



COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE

SIXTH DISTRICT
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

July 6, 2020

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Supervisors,

As Chair of the City of San Diego's Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I respectfully request you move-up the date to re-evaluate the data for San Diego to 14 days on July 20, 2020.

As the eighth largest city in the United States and the second largest city in California, 1.4 million residents call San Diego home. Small businesses account for 98 percent of San Diego companies. Needless to say, the impact COVID-19 has had on our small, large, independent, corporate, and home-based businesses has been monumental.

For example, Souplantation, headquartered in San Diego, closed every one of its locations. After 46 years of serving home cooked meals, Troy's Family Restaurant said goodbye to their customers forever. Craft beer enthusiasts will not taste Thunderhawk Alements beer ever again.

Despite these closings, we have been doing everything possible to save businesses from failing in San Diego. We have allocated millions of dollars in funding for small business, identified private foundations to support employees and their families, and worked side-by-side with minority-owned small businesses, including in their native language, to ensure they understand what is needed to survive the closures.

Unfortunately, today's statewide order has the effect of setting our businesses back three months. Once again, businesses find themselves living the nightmare of having to close their doors, their employees going back on unemployment, all while bills continue to pile up. It is particularly discouraging to the San Diego businesses who have been faithfully following and practicing all the mandated health guidelines.

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I remain determined and steadfast in ensuring that businesses throughout the City of San Diego continue its path towards economic recovery. As such, I am asking the review of our County's data be scheduled for July 20th thereby allowing San Diego businesses to re-open sooner.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at (619) 236-6616.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cate", written in a cursive style.

Chris Cate
Councilmember, Sixth District
City of San Diego

cc: The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California