

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: On behalf of the Dunedin City Commission

From: Smith, Donna [mailto:DSmith@DunedinFL.Net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:35 AM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Cc: Burton, Barry <bburton@co.pinellas.fl.us>; 'rgualtieri@pcsonet.com' <rgualtieri@pcsonet.com>; Bramley, Jennifer <JBramley@DunedinFL.Net>

Subject: On behalf of the Dunedin City Commission

April 15, 2020

Honorable Pat Gerard, Chair
Honorable Dave Egger, Vice-Chair
Honorable Janet C. Long
Honorable Charlies Justice
Honorable Karen Willams Seel
Honorable Kathleen Peters
Honorable Kenneth T. Welch
County Administrator Barry Burton

Honorable Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator Burton:

The City Commission of the City of Dunedin wishes to express our appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator Barry Burton as well as Sheriff Bob Gualtieri for the deliberative and collaborative approach to eliminating the Covid-19 threat to Pinellas County. We believe that your efforts, supported and enforced by municipalities, will lead to decreased contagion in the region.

We urge the Board to continue to make methodical decisions based upon available data. We understand that on Thursday, April 16, 2020 the County Commission will discuss reopening portions of beaches for exercise purposes. We believe it is appropriate to discuss plans for future incremental re-openings as the data allows so that our residents and business owners can plan accordingly. As such, we ask that you consider not re-opening the beaches until we have verifiable data that the virus has been contained.

We hope that you take our comments into consideration during your discussion. We make these comments out of respect for the many, many hours that you have spent protecting our constituents. We will continue to support you as together we address this threat to lives and livelihoods in Pinellas county.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski
Vice-Mayor Heather Gracy
Commissioner Deborah Kynes
Commissioner Maureen "Moe" Freaney
Commissioner Jeff Gow

Cc: Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
City Manager Jennifer K. Bramley, City of Dunedin

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Subject: FW: Relaxing Non Essential Businesses

From: Ray, Paul [mailto:pray@mygulfport.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:40 AM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Relaxing Non Essential Businesses

Morning Commissioners

Firstly I wanted to thank you all for doing all you have done in this historic time and all I know you will continue to do.

I watch and post the graphs of new infections daily and am pleased to see a mostly downward trend on a daily basis. I believe that trend is a direct result of the efficacy of restrictions on on businesses and peoples movements. I believe that relaxing what is in place is not only not prudent but is injurious to the public as a whole. At the current rate we can see close to flat numbers in another few weeks and making changes now would work to reverse the progress we have made as a society and governing bodies.

I urge you to keep the restrictions in place and vote no to opening beaches or allowing other non essential businesses to be reclassified.

Thank you

Paul E Ray
Vice Mayor of Gulfport, FL

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Condominium Pools

From: Arthur Penny [mailto:APenny@mysouthpasadena.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Burton, Barry <bburton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Condominium Pools

Dear County Commissioners,

Most of you know me as the Mayor of the City of South Pasadena, in addition to this, I have been an actively working Florida Licensed Community Association Manager for the past 18 years. I also hold an international designation from the Community Association Institute ([CAI](#)) as a Profession Community Association Manager ([PCAM](#)). I read today that you may consider opening pools at condominiums, and I understand that this is very frustrating for residents. Still, we have not reached the peak of this virus, and I believe it would be premature of County Commission to open the pools this early.

The fact that so many people have voiced their anger over the pool closures is a reason for concern. The few weeks before the order to close, the pools were very busy, and this was before many businesses began asking their workers to work remotely. Now we're looking at more people that are home from work, and this adds to the number of people wanting to use the pool areas. The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America by the CDC states, "Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten people." Many condominium associations do not have a way of regulating how many people are in the pool areas.

My residents have been making the argument that chlorine kills Coronavirus, and therefore the pools should not be closed. However, you can still catch the Coronavirus at the pool by touching a surface that has the virus on it, or through respiratory droplets from an infected person entering your body orally or nasally, or possibly through inhalation into the lungs. The janitorial personnel at condominiums are unable to disinfect the pool area surfaces between use or able to ensure residents are disinfecting before and after use. Why you may ask because the staff is busy sterilizing and sanitizing the common area washers and dryers, light switches, elevators, mailboxes, door handles, stairwell railings, etc. all while trying to abide by the social distancing guidelines.

It is currently challenging to keep employees at some of the condominiums because they are afraid of contracting the virus from residents who refuse to abide by Federal, State, and County orders social distancing orders. Please reconsider re-opening the pools at this time, give it another 30-days, or at least until you have actual evidence that COVID-19 has diminished in Pinellas County. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions (727) 580-2985.

Sincerely,

Mayor Arthur Penny, CMCA, [AMS](#), [PCAM](#)
City of South Pasadena
7047 Sunset Dr. S.

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"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny"

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Subject: FW: Sandpearl Resort

From: Mike Cheezem [mailto:mcheezem@jmcdev.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Sandpearl Resort

Good Afternoon Commissioner Gerard,

I first of all want to thank you for your service in this challenging environment. I know you and your fellow commissioners

Are in the difficult situation of having to balance public safety and people's livelihoods and their mental and physical health.

As a lifelong resident of Pinellas County and longtime Builder/Developer in the County, I wanted to voice my view on the discussion

Of allowing the opening of Hotel pools. I would strongly advocate in favor of opening pools where management is in place to enforce

CDC guidelines and best practices. This would ensure the safety of guests and our community and start the process of bringing back jobs

In a orderly and safe way.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Kindest Regards,

Mike Cheezem
CEO, JMC Communities

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Pool & Beach closures

From: Michael Miraglia [mailto:Michael.Miraglia@Pyramidhotelgroup.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:37 PM

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Subject: Pool & Beach closures

Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to urge the board to allow the reopening of pools and limited access to the beach.

Due to the necessary closures up to this point, we have very limited staff and even fewer guests. I have furloughed 93% of my staff and hope to remain open during these difficult times. As I work the desk and answer the phones, I cannot tell you how many calls come in from Pinellas County residents who are looking for a little relief from their homes. Most decide against making a reservation even at a significantly reduced rate because the pool is not open. By opening the pools and allowing some access to the beach to take walks and watch sunsets I believe it would bring a lot of relief to our residents. And yes I am looking to sell more hotel rooms but I am not talking about filling a hotel. It would allow me to go from 4 and 5 rooms a night to 15 to 20 rooms a night. And although that does not seem like a lot, it would allow me to bring back 5 additional associates that are currently struggling because they cannot even get through to unemployment.

Prior to the closing of the pools, we were in full compliance with the CDC and all local and state mandates. We took every precaution to ensure our guests were safe and that there were no groups of 10 or more and everyone was at least 6 feet apart.

I hope this board will truly consider allowing the pools and limited access to the beaches to reopen. Thank you for your time.



Michael Miraglia | General Manager

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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: A note from Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach

From: Thompson, Jeff (PIERC) [mailto:jeff.thompson@hyatt.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:59 AM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Cc: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: A note from Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach

Good afternoon to all of you,

I first wanted to reach out and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the safety and health of our local county. I don't envy the difficult decisions that you all have had to make in the recent month. I think you all are doing a fantastic job. I read the article about the upcoming meeting this week to try and open private pools, and the beach for recreation activities. I wanted to let you know that we are ready to take swift action to ensure all social distancing at our pool will remain strict. I will have the chairs spaced out as such, and ensure that only family members are sitting near each other. On top of that I will have security guards at the pool to enforce this at ALL times. My hotel uses the public beach as our beach facility but I'm happy to hand out letters to our guests so they are aware of the possible 'new rules of the beach' so we can stay safe. I'm confident that if you all plan to make this change it will not bring excessive guests to the beach, but it will allow a few local drive in people to get a break from being stuck in their home. Lifting these few orders will hopefully allow a few of my colleagues to come back to work, so they can make a living and provide for their families.

Please let me know what I can do to help and ensure everyone feels comfortable with how we will handle this situation should it be presented to us.

Sincerely,

Jeff Thompson
General Manager
Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Pool and Beaches

Importance: High

From: Jeff Castner [mailto:jeff.castner@opalsands.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:50 AM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Pool and Beaches

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Commissioner,

I hope you and your families are well during these unprecedented times. Thank you for everything you do for our wonderful county and especially for tourism. I just wanted to take a moment to ask for you to consider opening our pools and beaches. I understand and agree there should be some limitations and control with this request; however, I feel that it can be done and still keep social distancing a priority. I would also suggest that business only get one chance to follow whatever rules and guidelines are set forth or they lose the opportunity. It would help the hotel community by giving us the small opportunity to sell some rooms. We get a lot of local and regional calls from Tampa area residence looking to get away for a day or two. But the lack of these two things eliminates the sales. I urge you to consider this as our hotel community would greatly appreciate the chance to start selling rooms and making some bed tax again.

Thank you for your consideration.

JEFF CASTNER | General Manager

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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Seeking Support for Limited Opening of Condominium Pools

From: Rob Schuler [mailto:robschuler@brighthouse.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Cc: 'Stephanie P Triko' <striko@me.com>
Subject: Seeking Support for Limited Opening of Condominium Pools

Dear Commissioner Gerard:

Thank you for reviewing your previous order closing swimming pools throughout Pinellas County at your meeting tomorrow.

We write in support of opening swimming pools at Condominium buildings.

Here at 400 Beach Condominium in Downtown St. Pete, prior to the complete shut-down of the pool (and entire pool deck which includes the only grill for the building) we had already instituted a strict observance of the guidelines from the CDC on social distancing and sterilization. Our pool deck is over 10,000 square feet, but we still limited the use to 10 or fewer people. No outside guests were allowed. All residences demonstrated courtesy for all of our neighbors by assuring that furniture and hard surfaces were wiped down before leaving. Building staff added to the cleaning on a regular basis.

As the county was considering what actions they were going to take, we were encouraged that Dr. Fauci stated unequivocally that COVID-19 could not be transmitted through pools or hot tubs. Later that same day, we were very disappointed that, in spite of our efforts to go beyond the government requirements, our pool was shut down – and, upon inquiry, access to the entire 10,000 square foot pool deck was ordered to be closed by the Sheriff's office.

Our building has a 24 hour staff that monitors a sophisticated video surveillance system that includes coverage of all of the pool areas. In the highly unlikely event that there were a violation of the rules, the building staff would put a stop to it. No one in our building wants to unduly put our neighbors at risk and will continue to maintain all of the highest standards issued by the CDC. (Disconcertingly, while we cannot use our pool, we can all load into an enclosed PSTA bus without any assurance of cleanliness standards enforced at our building – beyond head scratching confusing.)

We encourage you to remove the restrictions on condominium owned swimming pools such that those residents of the building that wish to do so can swim for exercise (and, enjoy the benefits that exposure to sunlight brings to killing this nasty bug).

We look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate that responsible citizens should be able to continue to utilize our property for its intended purpose.

Thank you.

Stephanie Triko
Rob Schuler

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Request to reopen Pinellas County Gulfside Beaches for "Exercise Only". Gulf Blvd. dangerously congested.
Attachments: Letter to PC Commission to reopen Beaches..pdf

From: Gary McPherson [mailto:gary.mcpherson@me.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:05 PM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Request to reopen Pinellas County Gulfside Beaches for "Exercise Only". Gulf Blvd. dangerously congested.

To Pinellas County Commissioners,

Attached you will find a letter composed to address the hazardous conditions created along Gulf Boulevard by the restrictive Pinellas County Commission directives regarding the mitigation of COVID-19.

Regards,
Gary McPherson
Indian Shores, FL
(727) 492 7054

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to precede my observation and comments with my background regarding quarantines and the perception of inconvenience. I have spent ten of my fifty-seven years serving as crew aboard both US Naval and US Merchant Marine vessels. At times spending months without stepping off ship and, at times, weeks in Chemical / Biological / Radiological protective clothing and Mk5 gasmasks in the sweltering heat of the Caribbean (Naval Training, GTMO) and the Persian Gulf (Desert Storm). Any perception of my comments being inspired by the perceived "inconvenience" of the existing COVID-19 mitigation measures should be immediately dismissed.

In the interest of Public Safety this letter is to request the reopening of our county beaches along the Gulf of Mexico for "Exercise Purposes Only". The benefit of opening Pinellas County's Gulf-side beaches will alleviate the increased unsafe interactions of pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle traffic along Gulf Blvd. that has been created as a result of the directives and social distancing measures being taken. Please understand there is still a local, full-time population within the communities that exist along Gulf Blvd. The closing of the Gulfside beaches has created a very stressful situation within our communities. As a result of the Pinellas County Commission directive to fully close county beaches I have witnessed on numerous occasions residents forced into unsafe situations (crossing roadways unexpectedly) and involuntary noncompliant situations (unavoidable chokepoints inside social distancing guidelines) while attempting to navigate along the Exercise / Ride-Share paths to remain compliant with CDC social distancing directives. Traditionally, these full-time residents take their exercise strolls and bike-rides on the beaches along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline but are now forced onto the local roadway. The current limitations placed by the Pinellas County Commission combined with the guidelines regarding social distancing has created an increase in the congestion, and hence, confusion of navigating the interactions of pedestrian walkers, bicyclists, and local vehicle traffic. In addition, this is compounded by the existence of current State construction projects blocking pedestrian transit sections along the roadway.

Pinellas County Public Beach-Parking areas and Bathroom facilities should remain closed. Those not residing on our out-islands still have numerous county parks remaining open as well as the Pinellas Trail still being accessible to the public. Also, there are numerous golf courses such as St. Petersburg's Mangrove Bay and Cypress Links which are considered, under Florida's "Stay at Home" order, an essential activity. This incidentally seems counter to the concept of "fully" closing our Gulfside beaches. Notwithstanding, the directive to limit short term condominium rentals should stay in affect to reduce unnecessary population on the islands and the closing of Beaches for sunbathing should stay in affect to alleviate the added stress I'm sure our law enforcement agencies are experiencing.

Again, please consider the reopening of our Gulf-side county beaches for "Exercise Only". It will go far to reducing the hazardous congested situation along the pedestrian paths of Gulf Boulevard.

Respectfully,

Gary McPherson
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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Please Re-open DELIVERY ONLY Florists

From: Hassell Florist [mailto:hassellflorist@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:46 AM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Please Re-open DELIVERY ONLY Florists

Good Morning Ms. Gerard,

We are very hopeful that all of the efforts and the sacrifices have flattened the curve in our county so that our businesses can carefully re-open and our community can begin to heal.

Hassell Florist has been in our family for over 61 years and we are doing all that we can through this crisis to ensure the future of our business. I'm sure that requests like ours are sounding like a broken record but for the sake of our family business we must respectfully urge you and your fellow commissioners, when you meet tomorrow morning, to reconsider DELIVERY ONLY florists as an essential business or remove them as a designated, "non-essential business" so we can operate as an essential business under the Governor's EO 2020-91 that utilized Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20 Section 2:gg that listed any business that is interacting solely through electronic or telephonic means, and delivering products via mailing, shipping or delivery services.

Whatever you decide we know that you have our best interests at heart and are striving to do right by our community but of course our hopes are to be open so we can serve Clearwater and deliver joy to the hometown we love so much.

Warmest regards,

The Hassell Family

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Reconsideration for Essential Business in Pinellas County

From: dkennicu@tampabay.rr.com [mailto:dkennicu@tampabay.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:54 PM

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Subject: Reconsideration for Essential Business in Pinellas County

Dear Pinellas County Commisioners,

I am contacting you because my local Health Food store, called Sunshine Health Foods in Seminole, Florida has been deemed non essential and forced to close recently.

I depend on this store to keep my family and myself healthy especially during this pandemic. I am in need their supplements to keep my immune system up to fight this virus and now I have to go to another county to purchase them. They also sell healthy food and CBD along supplements, which should be considered essential.

Please reconsider your decision and make Health Food stores an essential business!

Thank you in advance,

DeeDee Kennicutt

Nutritional stores are vital to communities in times like these. Most if not all Americans are boosting their immune system through supplements and healthy food. A strong immune system is the first line

of defense against pathogens that enter our bodies. Some hospitals are even giving patients vitamin C and zinc.

I am hoping that you have a few moments to review this vital issue and work with the appropriate parties in Pinellas County to potentially reverse this.