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**From:** Nicole Barney <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Call on possible outdoor closure

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Hello,

My name is Nicole Barney, I am a proud manager for La Grande Orange Café in Pasadena. Despite the challenges of the pandemic we as a team have executed an incredible functioning and safe work and dining environment. I believe though some restaurants are not following proper guidelines the restaurants that are enforcing every possible precautionary steps should not have to suffer the consequences.

Thank you,

**Nicole Barney | Manager**  
LGO Café | The Otis Bar | [The Luggage Room Pizzeria](#)

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[\[redacted\]](#), Pasadena, CA, 91105

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**From:** Florence Sanders <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** La Grande Orange/Luggage Room Pizzeria

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To whom it may concern.

I am a chef working at LGO and I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinions and concerns brought on by the shutdown of outdoor dining.

I am proud and confident in saying our entire team at LGO have taken on every challenge that has been brought on by Covid-19, the professionalism and extreme care for the safety of our guests and fellow colleagues, is testament to how seriously we all have taken our current situation.

We have taken every precaution to ensure everyone who enters our restaurants (staff member and guest) will experience a secure surrounding that gives peace of mind. We use kiosks to prevent as much contact as possible, our staff have temperature taken before each and every shift, we sanitise frequently and uphold each new guideline that comes our way.

I worry that without outdoor dining we, and many other businesses will suffer if only left with a take out option. Having gone through this once in March, I truly hope for a an outcome which will support and invigorate the restaurant industry.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to all of us, our livelihoods are in your hands.

Kind Regards

Florence Sanders | Executive Chef  
Ingo's Tasty Diner | Santa Monica, CA

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**From:** Joseph Badaro <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Outdoor dining

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To whom it may concern

My name is Joseph and I'm the owner of Hummus Labs. Many of you may not have heard of me because I'm new to the city. I had the unfortunate luck of having to open my restaurant right in the middle of the pandemic. We have fought tooth and nail to keep our doors open, with no help from our landlord (they just increased our rent in fact) and not qualifying for any government programs we have made every pivot necessary to keep going. With these new outdoor dining restrictions you will see many of us not survive this new lock down. Empty storefronts and for lease signs will be littering the streets of Pasadena. We ask that you please consider us small businesses owners when making the decision to follow suit with the LA county health department. I thank you for your time and your consideration.

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**From:** Natalee Ray <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Covid 19 Rules

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To the Pasadena City Council,

Please, please allow the restaurants in Pasadena to remain open! These people need their jobs, and the business owners are already hurting! I feel terribly for the owners and employees who are not going to have any means of making money around the holidays. Thanksgiving is a few days away, please find the compassion in your heart to allow these businesses to remain open.

Thank you.

Natalee Ray  
Lifelong Pasadena Resident

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**From:** Mercedes raffuls <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** The pan

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Hello,

We own the pan in Pasadena on 57 e holly st. We are struggling as it is with limited outside seating. If we go back to just take out, this will be the end of our restaurant. We are now struggling to pay high rents and keep all of our employees employed. We believe outside seating keeping 6 ft distance, shouldnt be the cause of increase cases. Health department shouldnt pick and choose what business should remain open. Its all or nothing. Closing restaurants will be the end for alot of them. There isn't any turning back. PPP money is gone. Theres nothing to sustain us anymore

As we feel, I'm sure all restaurant feel the same.

Thank you for your support,  
Mercedes Raffuls  
Jasmine Lymon

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**From:** Cindy Wenzlau <>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Restaurant closures

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Hi!

We are local residents who are in the hospitality industry as winemakers. We provide Pasadena restaurants with our wine and also like to frequent these establishments. These are hardworking folks who are struggling to survive. They have made insane efforts to adhere to all health department requirements. Please don't shut them down during their most profitable time! It could be the end for many of the independently owned spots that make our community better.

