of the meeting. Public comment will not be available via phone. All others who wish to submit comments may only do so as outlined below.

- **Web Access:** To access the meeting via computer, please go to the County's homepage (<https://www.countyofkings.com/>) and click on the link that says **Join Meeting**. You may also participate from your smart phone by downloading the **WebEx Meetings app** to your smartphone. After opening the app, click on **Join Meeting**, and then enter the meeting information. The **meeting number 285 275 567** and the **password is KingsBOS**.
- If you have trouble logging in through the Internet, you may join the meeting via telephone by calling **(415) 655-0003**, then enter the **access code of 285 275 567#**.
- For members of the public who wish to participate, but are unable to do so virtually, you may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Board consideration or action, and those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to either Catherine.Venturella@co.kings.ca.us or Melanie.Curtis@co.kings.ca.us. To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230



I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Brian Kleinhammer
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board stated that the Board has received 16 written comments, some of which are quite lengthy. Consequently, copies have been provided to each Board member for review and consideration, and will be incorporated into the record as part of the action summary for approval at your next regular meeting. See exhibits A-P for reference.

Lynette Duston, Kings County resident asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order so that businesses can reopen and residents can get back to living their lives.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford Director asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order so that businesses can reopen and stated that downtown business owners are ready to get back to work and have measures in place to safely reopen.

Sonia Toste, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen.

Ayla Tidwell, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen and stated that she has asked the City of Hanford to do the same.

Trina Guajardo, Kings County small business owner asked the Board to lift the shelter in place order and allow businesses to reopen, and stated that her clients need her services for their pets health.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session on April 21, 2020.

REPORT OUT: LEE BURDICK, COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE FINAL ACTION OF THE BOARD AT THEIR APRIL 21, 2020 MEETING DURING CLOSED SESSION WAS THAT THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A FIVE PERCENT PAY CUT FOR ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

B. Approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2020 regular meeting.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF,CP, JN, RV, DV- Aye)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Community Development Agency:

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$3,400,000 in funding for Public Facilities and Improvements, Homeownership Assistance and Housing rehabilitation, and authorizing the Community Development Director or designee to act on behalf of the County in all matters pertaining to the application and signing the grant agreement upon a successful award. **[Reso 20-029]**

B. Administration:

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Risk Manager, who is the County's Primary California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority Board member, to execute the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority. **[Reso 20-030]**

ACTION: APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (CP, RF, JN, RV, DV-Aye)



V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay

1. Consider:

- a. Approving an Emergency Housing Agreement with Jagdish Patel, owner of Holiday Lodge to provide shelter options from April 29, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and **[Agmt 20-023]**
- b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED (CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye, RF-No)

2. Consider:

- a. Approving an Emergency Security Agreement with Josh Gaither, Director of Royalty 92 Inc., dba Central Valley Signal 88 Security, to provide security services at established non congregate shelter from April 28, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and **[Agmt 20-024]**
- b. Approving the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye, RF-No)

B. Public Works Department – Kevin McAlister/Dominic Tyburski

1. Consider:

- a. Approving the underground encroachment option contingent upon mutual acceptance of a franchise agreement between County and Westlands Transmission, LLC; and
- b. Approving the underground encroachment option contingent upon mutual acceptance of a franchise agreement between County and Aquamarine Westside, LLC; and
- c. Withholding final approval until the Board approves the franchise agreements.

ACTION: APPROVED OVERHEAD ENCROACHMENT OPTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS “a” & “b”, AND WILL BRING RECOMMENDATION “c” BACK ON A FUTURE AGENDA (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

C. Sheriff’s Office – David Robinson/Dave Putnam

Administration – Rebecca Campbell/Domingo Cruz

Consider approving an Agreement with the California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. for the Jail Bed Competency Treatment Program effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 20-025]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

D. Human Resources – Henie Ring

Consider approving the face covering policy for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS HAVING AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE POLICY (RV,DV, CP-Aye, JN,RF-No)

E. Administration – Rebecca Campbell

1. a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and

ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO SEND LETTERS TO OUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES (JN, CP, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

- b. Receive an update on the Shelter in Place order and take action as necessary.

ACTION: SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN MOVED TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 20-025 AND TO ASK THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP A LIST OF BUSINESSES THAT COULD REOPEN AND WITH GUIDELINES FOR SAFE OPERATIONS. SUPERVISOR NEVES SECONDED THE MOTION. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION, SUPERVISOR VALLE MOVED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COUNTY COUNSEL IN A MEMO TO THE BOARD, WAIVING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD THEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN’S ORIGINAL MOTION. (CP, JN, RV, RF, DV –Aye)

2. Receive an update on the County Budget and take action as deemed necessary.

ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.



VI. BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

On their own initiative Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting on April 22, 2020 and participated as a virtual judge for 4-H Presentation Day on April 25, 2020.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that the Board received a letter from Resource Management Agency regarding the County of Tulare amendment to their Animal confinement facilities, a notice from Avenal City Council of their meeting cancellation for April 23, 2020, Warn notice of mass layoffs from San Joaquin Valley College, Inc. and Southwestern & Pacific Speciality Finance, Inc. She stated that they received a resignation letter from Tom Hurlbutt from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, and they received Ground Surface Agency Assessments for FY 2019/2020 from Kings Waste & Recycling Authority, Lemoore Cemetery District, Sites Tower Holdings, Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Gas Company, Southern Pacific, Stratford Sanitation District, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Tulare Lake Drainage District.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Rebecca Campbell stated that Mental Health Awareness Month will be in May and National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7, 2020. She stated that the Kings Community Action Organization has released their food distribution dates for May and the information will be placed on the COVID-19 information website page.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Rebecca Campbell stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: COVID-19 update, an agreement for State lobbying services and a Master Fee update.**

The Board discussed the need to hold a meeting on May 5, 2020 which was cancelled as part of their annual meeting schedule approved on December 10, 2019. A motion was made by Supervisor Fagundes and seconded by Supervisor Pederson to hold a meeting on May 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. (RF, CP, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Rebecca Campbell, Roger Bradley, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - Detentions Deputy Association
 - Prosecutor's Association
 - Management
 - General - CLOCEA
 - Supervisors – CLOCEA
 - Blue Collar – SEUI
 - Firefighter's Association
 - Deputy Sheriff's Association
 - Probation Officer's Association



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

IX. 10:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 29	8:30 AM	Housing Authority of Kings County Special Meeting
May 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting cancelled
May 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 19	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting Observance of Memorial Day – May 25, 2020
June 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.

Venturella, Catherine

From: Carolyn Studebaker <studsclan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting 4/28/2020

April 27, 2020

To: Kings County Board of Supervisors

I am writing to encourage you, the elected Supervisors of Kings County, to lift the shelter in place order.

Kings County small business and many residents are at the point where we feel it would do more harm than good to continue the shelter in place order. If there are citizens who feel the need to continue to shelter in place they may do so but for many of us the ban will only create more hardship.

While I recognize the fact that there are more cases of COVID19 in our county than 7 weeks ago, I also recognize it is because more people have been tested in the last 3 weeks which will undoubtedly show an increase in the countywide positive numbers. I would also like to point out the number of community transmission cases in Kings County are at two. These numbers are extremely low in comparison to other counties. Our citizens have done their part to flatten the curve and our infection and transmission numbers reflect that.

As a member of the Senior Citizen community I feel that I have done my part to protect mine and my husbands health by staying home to remain healthy and allowing my daughter to do my grocery shopping and run only essential errands. I completely understand that the shelter in place order has created hardships for many people in our community and my family is no exception to that.

My husband Jim has dementia and before COVID19 he was enrolled in the Senior Day Care facility in Lemoore. With the center closed for almost 7 weeks now I have had to hire full time help for 12 hours a day because I cannot physically care for him on my own. The financial, physical and emotional burden has begun to take its toll on both of us. If the Senior Day Care doesn't open soon I will be forced to place him in a skilled nursing facility and, unfortunately as we have seen in neighboring counties, he is more likely to contract COVID19 in such a place. I want to avoid such a scenario of course and feel that the reopening of Lemoore Senior Day Care Center is a safer option because the number of people that gather there is much lower than at a nursing home facility. My goal has and is to keep him living at home as long as it is safe and beneficial for him but without the services that the day care center provides I will be unable to continue to care for him at home on a full time basis. We are only one of many families who are feeling the negative impact of reduced or no services. As with any virus or illness, there is always risk but at some point we must all weigh that risk with necessity and knowledge and make a decision that will benefit our quality of life. In my opinion reopening services in Kings County is one of those decisions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my position on this matter and for your service to the people of Kings County.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Studebaker

4/23/2020

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board,

I am Christine Davis and I am the Fingerprint Technician with the Kings County Sheriff's Department. I have worked for the County for 12yrs. I am writing you because of the recent decision by our CAO to reduce employee's pay by 5%. I work paycheck to paycheck as I am sure most employee's do, this would be devastating to all Employee's and their families.

