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**Subject:** New eComment for City Council Special Meeting (City Council Declaration of an Emergency with Attendant Orders)

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Meghan Arthurs submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Special Meeting (City Council Declaration of an Emergency with Attendant Orders)

Item: 1. REPORT 20-0167 CITY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY WITH ATTENDANT ORDERS

eComment: While I absolutely support social distancing, working remote if possible, and staying at home if you are sick, I would ask the Council to reconsider dramatic city policies that will effect the livelihood of businesses and Hermosa Beach residents. To begin, the number one way to combat not only the coronavirus but also all viruses is have a healthy cardiovascular system. For this reason, I would recommend gym facilities and public running trails be allowed to remain open. For gyms, I recommend reduction in occupancy at any given time and the requirement to have "corona virus combating wipes" which have been around for many years. We also need to consider the mental health of our residents. While we should encourage people staying home as much as possible, we should also encourage residents to enjoy the outdoors and keep a six feet distance between themselves and residents outside their homes. In addition, we need to consider the economic implications of our small beach city if we elect to shut down all "non-essential" businesses. We should, like I recommended with gyms, allow businesses to continue operating in whatever capacity they see fit for themselves. Restaurants should be able to remain open at a limited occupancy with a heavy focus on take out options. We should encourage residents to shop locally as much as possible in order to stimulate our local economy and keep our businesses afloat during this stressful time. Finally, I highly encourage the city to be proactive in their communication and focus on not inducing fear into the public. We are a small but mighty town and working together through this time will allow us to come out on top in the end.