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Fresno County Supervisor, Chairman Buddy Mendes
County of Fresno
2281 Tulare, Room #301
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Joint COVID-19 Meeting

Dear Board of Supervisors, Chairman Mendes,

Thank you for accommodating our request to host a public joint meeting between our respective bodies. As we experience record increases of COVID-19 cases, stretching our local healthcare system beyond its normal capacity, this meeting is urgent and timely.

It is the Fresno City Council's hope that this meeting will lead to a better mutual understanding of the sources of the virus' spread, as well as identifying mitigations we can both undertake to provide direct relief and services to the most vulnerable.

After numerous requests by you and other Supervisors and the County's successful request for a state variance, the City of Fresno lifted its shelter in place order on May 26, 2020 and began to reopen businesses. Since then, in an attempt to reduce rapidly growing cases in the County, we took decisive steps to strengthen our facial covering order and business reporting requirements of COVID cases. (Attached is a copy of the city order)

We believe it is now time to come together and develop a regional strategic plan, based on the County Public Health Officer Dr. Rais Vohra's guidance, in an open and public manner.

Our upcoming meeting will provide us an opportunity to develop a more effective and comprehensive regional COVID-19 Strategic Plan. This plan should prioritize the needs of residents that are disproportionately affected by this pandemic and minimize any duplication of effort. In advance of this conversation, we request that the County provide the following information, consistent with multiple previous public records act requests:

1. Frequently updated positive COVID-19 test data by zip code or census tracts, number of cases, by ethnicity, age range, gender, and declared employment profession.
2. Data from contact tracing efforts, specifically data regarding cases of work-related exposure (food processing plants, construction sites, distribution centers, health facilities, bars and restaurants, private gatherings, gyms, family, or living spaces).

3. County of Fresno's contact tracing protocol, extensiveness of this process, and criteria for contact tracing.
4. A breakdown of expenditures funded by CARES Act.
5. Testing and tracing data in the City of Fresno, particularly in areas with high COVID-19 positive cases.
6. Name and location of Hospitals and Nursing homes within the City limits which are in need of PPE and medical staffing support.
7. The number of available beds in all Fresno County hospitals.
8. The operational plan for the backup hospital operation at the Fresno Convention Center.
9. List of recipients and/or businesses (locations) that received the 40,000 N95 masks provided by the Governor of California.
10. Copies of all contracts to procure COVID-19 test kits, including the number of test kits covered by the contract and the cost.
11. The County's daily statistics for the number of tests administered at the three OptumServe testing locations. Please provide the most up to date statistics as possible.

Additionally, want to ensure the joint meeting allows for live virtual public input, similar to the briefing conducted by Dr. Vohra. We look forward to prompt receipt of the requested information, as it will help ensure our meeting is useful and productive.

We, like you, recognize the benefits of collaboration between our city, county and state leaders to successfully address this pandemic. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 559.906.1443.

Sincerely,



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