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Three Supervisors Joined Anderson to Ensure that Transparency is Included in COVID-19 Enforcement

New County Requirements Mandate Scientific Data for COVID-19 Enforcement

(La Mesa, January 20, 2021) District 2 Supervisor Anderson was joined by restaurant and business owners whose livelihoods have been harmed by the COVID-19 shut down.

“Tens of thousand of our neighbors are out of work and desperately worried about making rent, mortgage payments or basic family needs,” said Supervisor Joel Anderson.

Anderson encouraged residents and businesses to follow health regulation and to be safe and stressed that the primary purpose of his actions are to increase public transparency.

“This will allow the public to decide if the data that comes forward is **POLITICAL SCIENCE, OR MEDICAL SCIENCE**, said Anderson.”

Background:

On January 12, 2021, Supervisor Joel Anderson lead the effort to restrict COVID-19 Enforcement actions until the following occurs, specifically:

The County of San Diego's County's **enforcement actions** against residents and businesses deemed in violation of *COVID-19* **will be based on readily available scientific evidence and applied consistently.**

- Scientific data proving the activity is a health risk must be produced
- Enforcement must be applied consistently and fairly
- Criteria used for enforcement must be released to the public

"I am grateful to 3 of my Board colleagues for supporting my motion which recognizes that scientific data on how COVID-19 is spread should be the guiding principle in determining what business should be open and how they may operate. Additionally, my motion requires fair and consistent treatment of businesses and mandates that these criteria should be released publicly," said Anderson. "Transparency is critical to gaining public support."

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"It's been rough. It's been tough days. We spent all our money on the outdoor patio and they shut us down. We're only doing carry-out and pick-up orders, and it's not enough for us to survive. We're just asking for a little help."

Nonno's Ristorante Italiano
Gerardo Ortiz, Owner

"After the shutdown, it's like getting our hands tied behind our back. The scale is really tipped against us. They say you can open, then you can't open. It's been a big uphill battle. It's frustrating to see the hypocrisy of others not following guidelines. The cure has been worse than the pandemic. We need to open up. Let's move forward and let's get going again."

Mattress Makers Kearny Mesa/La Mesa
Pablo Hernandez, Co-owner

"We are quite proud of our new Supervisor Joel Anderson. This subject is so dear to the Chamber members' hearts. It's easy to look at a newspaper or look at the statistics, but until you actually hold hands and personally know a businessperson who has been affected by the restrictions... that's when it really hits home."

La Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Mary England, President/CEO

Supervisor Anderson will continue working with business organizations, individual owners and his constituents as a whole to bring some common sense into the County's COVID-19 regulations.

Also present and supporting Supervisor Anderson's science-based enforcement were:

- Bryan Shull, Finance Chair and 2022 Chairman Elect for the San Diego East County Chamber Commerce
- California Restaurant Association of San Diego

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