

From: [Edith Ramirez](#)
To: [Michelle Bigelow](#); [Angie Gonzalez](#)
Subject: FW: Help us Develop a Recovery Plan for Morgan Hill
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:25:06 AM

For tonight.

From: Bina Roy Desai <bina@hiemorganhill.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:02 PM
To: Edith Ramirez <Edith.Ramirez@morganhill.ca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Help us Develop a Recovery Plan for Morgan Hill

Edith,

Hope you and your family are keeping well.

Wanted to share my thoughts on this/I am in full support of what Amber so eloquently states below. The hotels/businesses support so much of the city's needs via tax dollars and without the green light to open more businesses/move into the next phase, we are bound for more cuts and job loss.

Thx

Bina~

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From: **Bina Roy Desai** <bina@hiemorganhill.com>
Date: Tue, May 19, 2020 at 6:43 PM
Subject: Re: Help us Develop a Recovery Plan for Morgan Hill
To: Krista Rupp <executivedirector@visitmorganhill.org>
Cc: Ashis Roy <ashis@hiemorganhill.com>, Samir Mshasha <samir@hiemorganhill.com>

This actually resonated with me... I am very frustrated and feel it's time for us to just do our own thing as a town.

By Amber Massa from Morgan Hill,

"The city of Morgan Hill has sent out an email asking for business recovery ideas. They said to feel free and send them an email with our ideas, so here's the email I sent.

I encourage all local business owners to send your own ideas of how to help the local economy recover and voice how this shelter-in-place has affected you and your family. Here's the email address to send them to :

Edith.ramirez@morganhill.ca.gov

Hi Edith,

I see that you sent an email requesting business recovery ideas. My husband and I own two businesses in Morgan Hill and rent out two brick-and-mortar offices here. (California Prenatal Imaging and MicroArtistry Microblading.)

Honestly, our business recovery idea is to move to Texas and get started over there. I think that by the time we open here for hair/tattoo we could be reestablished over there. We are applying for a home loan and are getting our professional licenses transferred as we speak.

I grew up in this town and my entire family is here. I am a strong woman, but I have spent many nights crying over this decision. It literally breaks my heart to have to move everything we have worked for and to force my children to leave their grandparents. But this shelter in place dragging on with no data to support it, no real plan to reopen/reopen dates and no logical reasons for one business being essential vs another, is the final straw.

(I won't even get into the release of criminals and the zero bail policy/the housing of the homeless with alcohol and drugs/general flagrant waste of our taxpayer money/state deficit. That is all going to cause a major increase in crime and homelessness, as if Props 47 and 57 weren't enough.)

Our county is the slowest in the state (along with LA) to open and our city council newsletters just keep telling us to shelter in place and apply for aid. I don't want aid which will financially destroy the economy more, I want to work and my 1500+ clients want to see me. It is our right as Americans to work and to take the "risk" of getting sick, not the government's right to force us to stay home and starve.

I just recently spoke with a police officer who is a friend in the city of Monterey and she is very upset because all city Law Enforcement are now being asked to take a 20% pay cut. The city does not have the money to pay them because there is no money from tax revenue. And then I saw in the news that a business owner in Monterey who has kept his little Bistro open has been arrested. That's just plain wrong on every level. We are letting the criminals and rapists out of jail and responsible business owners who just want to make a living are being arrested. Absolutely ridiculous.

We went up to Placer County this week to visit family. Placer is defying the governor's illegal "order." Restaurants and shops are open and seating responsibly. The mall is opening next week. They are taking matters into their own hands. One blanket rule for 40 million people does not work. It doesn't work even in one County as large as ours. (1.3 million people.) I have suggested to Mike Wasserman that we open district by district, starting with our District 1, the most rural district, but honestly this needs to go town-by-town and have the towns decide what's best for their own local economy based on their own numbers.

Good luck with this. I hope our entire economy doesn't completely tank, but the way the board of

supervisors meetings are going, it seems it's inevitable. Honestly, I think that you all need to get control over our town and make changes that will result in what's best for all of us. Not just the 48 people that got and recovered from Covid. It's time for our elected officials to represent our people. Not just represent the governor's orders to us when all of you know it's wrong.

Thank you,
Amber Massa
(Morgan Hill business owner)

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 2:56 PM Krista Rupp <executivedirector@visitmorganhill.org> wrote:

Hi Ashis,

So nice to “meet” you. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with Bina... although most of it has been remote due to our current reality.

Thank you for your message of healthy outlets for kids. I just had a quick conversation with the MHOSC director and shared your comments. The OSC is thinking through reopening, but until the SCC Public Health Dept provides an updated order allowing sports play (modified) and new parameters for safe operation, they are unable to implement anything.

SCC Public Health is just beginning to loosen some restrictions to other industries and it is difficult to say when they may address high contact activities like sports, but letting us know your thoughts is still helpful. Your ideas about distancing, capacity, and testing are noted and will be passed along to the appropriate channels.

I hope you are staying well. Please let me know if you have more thoughts or questions.

Kind regards,

Krista

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From: Ashis Roy <ashis@hiemorganhill.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:48 AM

To: Krista Rupp <executivedirector@visitmorganhill.org>; Bina Roy Desai <bina@hiemorganhill.com>

Subject: Re: Help us Develop a Recovery Plan for Morgan Hill

Hi Krista,

Does MH Sports Complex have a plan to open back up ? The Local kids are getting fed up / frustrated being at home, so even organizing small 3 x 3 soccer games, or some sport would be relief for the local community. There are a lot negative impacts to kids associated with Shelter in Place (depression, anxiety, etc..), and playing sports is one way to mitigate the adverse effect.

Christopher High School is offering free COVID testing, so testing can be a pre-requisite for playing...Just some ideas.

As testing capacity increases, we can potentially have tournaments again if the kids and parents have been tested. We can limit to one parent per child as a spectator to keep the number of people on the field to a minimum.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks

(BTW, I'm Bina's brother)

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On May 18, 2020, at 5:12 PM, Krista Rupp <executivedirector@visitmorganhill.org> wrote:

nd industrial developments. City to schedule prelim review once a month to allow developers to schedule meetings and receive immediate feedback across departments.

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