We have been Shelter in Place for 1 month and I cannot believe the County is hurting for money that badly in 1 month. Aren't there any other options to pull money from Budget's or something other than taking away our pay. We are dedicated and loyal Employee's to this County and I'm sure you can find other means to fix this money problem our County is having.

Thank You for your time.

To: Kings County Board of Supervisors
From: David Dodd
Date: April 23, 2020
Re: BOS Meeting, "Public Comment" period on 4/28/20

Dear Elected Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Officer (CAO). I'm a life long Kings County citizen and have worked for Kings County as a first responder at the Sheriff's Office since April of 2001. My parents and the many, many other family members I have, have also lived in Kings County their entire life. We all have the upmost respect for our first responders and think highly of the work they do in keeping us safe, especially during this Pandemic! We oppose any salary cuts to first responders.

I tend to praise rather than criticize as you may have heard in other statements made during this meeting regarding an idea of salary cuts to our first responders. This letter will be about praising those men and women who we call first responders. Let me remind you, every day we see and hear stories reporting violence in our country. We see cell phone video from people who were there, we see reporters on the scene, but who we don't see are the first responders who have put their lives on the line to protect our citizens and county. Dispatchers, Deputies, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians are who deal with the events as they happen to ensure safety and provide medical attention. On behalf of my family and me, here is a quick "thank you" for all of their hard work and bravery.

Thank you to our Dispatchers.

Thank you for sitting by the phone waiting to answer the 911 calls from terrified victims and informants, only to then keep the caller calm as you relay information to the deputies, firemen, and medics who will be responding to the scene. You serve as the eyes and ears of a situation before anyone can arrive, and your position is overlooked and underestimated way more often than it should be. Without you, how would anyone know where to go and what to prepare for?

Thank you to our Deputies.

Thank you for putting your lives on the line in order to save those around you. Each day that you wake up and put on your badge, you know there is a chance you might not make it home to take it off that night. You enforce laws, ensure public safety, and get labeled with the "bad-guy" reputation just because you signed up to make the world and our community a safer place. You run toward the things that most other people run away from. You truly deserve to know that your hard work, bravery and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed.

Thank you to our Firemen.

Thank you for doing so much more than putting out fires. When you go to work each day, you could be signing up to save a cat from a tree, deliver a baby on the side of the road, or save a child from an overturned vehicle inside a canal. Other days you could be rescuing a family from a burning house, or have to tell the family outside that there was no way to get their family member out of the flames. Either way, you put yourself in harm's way every day so that you can keep others safe. You are so appreciated.

Thank you to our Emergency Medical Technicians.

You are the difference between life and death. You are the calm voice amongst the confusion that says "everything is going to be okay." You see the most terrifying crashes that most could never dream of, but they leave you with nightmares for weeks. You have made a difference in so many lives, and your bravery, skill, and passion is seen in the lives you've saved.

Thank you to each and every person who goes to work with the goal to save a life. You are all amazing human beings and need to be supported more than ever during these difficult times.

Respectfully,



David Dodd

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kimberly Pedreiro, Commander *KP*
DATE: April 27, 2020

I want to relate to you today how disappointed I am that our County Administrator would think so little of our County employees. I would hope she would be more supportive and compassionate with her decisions concerning all county employees during this State of Emergency. It appears our County Administrator's priorities are more focused on building up the contingency fund instead of investing in the human resources that keep the county functioning. I want to mention our First Responders and thank them for coming to work every day. They face many obstacles and challenges during their time at work and should not have to worry about someone attacking their income. While many First Responders are being honored and praised nationwide for their selflessness, our County Administrator has seen fit to negate the Kings County First Responders' sacrifices by even suggesting a cut in pay during this state of emergency. If there were cash flow problems within the County, wouldn't it be wiser to involve the Department heads first and allow them the opportunity to offer possible solutions instead of making an arbitrary decision that appears cold and callous? Involving the Department heads is one way to ensure all pertinent data is made available for those who have to make the final decision. I want to ask you Kings County Board of Supervisors to please consider what message you would deliver to County employees and the general public if you were to approve the County Administrator's pay cuts recommendations during this State of Emergency.

Mark Bevens

Kings County Board of Supervisors,

Quoted from Rebecca Campbell on March 27, 2020:

“Our healthcare workers and emergency first responders deserve the utmost respect for they are on the front line of the community in fighting this pandemic. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the County staff who have made shifting our work practices possible- and to all the staff for complying with these arrangements while continuing to show great dedication in your day-to-day work that supports our great communities.

This is a very unsettling time for everyone. I ask that you support each other, lean on each other, be forgiving during moments of pressure, and the County will do everything in our power to support you because the work we do has an important role to play in the community, especially right now.”

The drastic punitive actions now being proposed by the same person less than a month later have me bewildered beyond belief. This is a knee jerk reaction to a moment in time and a decision certainly made in haste. Has this been thought through at all? Have other ideas been presented? There has been a significant reduction in overtime. There has been a significant reduction in travel, to include hotel costs and per diem. There has been a significant reduction in not only fuel costs but in fuel consumption as well. Have any of these cost saving measures been calculated?

I truly find it shameful that Ms. Campbell would even suggest, without proper and appropriate vetting, these measures in such a time. Including all of the dangerous things first responders are responsible for, we now have the fear of exposure to a deadly virus that we have minimal means to protect from. In addition, we now have the fear of having our pay cut. Though we do have minimal protections from Covid 19, you as a board are the ones to protect us from these punitive measures. I find it difficult to believe anyone of you on the Board would even entertain the notion of reducing the pay of any essential employee at this time.

I started working for the County of Kings in 1992 and aside from a few years, I have dedicated most of my adult life to providing quality service to the

community I grew up in. I am currently a Sheriff's Commander and though I have not received a pay increase since 2016, never have I felt more appreciated than when I read the memo from Ms. Campbell on March 27th of this year. However, never have I felt less supported than I do now after her ridiculous proposal based on unreliable information.

"The County will do everything in our power to support you." A quote by your CAO merely three weeks ago. I have no doubt you as a Board agreed with her then. I hope and pray you do not agree with her now.

Mark Bevens

Public Comments for the BOS April 28, 2020 Meeting.

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Board,

My name is Rick Bradford and I am a Commander with the Kings County Sheriff's Office. I have been in Law Enforcement for the past 31 ½ years. I am writing this because of the recent decision by our CAO to reduce deputies pay by five percent. I am not worried about my pay, even though as a Commander I personally have not received a raise since 2016, but my concern is with our deputies. As you all know, these deputies are on the front lines keeping all of you safe. They see and hear things that you could not even imagine. Now, with COVID-19, these same deputies are still doing there everyday duties as expected, but now there is a new enemy they have to watch out for, COVID-19. This new enemy could not only potentially affect the deputies but also their families, but you already know this and so do they. The deputies choose to stay and protect the citizens of Kings County as the County chooses to take five percent of their income. How does this make any sense? It does not. Some agencies are paying their officer's/deputies more due to the COVID-19 dangers, but ours is trying to take from them. I can honestly say that I am totally embarrassed of this County for even thinking about taking from these hard working men and women. I hope the Board of Supervisors does its job and takes its responsibility to look after these deputies. Thank you.

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Curtis, Melanie; Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Fwd: Please help me and my family

Sonia Toste wants hers read into the record

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sonia Toste
Date: April 27, 2020 at 4:46:53 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: Re: Please help me and my family

That would be great, yes, please! Thank you so much!

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 4:27 PM Verboon, Doug <Doug.Verboon@co.kings.ca.us> wrote:
Sonia,

Can I put this on the record as comment from the public at our Tuesday meeting?
Just to let you know we are doing all we can to get you back in business and I hope I can give you a day you can be open by.

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

On Apr 27, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Sonia Toste <sonia@memoryavenuephotography.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, my name is Sonia Toste, and I own Memory Avenue Photography in iconic downtown Hanford. I am one of the hundreds struggling financially since the Shelter in Place orders have been enforced in early March. My business is operated by myself without additional employees. I offer in-studio sessions for newborns, toddlers, and children as well as on location (outside) for family, seniors, and weddings. My studio is open by appointment only and never has had more than 5-7 people at a time in my 500 + square foot space. All of the items touched by every newborn has been cleaned to the standards provided by the Professional Photographers of America. Once I am back open, face masks will be used as well as additional air purifiers in my

studio space. Furthermore, I am well equipped to capture a session outdoors using social distancing guidelines of staying 6 feet or farther apart. With all of that said, I have clients emailing, messaging, and calling me begging for me to capture their families' memories and I can't, currently. Please imagine not having the professional portraits of your new baby or your graduating senior on your wall. Those images are all we have after an event, besides memories. But we know, memories fade. I am begging to work. My business is the main source of income in my family of 5. If this continues I will be forced to close my studio and sell my home because I'll no longer be able to afford them. Thank you for your time, I truly hope you will listen to the pleas of not only myself but all the other wonderful businesses that are eagerly awaiting the time to reopen and serve the public.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration in this very important matter - Sonia Toste

Venturella, Catherine

From: Paavo Luoma <luomapaavo7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine
Subject: Unscheduled appearance statement (to be read via Clerk of the Board).

(OK, Catherine. Here it is, and sorry it landed on your desk. Really.)

I am Paavo Luoma, and although most of the individuals at this meeting know me, there are some who don't, and those who don't are, of course, unaware of my past history here with the County, both as a previous employee of long duration, and since, as a member of the public served by the various County departments here at the County Complex. As my issues have been several and many are quite serious in nature, I have been at great pains and trouble to follow the established procedures already in place to address such concerns.

However, my many years of experience with merit systems and with Kings County in particular, and to a lesser extent Tulare County, as well as the master's degree I achieved while employed here at the County through the County's collaboration with Fresno State, and simply the professional experience I have gained and learned throughout my career as a public servant have all led me to the decision that my concerns as to a number of inconsistent and irregular procedures now in place for some time here at the County, can no longer go unaddressed or ignored. As many of these troubling circumstances continue to directly affect me, literally daily, I decided it was time to bring them to the attention of the Board and its associated members. Hence, this statement. Please know I do not make these assertions frivolously or casually, and only after a great deal of personal research.

Firstly, I am concerned with the hiring activities and procedural changes currently in vogue, apparently, at Human Resources. I was, as previously stated, a long time employee with an employment record of satisfactory achievement, if not better. I was unhappily forced from both of these positions, from two separate departments, and on two separate employment occasions, both for the same reasons and by similar tactics; reasons not at all pleasant or ethical. Normally, I would have followed the grievance procedures available to County personnel for this purpose, but these procedures were denied me at the time as well as recently and due to a combination of factors, including:

- 1.) a lack of the proper or essential staffing in the necessary positions to handle such issues, most often within the H.R. Department, and,
- 2.) the deliberate and willful targeting of certain employees, most notably myself though I can name several others, employees targeted for no other reason than for unethical monetary gain or exploitation by other County staff. I will give examples:

Personally, I am currently working with the CalPERS Retirement Agency's Sacramento Headquarters on an unfortunate and almost unbelievable situation in which my employment at the County was, after long service, deliberately made unpleasant in many ways which ultimately led me to, in the first instance, quit outright, and in the second to actually resign on four separate occasions, finally quitting again for lack of H.R.'s acceptance of said resignations.

The second period of employment, it must be noted, began only after repeated and sometimes ridiculous attempts by the H.R. Director and department staff to guarantee my return, for reasons then unknown to me but obviously very important to some H. R. staff at the very least. I was pursued through many such attempts at

rehire, and as many of my refusals. I simply did not wish to go through the unpleasant events attendant upon my first severance from County employment. Nevertheless, I finally did return to County employment for the second time. I shouldn't have, as it turned out.

Basically what has happened is this, and please understand I am simplifying greatly not only the system of harrasment employed against me but also the frustration and emotional and financial toll these actions have had on me personally.

My entire service credit from both of my separate periods of employment with Kings County, and at Tulare County via reciprocity, were taken from me, deliberately, the credit and retirement benefits ultimately being placed under different and separate social security numbers for individuals who were never employees of the County. I continued also, to remain employed at the County well after my separation from employment, though at the time unbeknownst to me. Again, incredibly, a second social security number was acquired for me through the Social Security Administration, ironically enough citing identity theft as the justification for same, but was deliberately not associayed with my original SSN and employment history at the SSA, as it should have been for obvious reasons. I therefore, in effect, became two separate individuals.....and two separate employees. The earliest date I have found the second SSN to have been employed so far is 2006.

I essentially was paid as two separate employees for the same position when H.R. finally persuaded me to return to County employment, again in 2006. By late 2008 the circumstances of that second period of employment were again made deliberately unpleasant, and during the course of my regular job duties at the new position, I became aware of other highly questionable and unethical practices here at the County often involving other County departments. I won't discuss those issues here, though these, too, are quite serious in nature.

Additionally, when I was forced to leave employment, application was made for me through the employer for PERS disability retirement. As I was now "two" separate employees, I have been receiving two separate PERS disability retirements, both for several years now, and both at a full 80%, though both are also going to persons other than myself.

According to my researches with PERS and also through the use of the Transparent California website, the public accountability watchdog for public employee salaries, ect., both retirements were supposedly from the Kings County Sheriff's Department, though I know this to be false, again just a deliberate reporting error to Transparent California, and I think it's now somewhat in context as to why I have been arrested by Hanford P. D. and processed by the Sheriff's Department for periods of associated incarceration over thirty times now at last count. I wish to avoid further arrests, obviously, and hope this explanation of events will at the very least help do just that.

At the time of actual retirement appointments at PERS Fresno Regional Offices, however, the persons posing as me gave their own social security numbers, thus securing for themselves PERS lifetime retirement benefits. For me, however, both of "my" social security numbers are again free to begin building employment histories at the old employer, whether I am, again, aware of that employment or not! The obvious question is, who are the retirement thieves? I will withhold their identities for now, but implore this Board to act immediately to investigate this issue, not only for myself, but also so that it does not happen to anyone else, including other less severe and more casual collateral damage victims of this fraudulent scenario, of which there are more than a few unfortunately.

That is enough for now, and I hope Catherine was able to read this within the time allowed. I would request, however, that it be arranged for me to speak privately, initially at least, with both the new County Counsel, Lee Burdick, if she would deem it appropriate, as well as to the Sheriff, for several reasons. I have been consistently and actively blocked in trying to meet with both of them, and for a very long time, too.

Because of these and other ongoing concerns, I have recently sought tentative legal representation, though I hope to perhaps mitigate the need for such as much as possible as I very much enjoyed and appreciated most of my employment here at Kings County. But the circumstances, as set forth here, if and when verified, really don't give me much choice for the resolution of the matters as they now stand, however, without this further action, as I'm sure Board can understand.

Thank you. My contact information, if needed, is:

Paavo Luoma
717 N. Harris St.
Hanford, Ca 93230
916-207-5446

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:42 AM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: To My Board of County Supervisors

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ayla Tidwell
Date: April 27, 2020 at 9:58:11 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: To My Board of County Supervisors

To My Board of County Supervisors:

Below, is a letter that I wrote to the Hanford City Council earlier this month. I wanted to send it in advance of the meeting tomorrow morning. I apologize for the late night email but I wanted to give you the chance to look it over or at least have it before my statement at tomorrow's board meeting:

April 15, 2020

To my Hanford City Council Members

I am humbly writing to you as the small business owner of Blue Door Massage and Spa. Unlike a few other businesses, it has been nearly impossible for us to adjust to the closure of our business. We literally provide a hands on service that can't be made up by online videos or curb side pick ups. It has been nearly 4 weeks since we respectfully did our part as a non essential business and closed our doors. However, with that being said, we are also greatly feeling the repercussions from closing our doors.

