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Madam Mayor and Council members,

I'm writing to you to voice my concern over the arbitrary and unconstitutional new lock down being enforced on our local businesses.

First, I understand the threat COVID-19 poses to our community. Our numbers are on the rise, as they are around the country, and there is no doubt to the seriousness of the times in which we live. That said, we are still citizens of CA and of the United States and, as such, we have rights that are guaranteed us in spite of the crisis before us!

As Californians, our state constitution guarantees:

*" All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy."*  
(Article 1, Section 1).

We have the right to pursue happiness and security. We have the right to enjoy our lives and defend our liberties. The Governor has arbitrarily come in and dictated to us which pursuits of those rights are ok and which are not, all while allowing his cronies in Hollywood to be classified as essential. The jobs of ALL Californians are essential. We ALL have the right to work and pursue happiness, to work to acquire the quality of life we desire!

I urge you to take a stand for the small business owners, for the family owned businesses and for the working people of Lompoc and allow them the freedoms guaranteed them in the Constitution, which you have all sworn to uphold. End the arbitrary lock down, take us back to the tier system we were in, and stand up for our livelihoods.

Thank you.

- Jason Byard