Thank you,  
Cindy Wenzlau  
Wenzlau Vineyard

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ernie <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Keep outdoor dining as is please

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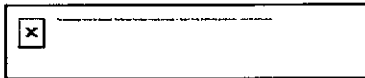
On behalf of my law firm and my 18 employees we ask you to please maintain the status quo. Keep our business alive. They are responsible enterprises and we need them.

Thank you.

Ernest P. Algorri  
DeWitt, Algorri & Algorri  
DeWitt Algorri Building

Pasadena, Ca. 91103

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**Subject:** FW: School openings and COVID  
**Attachments:** 1124 Public comment.docx; School\_Opening\_References.docx

**From:** Mary Forrest <

**Date:** November 23, 2020 at 11:51:34 AM PST

**To:** [FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov), [Shelia@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Shelia@bos.lacounty.gov), [MarkRidley-Thomas@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MarkRidley-Thomas@bos.lacounty.gov), [FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov), [kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)

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**Subject:** School openings and COVID

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November 21, 2020

Honorable Kathryn Barger and the LA County Board of Supervisors  
C/O Celia Zavala  
Kenneth Hahn Hall  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: COVID-19 and School Openings**

In March, it was a reasonable to shut down schools as no one knew how the virus would affect children or how schools contributed to the spread of COVID19. Thankfully, 8 months later we know much more, namely that open schools do not drive numbers of cases upward and that schools are the safest places for kids to be.

As parents of school children, we have become the front-line workers of our children's education, while also having to be parents, friends, emotional support, and entertainment. We see their anxiety and depression levels rise at an alarming rate.

As a result of Bill DiBlasio's decision to close schools again, medical experts, most notably the CDC, Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Fauci are beginning to speak out, schools are the safest place for children. The rate of infection in schools is still %0.15 schools are not to blame for the 3% of positive cases in New York. Dr Fauci said, "I think one of the things we need to do is to the best of our capability try to keep the kids in school". The Director of the CDC, Robert Redfield said this past week that K-12 schools, not just grades K-2, should remain open because they are the "among the safest" places kids can be and that closing schools amounts to "an emotional response".

In California, students are becoming the most disadvantaged in the country. Schools in other states have been open but school closures are still in place. California high school students are missing academic and sports scholarships to other kids in other states who have a platform to perform. Will you let California kids continue to fall behind? Schools provide academic, emotional and physical support and in many cases, they provide a haven to at risk children.

The science is pointing towards schools opening. Gavin Newsom said California will follow science in reopening, will you stand up for California kids and follow the science in opening our schools and sports programs. With cases on the rise, parents are asking the board of supervisors to keep schools open and create more opportunities for our students to be in school. The time for lockdowns has passed, our children need you to speak out for them. Please urge Gavin Newsom to open all schools. Attached, you will find literature that supports the points made in this letter as well as my public comment I submitted for tomorrow's meeting.

We appreciate the consideration,

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Pasadena, California 91105

cc- Mayor Terry Tornek, Pasadena  
Steve Mermell, Pasadena City Manager  
Dr. Ying- Ying Goh, Pasadena Health Director  
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk of Pasadena  
Victor Gordo, Councilmember Pasadena District 5

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To the LA County Board of supervisors, enough is enough. We must continue to open our schools for the safety and welfare of our children. California has said from the beginning it will follow the science but has ignored the fact that schools are not proven to be super spreaders, only accounting for .15% of the virus. These children need schools for their academic, social and physical well-being. The depression, anxiety, and suicide rates will continue to climb with another lock down and the effects could have longer and more devastating impacts than COVID-19.

California students are falling behind. By keeping schools and sports closed, our students are losing opportunities to perform on a platform that would allow them to obtain scholarships. Instead of figuring out ways to give students opportunities, you are closing doors and turning your backs on these kids. Online learning is not the answer to keeping California safer. Other states are providing opportunities that California isn't, meaning their students will be getting opportunities and scholarships our kids will not be considered for. Are you going to stand by and watch that happen? Are you going to stand by and watch California dwindle to a shadow of its former self?

