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To: [Michelle Bigelow](#); [Angie Gonzalez](#)
Subject: FW: The Local Leader's Toolkit: A Strong Towns Response to the Pandemic
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:48:09 PM

For tonight.

From: Juan Miguel Munoz Morris <Juan.MunozMorris@morganhill.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Edith Ramirez <Edith.Ramirez@morganhill.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: The Local Leader's Toolkit: A Strong Towns Response to the Pandemic

Hello Edith,

Thanks for reaching out to solicit feedback for the Economic Recovery plan that the City is working on. I think this is an essential task for us to undertake, and I am very pleased to see the community was included in the conversation. I am sure you will receive lots of emails.

I am optimistic about the future of MH, and although we are facing a BIG challenge I am also excited for the opportunities a time like this provides for us. Now is the time to have some good discussion around how to best serve our community, and how to adapt our processes to the new normal we will experience.

I know that I sent you some comments on a separate email, but I wanted to stress my belief that we should centralize this effort around a "support local" approach. I also think it would be best to focus all recovery efforts on the community, the people we serve. If we can keep this as a filter for this conversation, I think we will end up with a much more robust, meaningful and effective plan to get our residents back on track, or even improve on what they had before.

The final thought I have is that we (city, PC and Council) need to be mindful of approaching this with a sense of humility, that we may not have all the answers or know what is best for every single person. Admitting to our humanity/mistakes will encourage the community to put aside this us vs. them mentality, and realize we are just another resident trying to help.

The link you sent was a wonderful read, thank you for sharing. As you could see, many of my comments line up with the document.

Thanks,

~JM

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Dear City Council and Planning Commission,

Here is a good read, courtesy of Michelle Bigelow, that is relevant to the conversation tonight and to our future workplan. Have a great day.

Edith

From: Michelle Bigelow <Michelle.Bigelow@morganhill.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Leadership Team <LeadershipTeam@Morgan-Hill.ca.gov>
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Thought this was interestin and wanted to share.

Strong Towns Local Leaders Toolkit:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53dd6676e4b0fedfbc26ea91/t/5ec3f7b81cb7b02be8cabed4/1589901242035/StrongTowns_Local_Leaders_Toolkit.pdf

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