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Note to the City Council: I wish the following to be read before the July 21th meeting. Thank you.

Dear City council

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COMMENT AT COUNCIL
MEETING OF 7/21/2020.

We see now a big spike of coronavirus infection in Southern California killing many, we are about to shut down again, but we were in a really good shape and on track to have control over the disease by the end of April when Carlsbad and Southern California in general decided to reopen. Here is a short excerpt of my letters I had read to the city council on April 25th and May 5th:

“I have no problem opening Carlsbad beach for instance, if we have serious rules in place, real social distancing, wearing a mask. If not, don’t do it.

Even if we have these rules, enforcement is a problem, at large, and will be also on a beach. If Carlsbad is not able or not willing to enforce real social distancing and wearing a mask on the beach, if there is not enough staff to be effective when many people flock from other places, don’t open it.

We are less hit here in California because we took the right measures early, We may lose it all, push back way further the time of economic recovery. We must be serious about it.”

What I feared happened, we opened too quickly without control, rules were not respected nor enforced. What I saw on the beach for instance was madness, the perfect breeding ground for the virus to spread, and a backlash was bound to happen, 100%, it was so easy to predict. Same in the county. In the last business I went to, nobody was wearing a mask (no staff nor customer), no sanitizer available, etc.

I was among very few to speak according to what science told us, to come out of this pandemic with a chance of success. What most people cared was to complain there were too many people parking on their street, those who spoke up only cared about their own selfish needs, there was no sense of solidarity, not a thought process based

on science and reason. The City council could not resist it. And here we are. Collectively, we truly deserve all this pain to continue in people's lives and the economy, these are self-inflicted wounds.

Unfortunately, not doing the right thing will continue to impact my life for many more months, hurt many more people and maybe kill some people close to my heart.

Thank you.

Pierre Cochet-Weinandt, resident of Carlsbad.

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