

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF KING CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
5:45 P.M.

CITY HALL
212 S. VANDERHURST AVENUE
KING CITY, CALIFORNIA 93930

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Council Members Darlene Acosta, Robert Cullen, Carlos DeLeon, Mayor Pro Temp. Carlos Victoria, and Mayor Mike LeBarre

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may address the Council for a period not to exceed *three minutes'* total on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of this Council that is not on the agenda. The Council will listen to all communications; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Council cannot act on items not on the agenda. Comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual Council Member. Slanderous, profane or personal remarks against any Council Member, staff member or member of the audience is not permitted.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group. The recommendations for each item are noted. Members of the audience may speak on any item(s) listed on the Consent Agenda. Any Council Member, the City Manager, or the City Attorney may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to allow for full discussion. The Council may approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda on one motion. Items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda may be considered by separate motions at the conclusion of the discussion of each item.

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Consideration: Letter Requesting Governor to Allow Restaurants in Purple Tier to Open for Indoor Dining
Recommendation: Consider whether to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to the Governor of California requesting approval to allow restaurants in the purple tier to open immediately for indoor dining.

8. ADJOURNMENT



Item No. 7A

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: STEVEN ADAMS, CITY MANAGER

RE: CONSIDERATION OF LETTER REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS IN PURPLE TIER TO OPEN FOR INDOOR DINING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City Council consider whether to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to the Governor of California requesting approval to allow restaurants in the purple tier to open immediately for indoor dining.

BACKGROUND:

On Friday, August 28th, the Governor issued a new blueprint for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions. This allowed salons to open in King City. The blueprint places each county in one of 4 risk level tiers: widespread (purple), substantial (red), moderate (orange) and minimal (yellow). Monterey County is in the purple “widespread” tier. To move to the red “substantial” tier, it must experience less than 7 daily new cases per 100,000 people for 2 consecutive weeks.

The Mayor recently received a request from the County to submit a letter to the Governor requesting Monterey County be approved to allow restaurants to open indoor dining while still in the purple tier with restrictions. A copy of the draft letter is attached.

DISCUSSION:

COVID-19 has had a substantial impact on businesses, particularly restaurants. Some have closed and will not reopen. Approval of the letter will demonstrate the City’s support for these businesses and will help maintain the viability of the City’s restaurants if approved. The risk of reopening while in this tier is that it has the potential of increasing cases and risk future shutdowns, delay additional re-openings, and impact public health.

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COST ANALYSIS:

There is no cost impact is associated with this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Since this only involves advocating an action by the State, this matter is not a "project" for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change to the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. No further action is required under CEQA for City Council action.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for Council consideration:

1. Authorize the Mayor to submit the letter;
2. Modify the letter and authorize it to be submitted by the Mayor;
3. Do not authorize the letter to be submitted; or
4. Provide staff other direction.

Exhibits:

1. Draft Letter

Prepared and Approved by: _____


Steven Adams, City Manager

September 25, 2020
The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: COVID-19 Restaurant Reopening Plan

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of King, I write to express our support for Monterey County's request to implement safe restaurant policies in accordance with established state and county safety protocols and allow restaurants in the purple tier to open immediately for indoor dining at 25% of pre-COVID-19 capacity and moving to 50% once counties achieve the red tier.

Our city is very concerned with the economic crisis that continues to devastate our local restaurants. Outdoor dining is not producing enough revenue to sustain their business and soon seasonal temperature changes and precipitation will render patio dining much less practical or eliminate it completely as an option. Limiting restaurant operations to take-out, delivery, and patio dining is resulting in fewer customers, far fewer employees, and is unsustainable as a business model for our restaurants. Restaurants are among the largest source of local sales tax revenue and are crucial to the health of our local economy.

This has been particularly impactful on our Hispanic population that makes up more than 87% of our residents and 80% of our restaurant owners and workers. Most of our restaurants are family owned and is the sole source of income to provide for their loved ones. They have invested great sums remodeling their facilities to comply with enhanced safety protocols such as plexiglass barriers, socially distant table alignments, PPE, and employee protection protocols. Restaurants need to be able to move back inside in a safe and timely manner to protect our community, jobs, economy, and families.

On behalf of the City of King, I respectfully ask that you continue to improve upon the state tiered program by immediately allowing restaurants in the purple tier to open for indoor dining at 25% capacity, moving to 50% once the red tier has been achieved, all while following the social distancing standards and protocols previously adopted by the city, county and State.

Our city greatly appreciates your leadership through this ongoing crisis and the actions you have taken to protect Californians.

Sincerely,

Mike LeBarre
Mayor, City of King

CC: Hon. Bill Monning, 17th Senate District
Hon. Anna Caballero, 12th Senate District
Hon. Robert Rivas, 30th Assembly District
Hon. Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
Rural Counties Representative of California (RCRC)
California Restaurant Association
Monterey County Mayors Association
Monterey County Hospitality Association
Bill Perocchi, CEO, Pebble Beach Company
Ted Balestreri, Chairman & CEO, Cannery Row Company
Teddy Balestreri, II, Past Chairman of the Board, California Restaurant Association
Vice President of Hospitality Operations and Community Relations, Cannery Row Company
Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery