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Good morning Leon,

I continue to be so disappointed in lack of any additional arrangements being made for those of us who are unable to be in the room due to COVID-19 and our health risks. The unwillingness of the Board to have our comments shared with live voice in real time is most disappointing, especially with other county meetings arranging for the same. I do appreciate your reading our comments but it's not quite the same in terms of spontaneity and emphasis.

Thank you for reading these comments for the following items:

Item 8

The COVID-19 health emergency is far from over, yet this Board continues to fail those most in need of true skilled management and leadership in this public health crisis. The questions now surrounding Dr. Chau's credentials and abilities are most concerning. You forced out the prior Director, Dr. Quick, failing to support her knowledge based decisions. Now the County flounders forward in the coded stages of opening, hoping all progresses without "numbers going up" if you can count. In the meantime, inconsistent messages abound and those "essential workers" now include teachers, staff and students who will be put at great risk with poor health and safety practices. How many deaths will it take to sink in to your followers that everyone is at risk? The rate of infection and transmission in children is rising. The list of long term health effects is growing and all family systems are dangerously exposed.

If only we had true leadership not just a Board filled with empty souls having ambitions which far exceed their abilities.

Item 10

Of course the resources continue to flow to the most inadequate and unsuccessful service providers that anyone could have found and invested so much in. The thought that you continue to provide substantial resources to Mercy House and City Net to continue to do substandard work tells us all we need to know. You as a group do not understand that HOUSING is the only solution to homelessness. NOT shelters! Not false promises! Not unqualified and disempowered staff who may mean well but their lacking skills and abilities are life threatening.

Telecare's FSP successes are even worse and having led the most unsuccessful mental health care program in the Riverbed eviction, we see they have not improved at all.

Imagine if you had allocated these same dollars and created housing opportunities including subsidized programs to put unhoused folk in their own places. We would be so much further along but housing success is not your plan.

Inhumane practices and criminalizing the poor is all you can manage and that has caused the death of many as well. This is intentional and unforgivable.

Item 21

No doubt today you will push through and finalize your county budget as presented 2 weeks ago. You know the ratio of moneys applied to Public Protection vs Community Services in no way matches the needs of the Community - YOUR community!

The times we find ourselves in - including the COVID pandemic and social unrest - are guaranteed to change our country as you so comfortably know it. Thank goodness. You need to look around you and see the needs are great and you have so many resources at your disposal, you could make significant, life saving changes. Why you won't do so is most telling. No monies for affordable housing or subsidies to carry folx through times no one could have imagined. Masked increases in programs you don't intend to continue. Growth in jails? Sheriff's providing Mental Health Services? So upside down.

I do hope as you move into revisions and planning for future years you find a way to listen to the community. The REAL community. Not your soul less cronies or sycophants. You could learn a great deal about the human condition and hopefully incorporate that in your own life. Several of you appear to have forgotten your own stories. That is quite sad and has become dangerous to our most at risk citizens.

Pat Davis

Sent from my phone. Please excuse brevity and typos.