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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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L.A. County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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SUBJECT: Support for Including Vaccination Rate as a Metric to Reopen Businesses

Dear Governor Newsom, Chair Solis, and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, firmly joined together by a common cause, are writing to you today to request that you consider vaccination rates as a key metric for reopening businesses, taking a more localized approach to reopening requirements. We have continued to support and amplify the importance of a decentralized approach to the pandemic response, given the vast size of L.A. County. As we begin to move closer to the red tier, we encourage the state to consider vaccination rates, in addition to case and positivity rates, when determining tiers.

The cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates thank you for your continued efforts to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and equitably as possible. As of February 22, 2021, over 25% of the Peninsula community have been vaccinated with the first dose of vaccine. Further, nearly 20% of the Beach cities communities that surround the Peninsula have also been vaccinated. This data comes directly from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. These vaccination rates stand in stark contrast to the county's vaccination rate of just over 16%. While we appreciate the significant logistical undertaking to provide vaccinations across the county, we feel that this contrast illustrates the necessity for a more localized approach to tier determination.

There have been no [non-residential outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 in our four cities, and [no businesses on the Peninsula have been issued a citation](#) due to lack of compliance with Health Officer Orders. Our businesses continue to demonstrate a commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of their employees and customers, and this should be a factor in determining the relative safety of the community to move into less

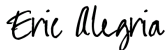
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restrictive tiers. Our cities and our residents are fully prepared to maintain the safety practices that have allowed us to slow the spread of COVID-19 thus far.

As we all collectively move forward on the path to recovery, we would like to thank you for your consideration of this request along with your continued efforts to support our communities and the businesses that sustain them.

Sincerely,

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