

## RESOLUTION NO. 6380(21)

### **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Calling Upon the Governor of the State of California And the State Public Health Leadership To Make Adjustments Concerning Regional Stay-at-Home Protocols Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**WHEREAS**, the paramount concern of policymakers as well as community and business leaders is the health and well-being of our neighbors, family members, and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions affecting the health and well-being of all community members must be based on empirical evidence without regard to politics or the preferences of those in positions of authority; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions about strategies and tactics to combat the current pandemic must consider all elements of well-being, including physical, emotional, social, financial, and spiritual health; and

**WHEREAS**, Californians have been subjected to both some of the most stringent economic and social restrictions and some of the worst health results during the course of the current pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary tactics deployed by the State of California to combat the pandemic have been focused on businesses, schools, and families, unfortunately without any specific evidence that the imposed restrictions have had hoped for positive, measurable outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the negative impacts of these tactics have been borne disproportionately by small businesses in the hospitality, personal services, restaurant, and similar business sectors – made up of businesses which employ large numbers of minorities and those with the least ability to survive income interruption and similar impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses have collectively invested millions of dollars to adapt and operate safely in a pandemic environment, including widespread use of PPE, changes to operations, and adjustments to physical facilities, and have worked diligently to adhere to all rules and regulations set forth to date, emphasizing the safety and health of their employees, customers, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lompoc is increasingly concerned about the worsening impacts of business restrictions leading to increasing numbers of unemployed individuals and reduced resources, both governmental and through critical non-profit organizations, for addressing social and societal needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lompoc is also increasingly concerned about the impacts to our children of further delays to in-person education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The above-recited facts demonstrate a need for collective and unified action from our county, cities, and broader community.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Lompoc calls upon the Governor of the State of California and the State's Public Health leadership to:

1. Develop new tactics that recognize businesses can operate safely and can be effective partners in achieving the shared goals of eliminating the pandemic and minimizing negative impacts associated with the loss of jobs and income associated with business closures; and
2. Adjust the Regional Stay-at-Home protocols to allow for sub-regions and/or individual counties to have their status determined by their direct and actual conditions rather than being held accountable for results in areas over which they have no impact or influence; and
3. Provide data specific to justify the restrictions that are imposed on specific business sectors of our community adequate to justify their continuation; and/or
4. Work with local jurisdictions and impacted community sector representatives to craft strategies more targeted in nature to specific, data-supported tactics which will address specific causes of transmission or spread of the disease. Specifically, in addition to County officials, we believe it is critical that representatives from key economic sectors be involved in determining the next round of tactics to be deployed in combating the pandemic,

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on January 19, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

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Jenelle Osborne, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk  
City of Lompoc