I currently employ & provide jobs for not only myself but 7 others. I do not only use Blue Door as a benefit to my well being but I feel that it is my responsibility as a business owner to involve Blue Door in our community as much as possible. To support not only my home, but our home, our city.

I know our government has provided some relief as an aid to the destruction that this shut down has caused to many small businesses. But I come to you as a small business owner that was prepared to turn in my application (with all the requirements) for the Payroll Protection Plan weeks before they were accepting them. I knew my business and my employees would truly need it and could greatly benefit from it. Although I was prepared, I am afraid to think, let alone say that we will not be seeing this "aid" they have made available. As I said, we are rounding FOUR weeks closed and it is April 15th. The SBA provided this application online three weeks ago. Very few banks started accepting the application and even fewer banks were processing them as of Friday April 3rd, the day of opening. I was on a waiting list 3 weeks ago for my bank (where we hold our business account). They JUST called me yesterday, April 14th. I was told it'll be another 3 weeks until I hear from the SBA. That's 7 weeks and IF I get approved for any aid from the SBA it'll be longer than that until I see it. There are businesses that have not even been able to apply. The media is currently reporting that the stimulus funds are all nearly claimed and it does not look hopeful that they'll be releasing more funds. I am told they are still processing applications that were turned in on day 1, 12 days before ours was even submitted to the SBA. All things considered, you can see why I, and many other small business owners don't expect to receive a part of this bailout.

The banks were not prepared for the rush of business owners. A business owner applying for aid can only do so at a bank they are connected with, whether it be an account, loan or line of credit. As banks started taking applications to process they were selective on who to help first. Blue Door was opened with hard earned cash that my husband and I saved as very young adults. We have never had to have a line of credit or a loan, but because of that we weren't placed as priority on the list of customers. They want and need to help the people that owe them money first. So it has been quite a struggle.

It's amazing what some of the other businesses have done to re-invent the way they do business but, this is just a bandaid. COVID-19 is still financially affecting their business. We are all just hanging on, counting the days and dreading how long this will go.

As business owners we have spent countless hours of dedication, sleepless nights, blood, sweat and tears to run our business. And as a business owner there is never a true day off. All this hard work that we've poured into each entity could possibly be gone. I do understand the risks of being a business owner but there was no way that anyone could've been prepared for this. I personally believe that before this happened no one could even fathom the possibility and reality of an event like this taking place.

I write to you to tell you of my own personal experiences through this event. I do not expect the city to pay for all my business hardships but what I hope and what I do expect is for your support. However that may come is up to you but in order for the city to continue to thrive we need our small businesses to stay afloat and I hope that each of you can come together as a council and back us up with the support we need.

Sincerely,

Ayla Tidwell

Owner of Blue Door Massage and Spa

Cheryl Pender
2443 Cherrywood Ct.
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(559) 707-6753

Exhibit J

April 28, 2020
County of Kings
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Dated Tuesday, April 28, 2020

To All Board Members:

I have been a citizen of Kings County for nearly 50 years and this is the first time I have addressed our Board of Supervisors. The reason is because it has been brought to my attention that the Board may be making a decision today regarding reducing the budget of the Kings County Sheriff's Department. I am shocked that this would even be discussed, especially during our current situation.

I am not only a concerned citizen, I am also the mother of two Kings County Sheriff's Deputies. My sons, along with all other deputies, are out there exposing themselves to the COVID-19 virus firsthand. They are dealing with a larger amount of domestic violence calls, one of the most dangerous of calls that law enforcement receives. They are also now dealing with the Zero Bail policy that California has imposed leading to many more criminals on our streets. Our deputies are then going home to their families with no way of knowing if they could have possibly contracted the Covid-19 virus while out **servicing and protecting** the citizens of our County. Some deputies, like my sons, have had to distance themselves from family to protect against the risk of spreading the virus. The Law Enforcement career is a dangerous and stressful. Reducing the budget could lead to a cut in pay or a reduction in personnel. Our deputies are already spread thin. There are areas in which they patrol that are 20-30 minutes, or more, away from back up assistance if, God forbid, is ever needed. Even with the aforementioned conditions, our deputies are dedicated to Kings County.

Our deputies, along with **ALL** first responders, should be thanked for all they are doing, not punished.

I hope that you take these concerns into consideration and vote **NO** on a budget reduction to the Kings County Sheriff's Department.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Pender

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Business closures

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adam T. Medeiros"
Date: April 27, 2020 at 12:58:38 PM PDT
To: "Neves, Joe" , "Valle, Richard" , "Verboon, Doug" , "craig.pederson@co.kings.ca.us" ,
"Fagundes, Richard"
Subject: **Business closures**

Dear Board of Supervisors

I am writing to you in a time of need, as a business owner of a business deemed non essential. My income was 100% terminated by the Shelter in Place order. I am now in my 6th week of no income. I have applied for unemployment, Paycheck Protection Plan, and a Small Business loan. I was told that Cosmetologists (hairdressers) would qualify for these but I have received nothing. I ask you, how do you expect us to make a living? All of my bills are still due. I would guess that you are still receiving an income, so Shelter in Place probably means something different to you than it does to us, so when you are making decisions for our county, please remember we are not all in the same boat. While some are still getting paid, others are using up their savings or just doing without. These are people who were working, paying taxes, and supporting our local economy, and are now unemployed. You as our elected leaders can put an end to this Shelter in Place order, and get our county productive again. This order violates many of our Constitutional and Civil rights. Please help us by allowing businesses to open up so we can get back to work.

Sincerely,
Adam T. Medeiros

Thank you

Adam T. Medeiros

KINGS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
E-MAIL CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:

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To The Kings County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to request that you lift the Shelter in Place regulations for Kings County.

This was put into effect by our Governor based on alarming information which we were told was factual. We were told it was necessary to flatten the curve in order to avoid overwhelming our hospitals. We complied, we lost our income, and many of us went into unhealthy isolation. Forty days later I can look back and conclude that the danger was not as bad as predicted. Our hospital is now laying off employees and cutting hours. The current confirmed cases don't line up with the numbers given in March. I think we can safely say that we have done our part and now it's time to get back to work.

It is my personal opinion that Kings County has already experienced Covid. I (along with most of my family, friends, and co-workers) was very ill in January with symptoms consistent with Covid 19. I believe this explains why our cases are less than other parts of the country. If the test for antibodies was available to us we could prove that a large population of us have had it and are no longer at risk. This disease is affecting all of us very differently, either medical concerns, financial disaster, increase of domestic violence and/or substance abuse; we are all affected.

Our county complied to help support the medical concerns. I believe it is now time to support the financial and emotional concerns of our community. We don't want to be part of a socialist government. We want to go to work. We want to go to church. We want to go shopping. We want the freedom to gather together.

Please help restore Kings County and vote to lift the restrictions so that Kings County can once again be the vibrant community we love.

Respectfully,
Amy Medeiros

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Stay at Home Order

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Colleen Brown
Date: April 27, 2020 at 6:16:25 PM PDT
To: "Verboon, Doug"
Subject: Stay at Home Order

Dear Mr. Verboon,

My name is Colleen (Costa) Brown. My dad is Manuel Costa and my father in law was Jeff Brown. I am self employed as a hairstylist downtown, my job was deemed non essential but more than enough time has passed, I feel we have done our part to flatten the curve. Please vote to reopen businesses at your meeting tomorrow. Our family is depending on you to help us get back to normal and we desperately need my income to return.

Thank you for your time,
Colleen Brown

Venturella, Catherine

From: Verboon, Doug
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Venturella, Catherine; Curtis, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Northern CA counties wishing to reopen

Doug Verboon
Gold Top Investments LLC

(559) 269-4397

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kalish Morrow
Date: April 27, 2020 at 11:27:35 AM PDT
To: "Neves, Joe" , "Valle, Richard" , "Verboon, Doug" , "Pedersen, Craig" , "Fagundes, Richard" , "Fisher, Nichole"
Subject: Northern CA counties wishing to reopen

To the Kings County Board of Supervisors and County Public Health Officer:

Good afternoon, I hope you all are doing well. I'm emailing an attached letter that several rural northern CA counties have signed on to to request Gov. Newsom allow those counties to exercise local authority for the purpose of a phased reopening. I'd urge you to consider a similar request for Kings County and hopefully have other Counties in the Central Valley sign on as well.

