



Friends,

It has been well over a month since the County, and the State issued stay at home orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since that time, the curve has "flattened" significantly - well beyond any of the early projections. But as the initial two-week "shelter in place" stretched into two months, the economic sacrifice has grown by leaps and bounds.

My office has been inundated with calls and emails from constituents and businesses seeking help or at least some clarity on how the order impacts them. For executives and workers still getting their full paycheck, two months might not feel like a big deal - just a paid "staycation." For most people, however, two or three months of not being able to work, earn a living, go to school, access daycare, or get (non-covid) medical treatments is back-breaking.

The Governor laid out his vision for "re-opening the state." But it is arbitrary and lacks any real specifics or timelines. Businesses still have no idea when they can expect to open - or whether they will be able to find workers when they can re-open.

Sacramento County has extended its public health order to May 22nd and reduced certain restrictions put in place with previous orders. The reduction in restrictions is so that a sense of normalcy can be restored while still promoting social distancing and promoting public health. The flexibility to make those reductions is contingent on the Governor's determination that the County can do so, however.

Efforts to support small businesses have helped ease the pain of forced closures, but they are totally inadequate compared to the economic sacrifice workers, and small businesses have made. \$1200 cannot replace two or three months of salary,