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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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David Pedersen 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: I appreciate your bold action and support the changes/restrictions proposed specific to restaurants and bars, social distancing and warnings. As the spread of this virus is exponential, swift action is especially important. Those who might think that these measures are too extreme should be reminded that many government actions of a few weeks ago seemed extreme (if not laughable) at the time, but now seem appropriate. In many cases, they should have been implemented even earlier. Your "reward" for decisive action will be criticism for overreacting...so be it. A few additional thoughts: 1) If we do not act in similar fashion to other communities, we will draw in additional customers that (for instance) patronize our restaurants if those in neighboring cities are closed. That presents undue risk to our community. 2) I did not see a mention of gyms and other workout facilities. I would encourage you to understand what is being done in other cities as well as what is recommended by science-based public health officials specific to gyms and workout facilities of all types. I believe they are being closed mandatorily and some individual facilities have already voluntarily closed. Thank you for your service, Dave Pedersen Hermosa Beach