I would hope that we can all agree that these lock downs are not sustainable and that our people are already suffering. The fallout from this is not only going to force our already financially vulnerable into poverty and what's more is the disruption to a complex supply web with issues just beginning to surface.

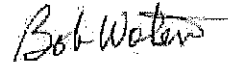
If a change isn't made soon we can also anticipate local protests. This is not ideal and I have been getting many requests that I personally begin organizing these. Obviously protests seem counter intuitive given the situation - granted there are means by which to have one safely and responsibly - but I've been holding out hope that our local leaders will take a stand against the state's draconian measures and act in a manner that's more relevant to our situation here. It's pertinent that we all be working together, but the longer these lock downs continue the greater the rift between those who can weather this storm and those without the means grows larger.

I can only imagine how much stress is resting on your shoulders. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and I hope you are inspired to make bold yet necessary changes that incorporates more of the big picture.

In Liberty,

Kalish Morrow - Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kings County

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City of Live Oak



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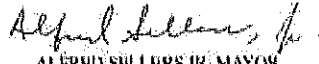

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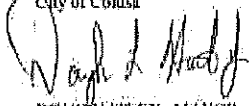

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April 24, 2020

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94814

Governor Newsom:

There is no denying that COVID-19 has significantly affected life around the globe. With more than 37,000 confirmed cases 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. Further, we have seen just how truly vital California's quick action in issuing Stay-at-Home orders and instituting social distancing measures was for flattening the curve in our great state.

The early and thoughtful response in our six rural counties has been exemplary. Our infection rate has remained low, at 69 total cases in our six counties, which have a combined population of approximately 500,000 people. 50 of those individuals have fully recovered. As of today, there is only one confirmed COVID-19 patient in the ICU. Additionally, acute hospital admissions are down in our region. For example, at Adventist-Rideout in Marysville, acute hospital admissions are down approximately 40%.

In addition to the extraordinary efforts our residents have taken to maintain social distancing and flatten the curve, our region has worked with FEMA and the National Guard to proactively prepare for a worst-case scenario. The Enloe Rehabilitation Center has been outfitted with 125 field hospital beds and supplies to treat patients, if necessary. In the Yuba-Sutter area, approximately 350 surge beds have been identified locally through collaborative partnerships between public sectors and healthcare facilities.

At this point, given the COVID-19 numbers locally — and our enhanced healthcare capacity — we ask you to allow our counties to exercise local authority to implement a careful and phased reopening of our local economies.

We've asked a great deal of our residents in the past month, and they have risen to the challenge. Now we must move to the next phase, which is economic recovery. As you know, more than 3.4 million Californians have filed for unemployment over the past month. Some are predicting a statewide unemployment rate near 20% within the next month.

The public health stakes are high too. We know that prolonged recessions cause dire public health issues of their own. The indirect impacts of this virus can cause a higher risk of heart disease, acute sleep deprivation, depression, decreased response to vaccines and an increase in smoking and drinking alcohol.

We believe that the local public health data, in addition to our area's ability to continue monitoring cases, should allow our counties to soon begin a science-based, thoughtful reopening of our economy, consistent with national guidelines, which would allow our residents to get back to work.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to reopen the economies in our six counties under local orders, developed in concurrence with local county health officials.
Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

April 27,2020

To all City Council members, State Officials, County Supervisors and City Mayors in Central California:

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Everyone knows that furniture stores are never packed with customers. Actually, there probably is not a lower density business that you could find. There are many times during the day when we have no customers at all. We would have absolutely no problem practicing social distancing at any of our four locations, in fact it is nearly impossible to NOT practice social distancing at our stores! Our employees would gladly wear masks and gloves. We would install plexiglass at our front counters if asked to do so. We would even be willing to take customer's temperatures if so required.

Where would you feel safer shopping if you needed a mattress or perhaps an item of patio furniture? Would it be Wal Mart, Target, Home Depot, Cosco or Oak Furniture Liquidators? Of course it would be Oak Furniture Liquidators! And yet, those stores remain open freely able to sell furniture while our doors remain locked. Customers are flocking to those stores in droves. Cosco has huge lines around their building. Where would you be more likely to catch Covid-19? This policy makes no sense to keep us closed while all of these other retailers are allowed to remain open.

We are tired of not having a voice and being called "non-essential". Our business is very essential to us and our employees. We have successfully operated in all of these communities for 30 years and are shocked that furniture stores have been deemed "non-essential" while Ace Hardware and other stores are allowed to remain open.

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This shutdown is a sure way to put the nail in the coffin of all brick and mortar stores. This is a sure way to make sure that Amazon takes over all retail. We have been a dedicated retailer in the Central Valley since 1990. We have paid hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars in taxes and fees. We have supported hundreds of families over the years and donated to multiple charities. During our busiest years our monthly sales tax contributed in excess of \$100,000 per month to California's state's coffers.

Is this the end of thirty years of blood sweat and tears? A business where it is literally impossible to NOT social distance? Does this make any sense to and of you? We should be the first type of stores to open not the last. If this shutdown continues we will only be opening to then close and go out of business.

Through no fault of our own these policies have destroyed our family business. We need to use common sense and let furniture stores open now. Please let us open with safety precautions in place. What is happening to us is grossly unfair. Please call or email either myself or Brandon at your earliest convenience so that we can discuss how and when we can get our stores open again.

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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay/Jay Wood

SUBJECT: VEHICLE PURCHASE

SUMMARY:

Overview:

The Human Service Agency (HSA) is requesting the Board’s approval for the purchase of six Chevy Traverse and one Chevy Express 12 passenger Van. These vehicles will allow workers to transport more than two children’s car seats, provide staff with the ability to travel to locations with unpaved roads and into mountainous regions of the State, and to transport welfare-to-work crews to job sites.

Recommendation:

- a. **Authorize the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase of six Chevy Traverse and one 12 Passenger Van from the lowest dealer’s quote that can deliver vehicles before June 30, 2020; and**
- b. **Approve the budget change. (4/5 vote required)**

Fiscal Impact:

There is no increase to net County Cost associated with this purchase. The total costs of the requested six Chevy Traverse and one Transit Passenger Wagon will not exceed \$220,000. The total amount for the proposed purchase of the six Chevy Traverses is \$189,182 and \$30,541 for the Chevy Express 12 Passenger van for a total of \$219,724. This purchase will be applied to HSA's Social Services allocations to draw down applicable federal and state funds. This purchase will be expended from its Administrative 510000 Budget Unit (Account 94004 Vehicles – other). HSA is requesting approval to transfer \$220,000 in budget appropriations from Budget Unit 510000, Account 91000 Regular Employees to Budget Unit 510000, Account 94004 Vehicles – other. HSA has available revenue in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for this request, which may not be available for next Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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BACKGROUND:

The HSA is removing 11 vehicles from its Fleet. A total of five vehicles have greater than 100,000 miles, four of those vehicles are 2007 models and one is a 2008 model. In alignment with County Vehicle Policy (13.5) for economic and safety reasons the nine vehicles are costly to maintain and have outdated safety features. There is a single 2015 Van that needs replacement. The 2015 Van is used to transport work crews to work sites, the Van has no rear A/C or heating for the work crews. HSA is requesting to replace these vehicles with six Chevy Traverses and one Chevy Express 12 Passenger Van. The HSA Fleet reduction in the number of vehicles does not negatively impact HSA's ability to successfully perform their mission.

HSA currently owns two 2017 Ford Explorers that are heavily used with mileage nearing or surpassing 80,000 miles. This is 30,000 more miles than any 2017 vehicle in the HSA Fleet. The Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) will be used by Social Service staff to transport clients (children), attend training, and support HSA's mission. The SUV provides operational functionality ranging from car seat placement, vehicle operation, safety, and the ability to travel to locations with unpaved roads and into mountainous regions of the state. The Van's purpose is to transport welfare-to-work crews to job sites.

The Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bids and delivery dates. The County received eight bids for the SUVs:

- McPeeks Chrysler Dodge Anaheim, CA. Dodge Durango SXT; \$172,188, Delivery 60-90 days.
- Madera Ford Madera, CA. Ford Explorer XLT; \$227,285, Delivery 15-20 days.
- Lithia Nissan of Fresno in Fresno, CA, SUV; \$203,108, Delivery Unknown.
- Silveria Chevrolet Sonoma, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$195,039, Delivery 30 days.
- Courtesy Chevrolet Center San Diego, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$189,182, Delivery 15 days.
- Giant Chevrolet Visalia, CA. Chevy Traverse 1LT; \$228,932, Delivery 45 days.
- Keller Motors Hanford, CA. Chevy Traverse LS; \$195,682, Delivery 60 days.
- Keller Motors Hanford, CA. Chevy Traverse 1LT. \$220,824, Delivery 60 days.

Only four of the bidders are able to deliver vehicles before June 30, 2020. Madera Ford, Silveria Chevrolet, Courtesy Chevrolet, and Giant Chevrolet. The lowest bidder who can deliver the vehicles is Courtesy Chevrolet of San Diego. The County received one (1) bid for the 12-passenger van from Keller Ford for \$30,541.

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Funding Sources:						
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TOTAL						

(B) Budget Transfer:

Transfer From:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	Amount to be Transferred Out
General Fund	Human Services Agency	Reg Employee	001	510000	91000	220,000
TOTAL						220,000

Transfer To:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	Amount Transferred In
General Fund	Human Services Agency	Vehicle -other	001	510000	94004	220,000
TOTAL						220,000

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Dept. of Finance Approval _____ Department Head _____

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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Job Training Office – Lance Lippincott
SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF MODULAR FURNITURE
SUMMARY:

Overview:

Workforce entities in California have been directed towards continuous improvement of its centers, which includes a client-centric design to deliver services. In an effort to provide the highest quality service to businesses and Kings County residents, an informal assessment of the Kings County One Stop Job Center was conducted in an effort to improve service delivery, as well as safety for clients and staff. This item is being brought to seek permission to purchase modular furniture for the One Stop Job Center located at 124 N. Irwin, Hanford, California to improve the overall quality and safety of services.

Recommendation:

- a) **Authorize the Economic and Workforce Development Director to conduct a procurement compliant with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, specifically Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 and Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive WSD17-08; and**
- b) **Approve a contract with a vendor selected after a compliant procurement process has been completed and the Employment Development Department has authorized the expenditure not to exceed \$150,000.**

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to the County General Fund. All funding for the proposed procurement is from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Master Subgrant AA011010 funding awarded on April 1, 2019. Staff recommends that an amount not to exceed \$150,000 be authorized.

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By _____, Deputy.

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PROCUREMENT OF MODULAR FURNITURE

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BACKGROUND:

The California Workforce Development Board, in conjunction with the California Employment Development Department, issued Workforce Services Directive WSD16-20 entitled *Certification Process for Comprehensive AJCCs*. The directive highlights that the local workforce entities are responsible for “maintaining a network of high-quality, effective AJCCs [America’s Job Centers of California].” As part of the certification process, three key areas are specified: effectiveness of the Americas Job Center of California (AJCC), physical and programmatic accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and continuous improvement. In furtherance of that direction, an informal assessment of the Kings County One Stop Job Center services and physical setup was conducted. Members of staff were sent to other workforce areas in the Central Valley to meet and report back on any best practices.

Based on that informal assessment, and in light of social distancing as a result of COVID-19, recommendations were made to improve the Kings County One Stop Job Center. The highest priority recommendation was to redesign the current center space to allow for greater accessibility for individuals with disabilities, improved security for the safety of staff and clients, and a center that has a design with all populations served in mind, including youth populations. The proposed changes include individual meeting rooms built from modular furniture to allow for social distancing and sanitization after each meeting to reduce the risk of the spread of disease. These individual meeting rooms also limit inadvertent access to confidential information. Historically, it has been the practice of One Stop Job Center staff to interview clients in their cubicles, which is not conducive to social distancing, and creates a risk of the unintentional disclosure of personally identifiable information.

The proposed procurement and upgrade is the first major upgrade proposed for the Kings County Job Training Office since 1999 when the department relocated from the County campus to the 124 N. Irwin Street location. Minor changes have been made previously this year to improve the security and accessibility of the center, including full size doors with electronic locks from public areas to staff areas; and, a re-designed reception counter that is now accessible to those in wheelchairs.

The proposed funding for these upgrades is Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding, specifically those funds awarded in Master Subgrant Agreement AA011010. This funding originates from the Department of Labor, then is awarded to the California Employment Development Department as the pass through agency to local areas. Funding under Master Subgrant Agreement AA011010 is required to be 80% obligated in the first year of funding, unless a waiver is in effect. This procurement be a positive step towards maintaining statutory compliance.

In order to remain compliant with the restrictions on this grant funding, a procurement must be conducted as specified in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 and Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive WSD12-10. Final purchase approval is subject to Employment Development Department authorization.



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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Community Development Agency – Greg Gatzka

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S ACTIONS

SUMMARY:

Overview:

Monthly report of the Planning Commission’s actions.

Recommendation:
Information only.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

BACKGROUND:

At its regular meeting held Monday, May 4, 2020, the Kings County Planning Commission reviewed the following:

ACTIONS AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 19-07 (HANFORD BIOGAS CLUSTER PROJECT) - The Commission considered a proposal to construct, install, and operate 7.3 miles of pipeline and a biogas upgrading facility to be located at 18275 6th Avenue, Hanford.

DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT CHANGE 668.15 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) – The Commission considered a proposal to amend Section 407, Table 4-1 of the Kings County Development Code to provide regulations for electrical energy storage facilities within one mile of an existing public utility substation as an allowed use with a discretionary conditional use permit in the AG-20, AG-40 and AX zone districts.

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-04 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) - The Commission considered a proposal to construct, install, and operate a DC battery energy storage facility to be located at 16885 25th Avenue, Lemoore.

ACTIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ITS CAPACITY AS DIVISION TWO OF THE KINGS COUNTY ADVISORY AGENCY TO THE BOARD

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 16-02 (LEMOORE COOLER, LLC) – The Planning Commission considered a proposal to subdivide a 20 acre parcel into two (2) parcels (5 acres and 15 acres) located at 16885 25th Avenue, Lemoore.



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AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Public Health – Edward Hill
SUBJECT: COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE FUNDING

SUMMARY:

Overview:

The California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated funding for the COVID-19 Crisis Response to support the needs of the people of Kings County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Recommendation:

- a) **Authorize the Director of Public Health to accept the COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding from the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office to support the needs of the people of Kings County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and**
- b) **Adopt the Budget Change. (4/5 Vote required.)**

Fiscal Impact:

No impact to the General Fund. This funding will be used to offset the cost of Public Health Emergency Preparedness in budget unit 417400, response to COVID-19. The funding will be received in two allocations, the first allocation is \$254,350 and the second will be \$172,108. Both allocations have been received and are being held until this Board approves this item.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated a total of \$426,458 in COVID-19 Crisis Response funding to the Kings County Department of Public Health in order to support the County’s greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Public Health recommends allocating the funding to the County’s highest priority response needs in the following categories:

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- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response
- Jurisdictional Recovery
- Information Management
- Countermeasures and Mitigation
- Surge Management
- Biosurveillance

The following costs are unallowable:

- Research
- Clinical care except as provided above in connection with countermeasures and mitigation
- Publicity and propaganda (lobbying)
 - Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:
 - Publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designated to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body; and
 - The salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

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(A) New Appropriation

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General	Health – PHEP	Health Insurance	100000	417400 407800	91007	30,774
General	Health – PHEP	Mgmt. Ins. Life	100000	417400 407800	91008	722
General	Health – PHEP	Workers comp	100000	417400 407800	91010	4,737
General	Health – PHEP	SUI	100000	417400 407800	91011	424
General	Health – PHEP	FICA	100000	417400 407800	91012	18854
General	Health – PHEP	Indirect	100000	417400 407800	93057	66,493
General	Health – PHEP	Special Departmental	100000	417400 407800	92063	10,000
					TOTAL	426,458

Funding Sources:						
FUND NAME	DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT NAME	FUND NO.	DEPT. NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	APPROPRIATION AMOUNT
General	Health – PHEP	Other Revenue	0001	417400 407800	88025	426,458
					TOTAL	

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The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has allocated a total of \$426,458 in COVID-19 Crisis Response funding in order to support our greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Auditor Approval _____ Department Head _____

CAO Approval _____ Board Approval _____



SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

March 20, 2020

Dr. Milton Teske
Health Officer
County of Kings
330 Campus Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health
Service Act
(42 USC 243(c)(1))

Coronavirus Preparedness and
Response Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123)

Dear Dr. Milton Teske:

COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding
Award Number: COVID-19-17 for County of Kings

This letter covers COVID-19 Crisis Response reimbursement information for the period of March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) is allocating **\$254,350** to **County of Kings** in order to support your greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Your Agency may use discretion to allocate this funding to your highest priority response needs in the following categories (Attachment 1 – Allowable Activities):

- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response;
- Jurisdictional Recovery;
- Information Management;
- Countermeasures and Mitigation;
- Surge Management; and
- Biosurveillance

The following costs are unallowable:

- Research;
- Clinical care except as provided above in connection with countermeasures and mitigation; and
- Publicity and propaganda (lobbying):
 - Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:
 - publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designated to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body; and



- the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

EPO will reimburse your Agency within three business days of invoice receipt. In order to receive your allocation, please complete and submit your invoice (Attachment 2 – Invoice) as soon as possible to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.