California will continue to see a mass exodus of people who value having their kids learn in school. They will leave because their businesses will no longer be able to be open. They will leave because they will not be able to afford property taxes. They will leave because the "land of opportunity" will be no more. Just as people quickly moved here during the gold rush, you'll see them move out. I hope you don't let that happen. I hope you provide more opportunities to keep the money in California before everyone turns their back on this great state. Gavin Newsom's "Blueprint for a safer economy" is absolutely unachievable. It is wrong to force anyone to take a vaccine.

My child deserves to be in the classroom. The damage has been done, let's not make more mistakes. You have the opportunity to speak out and make real change. Speak out for our students. They need you, it's time to rise up and fight.

Attached to this comment you will find references that support school openings, most notably recommendations from the CDC.

## References-

"The infections that we've identified in schools when they've been evaluated were not acquired in schools, they were actually acquired in the community and in the household," said **CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield**. "The truth is for kids K through 12, one of the safest places they can be, from our perspective, is to remain in school."

"We've gathered over the last two to three months and confirm that k-12 schools can operate with face-to-face learning and they can do it safely and they can do it responsibly,"

"Data strongly supports that k-12 schools, as well as institutes of higher learning, really are not where we're having our challenges and it would be counterproductive from a public health point of view just in containing the epidemic if there was an emotional response to say let's close the schools," Redfield said.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4924557/cdc-director-redfield-data-supports-face-face-learning-schools>

"The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families. The disproportionate impact this has had on Black, Latinx, and Native American/Alaskan Native children and adolescents must also be recognized." **American Academy of Pediatrics**

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

"But what the data increasingly shows is that the best way to protect teachers and students isn't to shut down schools. It's to focus on all the measures that will keep them — and their families, friends and neighbors — safe outside the classroom." **Emily Oster, a professor of economics at Brown University**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/11/20/covid-19-schools-data-reopening-safety/?arc404=true>

Toronto, Canada has a positivity rate of 6% but are making strides to keep their children in schools because the science doesn't support closures. "The safest place for children right now (is) actually in the schools," said **Premier Doug Ford** at a Thursday afternoon press conference. November 20, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7473374/coronavirus-ontario-nyc-schools/>

According to **Dr. Marty Makary of Johns Hopkins**, when they looked at policies for viral meningitis, seasonal flu, bacterial pneumonia death from COVID-19 is below those things. More healthy kids die from jellyfish or eating a toothpick.- Fox News Interview Martha MacCullem November 20, 2020

[https://archive.org/details/FOXNEWSW\\_20201121\\_000000\\_The\\_Story\\_With\\_Martha\\_MacCallum](https://archive.org/details/FOXNEWSW_20201121_000000_The_Story_With_Martha_MacCallum)

"The only epidemiological reason to close schools would be evidence that they are magnifying infection and driving community spread. And so far, there is no data suggesting that in-person education is doing those things. To the contrary, the prevalence of infection in schools is comparatively low." **Amesh A. Adalja, an infectious disease physician, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/11/19/new-york-schools-closed-bars-restaurants-epidemiology/>

"As a pediatrician, I am really seeing the negative impacts of these school closures on children," **Dr. Danielle Dooley, a medical director at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C.**, told NPR. She ticked off mental health problems, hunger, obesity due to inactivity, missing routine medical care and the risk of child abuse — on top of the loss of education. "Going to school is really vital for children. They get their meals in school, their physical activity, their health care, their education, of course."

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/21/925794511/were-the-risks-of-reopening-schools-exaggerated>

Other early evidence similarly suggested that schools don't inherently become virus hot spots. Insights for Education, an independent foundation that advises education departments and ministries, examined data from 191 countries between Feb. 10 and Sept. 29 and found "no consistent pattern between school status and infection levels."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-03/testing-shows-schools-aren-t-propelling-covid-19-outbreaks>