



May 18, 2020

Dear Governor Newsom,

As a member of the Responsible COVID-19 Economic Reopening (RECOVER) Taskforce, I write in support of the County of San Diego's plan to safely accelerate the opening of businesses in our region during Stage 2. As we work collectively as a region to prioritize public health and safety, we appreciate your consideration of the ability for our region to pilot the opening of certain Stage 3 businesses as we look to bring our economy back as well.

The RECOVER Taskforce is comprised of officials from the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego, business leaders from a variety of sectors, our regional Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development Councils. This bi-national and bi-partisan Taskforce has been meeting regularly to work on guidance for non-essential businesses to reopen safely with respect to employee health, safe worksite entry, workplace physical distancing, and employee training and compliance.

In light of the partnership in our region and the local data on the metrics informing the Public Health decision, we think there are certain Stage 3 businesses that could return on a pilot basis with strict adherence to facial coverings, social distancing, sanitation, and temperature checks/symptom screenings. As you know, the County of San Diego's Public Health officer has mandated the use of facial coverings in our region, as well as temperature checks as thermometers become available in all reopened businesses. The County has issued a "Safe Reopening Plan" to be filled out and posted by all reopened businesses in the region as well.

The businesses in our region are well aware of the importance of testing and tracing, and standby to assist the County however we can. We have robust biotech, pharmaceutical, technology, and research industries in our region who are working tirelessly to develop therapeutics, diagnostic and serology testing to intervene with the spread of COVID-19.

We appreciate your leadership in these unprecedented times, and your commitment to keep all residents in the State of California healthy and safe. We also appreciate the work and the guidance of the California Department of Public Health during this global pandemic. As we move forward we will adhere to your guidance and plans, and respectfully request you approve the acceleration plan for San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Debra Rosen  
President/CEO