Please Submit the following to EPO:

1. Invoice requesting reimbursement at your Agency's full allocation. Use the attached COVID-19 Invoice. Submit your invoice to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
2. By April 9, 2020, submit a spend plan (Attachment 3 – Spend Plan) to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
 - Personnel supported with this funding should not duplicate efforts across other federal grants; exceed 1.0 FTE across all funding sources; and salary is kept below \$189k as required by the funder.
 - Please maintain any supporting documentation for expenditures against this funding.
3. By April 23, 2020, submit a work plan (Attachment 4 – Work Plan) to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
4. On a quarterly basis, beginning in June 2020, submit an expenditure report (Attachment 3) and work plan progress report (Attachment 4).

Thank you for the time your Agency has and will continue to invest in this response. I am hopeful that with additional funding your Agency will have the adequate resources for an appropriate response. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact your assigned EPO Contract Manager directly.

Sincerely,



Tricia Blocher, Deputy Director
Emergency Preparedness Office
California Department of Public Health



SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

April 13, 2020

Dr. Milton Teske
Health Officer
County of Kings
330 Campus Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health
Service Act
(42 USC 243(c)(1))

Coronavirus Preparedness and
Response Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123)

Dear Dr. Milton Teske:

**COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding
Award Number COVID-19-1701 County of Kings**

This letter covers COVID-19 Crisis Response reimbursement information for the period of March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) has received another installment of this funding and is allocating an additional **\$172,108 to County of Kings** in order to support your greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation and your previous allocation, brings your total allocation to **\$426,458**.

Your Agency may use discretion to allocate this funding to your highest priority response needs in the following categories (Attachment 1 – Allowable Activities):

- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response;
- Jurisdictional Recovery;
- Information Management;
- Countermeasures and Mitigation;
- Surge Management; and
- Biosurveillance

The following costs are unallowable:

- Research;
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- publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designated to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body; and
- the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

EPO will reimburse your Agency within 72 hours of invoice receipt. In order to receive your allocation, please complete and submit your invoice (Attachment 2 – Invoice) as soon as possible to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.

Please Submit the following to EPO:

1. Invoice requesting reimbursement at your Agency's full allocation. Use the attached COVID-19 Invoice. Submit your invoice to: LHBTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
2. By April 17, 2020, submit a revised spend plan against your total allocation (Attachment 3 – Spend Plan) to: LHPTProg@cdph.ca.gov.
 - Personnel supported with this funding should not duplicate efforts across other federal grants; exceed 1.0 FTE across all funding sources; and salary is kept below \$189k as required by the funder.
 - Please maintain any supporting documentation for expenditures against this funding.
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Thank you for the time your Agency has and will continue to invest in this response. I am hopeful that with additional funding your Agency will have the adequate resources for an appropriate response. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact your assigned EPO Contract Manager directly.

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Tricia Blocher, Deputy Director
Emergency Preparedness Office
California Department of Public Health



COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GOVERNMENT CENTER HANFORD, CALIFORNIA 93230 (559) 852-2362
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Administration – Rebecca Campbell
SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
SUMMARY:

Overview:

Kings County contracted with Michael Y. Corbett and Associates for Legislative Advocacy Services at the State level since 1999. The contract expired on February 29, 2020. Additionally, a Request for Proposal process was held seeking services for a State lobbyist. On February 11, 2020 your Board directed the County Administrative Officer to enter in negotiations with CrisCom Company for State Legislative Lobbying services.

Recommendation:

Consider one of the following options:

- a. Approve an annual agreement with the CrisCom Company for State Legislative Lobbying services; or
- b. Place State lobbying services on hold until fiscal impacts become clear; or
- c. Take an alternative action.

Fiscal Impact:

Prior to budget reductions in FY 2018/2019 the contract with Michael Y. Corbett was \$35,700 annually. Due to budgetary restraints, the services were reduced and the contract was reduced to \$12,000 annually. On February 11, 2020 your Board directed the CAO to enter into contract negotiations with CrisCom Company. The company agreed to their bid price of \$54,000 annually, which will be an increase of \$42,000. Due to the impacts of the novel coronavirus the County is facing significant budget reductions. Unfortunately, increasing a contract in the Administration budget during this fiscal situation will have a significant impact to its operations in other areas.

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BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: ____ OTHER: _____

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted
on _____, 2020.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk of the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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BACKGROUND:

As your Board is aware, the environment in Sacramento continues to be substantially different today than it was a little over a decade ago. Term limits have caused a much greater turnover in legislators throughout the State, resulting in a greater reliance on State staff and legislative advocates for institutional memory and for an understanding of the legislative process to accomplish advocacy goals. Having a presence in Sacramento has enhanced Kings County's relationship with its legislators and with staff at the California State Association of Counties. This has been critical in the County's efforts to accomplish certain legislative goals in past years.

The County recently completed a Request for Proposal process earlier in the year and solicited bids for State Lobbyist services. The County received the following proposals:

Proposals

The CrisCom Company \$54,000 annually

Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange with Michael Y. Corbett and Associates \$36,000 annually

The Resolute Company, LLC. \$60,000 annually

Stone Advocacy \$120,000 annually

Assembly Member Phil Ting, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, in his April, 2020 letter outlined the legislature's plan for the State budget process. Due to the situation with COVID-19, the legislature will not consider new spending priorities or stakeholder ideas, with the exception of COVID-19 related costs, wildfire prevention, and homelessness funding. In fact, it may be necessary to revisit reductions to existing State programs depending on the State's fiscal condition. Assembly budget subcommittees will be directed to agendaize only items necessary to build a baseline budget or those associated with the recovery and response efforts (i.e., COVID-19, wildfire, and homelessness). A State Lobbyist working for the County will be expected to understand the County's programs in order to assist the County in avoiding program reductions at the State level.

On February 11, 2020 the Board directed the CAO to negotiate a contract with the CrisCom Company to provide State lobbying services. Due to budgetary constraints it is recommended to put State lobbying services on hold until fiscal impacts become clearer.

Agreement Between the County of Kings and
The CrisCom Company
For State Legislative Lobbying Services

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of July 2020, by and between the County of Kings (herein referred to as "County") and The CrisCom Company (herein referred to as "Consultant").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County desires that the Consultant be retained to provide, in the capacity of an independent contractor, government lobbying services to and for the benefit of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is ready, willing and able to provide such services.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties as follows:

SECTION I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant's government lobbying services shall consist of those enumerated in Exhibit A. Consultant covenants that the persons providing the services described in Exhibit A are specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to provide them. The Consultant will perform no service which he or she deems illegal or unethical.

SECTION II - TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of services of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

SECTION III - COMPENSATION

As compensation for services to be rendered hereunder in accordance with Exhibit A, the County shall pay to Consultant as follows: The sum of \$4,500 per month, but not to exceed a total of \$54,000 per year, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, inclusive of all operating expenses, including, but not limited to, pro rata costs for support staff, telephone, fax, mail, utilities, rent, travel and legislative bill services included in the flat fee. The parties understand and agree that this monthly amount shall be full compensation for services rendered by Consultant and that Consultant shall not be entitled to any other compensation from County for said services or for the costs of providing the same.

SECTION IV - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Consultant shall act as an independent contractor, having control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. Consultant is not to be considered an agent or employee of the County and is not entitled to participate in any pay, benefits or other conditions of employment that the County provides for its employees. Consultant is solely responsible for the compliance with payment of employer-related taxes, business licenses and insurance on Consultant's own behalf and for Consultant's employees, if any, including but not limited to, federal and state income taxes, federal and state unemployment insurance, workers compensation insurance, adequate property damage and personal liability insurance, and Social Security (FICA) taxes, the cost of which is not reimbursable under this Agreement. The Consultant may act for and render government services to other persons, government units, firms or corporations during the term of this Agreement.

SECTION V - HOLD HARMLESS; INDEMNIFICATION

A. When the law establishes a professional standard of care for Consultant's Services, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless County and any and all of its Board members, officials, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses, including legal counsel's fees and costs but only to the extent Consultant is responsible for such damages, liabilities, and costs on a comparative basis of fault between Consultant and County in the performance of professional services under this Agreement. Consultant shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify County for County's own negligence or for the negligence of third parties.

B. To the full extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, and any and all of its Board members employees, officials and agents from and against any liability, including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including legal counsel's fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees where the same arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, the performance of services under this Agreement by Consultant or by any individual or entity for which Consultant is legally liable, including, but not limited to, officers, agents, employees, or subcontractors of Consultant.

C. This indemnification specifically includes any claims that may be made against County by any taxing authority or third party asserting that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

D. These indemnification obligations shall survive the termination of this Agreement as to any acts or omissions occurring under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.

SECTION VI - INSURANCE

A. Without limiting County's right to obtain indemnification from Consultant or any third parties, prior to commencement of work, Consultant shall purchase and maintain the following types of insurance for minimum limits indicated during the term of this Agreement and provide an Endorsed Additional Insured page from Consultant's Insurance Carrier guaranteeing such coverage to County. Such page shall be mailed as set forth under the Notice Section of this Agreement prior to the execution of this Agreement. In the event Consultant fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend, or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.

1. Commercial General Liability. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) annual aggregate covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. County and its officers, employees and agents shall be endorsed to above policies as additional insured, using ISO form CG 20 26 or an alternate form that is at least as broad as form CG 20 26, as to any liability arising from the performance of this Agreement.

2. Automobile Liability. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with limits for bodily injury of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident and for property damages not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or such coverage with a combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Coverage should include owned and non-owned vehicles used in connection with this Agreement.

3. Workers Compensation. Statutory coverage, if and as required according to the California Labor Code. The policy shall be endorsed to waive the insurer's subrogation rights against County.

4. Professional Liability. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) limit per occurrence or claim and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) annual aggregate limit covering Consultant's wrongful acts, errors and omissions.

B. Insurance is to be placed with admitted insurers rated by A.M. Best Co. as A:VII or higher. Lower rated, or approved but not admitted insurers, may be accepted if prior approval is given by County's Risk Manager.

C. Each of the above required policies shall be endorsed to provide County with thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation. County is not liable for the payment of premiums or assessments on the policy. No cancellation provisions in the insurance policy shall be construed in derogation of the continuing duty of Consultant to furnish insurance during the term of this Agreement.

SECTION VII - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In the event County staff or officials request specific services to be provided by Consultant and a potential conflict of interest arises, Consultant shall notify the County of the potential conflict.

SECTION VIII - TERMINATION

Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement, Consultant's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon Consultant's bankruptcy, death or disability or in the event of fraud, dishonesty, or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by Consultant or, at the County's election, in the event of Consultant's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the duties hereunder. In such event, Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation under this Agreement, it being the intent that Consultant shall be paid as specified only during such period that Consultant shall, in fact, be performing the duties hereunder.

SECTION IX - ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement is personal to the Consultant and may not and shall not be assigned by Consultant without prior written consent of the County. This includes the ability to subcontract all or portion of its rights, duties, and obligations hereunder, except the right to assign payment for services to a third party.

SECTION X - AMENDMENTS

No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

SECTION XI - WORK PRODUCT

All reports, preliminary findings, or data assembled or compiled by Consultant under this Agreement shall become the property of the County. The County reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such materials.

SECTION XII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

SECTION XIII - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the recitals and Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter and all prior or contemporaneous agreements of any kind or nature relating to the same shall be deemed to be merged herein.

SECTION XIV - NOTICES:

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted one day after their deposit in the United States Mail, postage prepaid:

Charles H. Jelloian
President & Chief Executive Officer
The CrisCom Company
9550 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Rebecca Campbell
County Administrative Officer
County of Kings
1400 West Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Alternatively, notices may be sent through email to the email address set forth in this section. Notices sent through email shall be deemed received when acknowledged by the recipient. For purposes of this section, "acknowledged" does not include receipt of an automated response from the recipient's server that the recipient is out of the office, unavailable, or otherwise unable to receive emails. Notice of change of address shall be given in the same manner as prescribed herein for other notices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

County of Kings

The CrisCom Company

Rebecca Campbell
County Administrative Officer

Chuck Jelloian
President & Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Form
Lee Burdick, County Counsel

Carrie R. Woolley, Assistant County Counsel

Exhibit A

Scope of Services

State lobbying services include, but are not limited to, the following:

Strategy

- Work with the Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer, and key staff to discuss goals, objectives, opportunities, and priorities;
- Assist the County in the development and implementation of its legislative agenda, key proposals, and policy positions;
- Propose an annual strategic advocacy and political engagement plan designed to achieve legislative goals and support business objectives; and
- Develop a plan for off-session activities and coordinate with County staff.

Tracking and reporting

- Identify, track, and report on State legislation and legislative proposals and State regulatory processes, including specific analysis of administrative, legislative, and regulatory matters that may have an impact on the County of Kings (“County”);
- Report activities, at a minimum, throughout the contract term, as follows:
 - o Telephone or weekly updates on pending issues as they arise;
 - o Provide updates with insight from the State Administration and Governor’s office and the State Legislature regarding the County’s priority areas including, but not limited to:
 - State Budget
 - Administration of Justice
 - Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources
 - Government Finance & Administration
 - Health & Human Services
 - Housing, Land Use & Transportation
 - Other Special Issues
 - o A brief weekly written status report during the Legislative Session for the County;
 - o A quarterly status report during the Legislative Session for the County;
 - o A final written report and in-person presentation at the end of Legislative Session for the County;
- Track priorities and meetings of aligned partner organizations;
- Develop the County’s annual legislative platform, draft legislation, supporting documents and amendments, as necessary; and
- Organize State lobby registration, compliance, and reporting.

Advocacy

- Support the County with a strong presence in the Capitol as the “eyes and ears” of the County and serving as the day-to-day contact for legislators and other lobbyists on behalf of the County of Kings;
- Work to achieve the County’s goals on legislation, issues, or rules by lobbying members of the Legislature, legislative staff, and State government officials;
- Track and attend committee and rulemaking hearings, coordinate and assist in the preparation of testimony, submissions, and in-person testimony; and
- Attend and participate in interim hearings and meetings regarding issues important to the County of Kings.

Relationship building

- Assist in the development of relationships with key legislators, regulatory agencies, State agencies, local governments, and community organizations, consistent with the annual strategic advocacy and political engagement plan;
- Develop strong connections with other agencies and state membership organizations to support mutual goals as identified; and
- Facilitate meetings with State Legislators and agency department leaders to provide the County the opportunity to meet face-to-face with key decision-makers on pertinent County issues.



COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM May 5, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Administration – Rebecca Campbell
Department of Public Health – Edward Hill

SUBJECT: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COUNTY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

Overview:

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency throughout California because of the increase in cases reported of the novel coronavirus, a disease now known as COVID-19. The President of the United States likewise declared a national emergency because of the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020. On March 17, 2020, the Board proclaimed a local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings.

Recommendation:

- a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and
- b. Receive an update on a reopening plan and take action as necessary.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact to the County is unknown at this time. The County is tracking all of its costs related to the emergency.

BACKGROUND:

A Novel Coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019.

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BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: _____ OTHER: _____

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted
on _____, 2020.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By _____, Deputy.

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COUNTY UPDATE

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

County staff has been working diligently to assess and provide resources and information to the community regarding COVID-19. An update will be provided to the Board on County related activities and response.

The Department of Public Health will provide an update on the status of the County's reopening plan.