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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Dear Governor Newsom:

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control has announced that it is now safe for fully-vaccinated Americans to not wear masks or practice physical distancing in most situations. Additionally, the State of California now boasts the lowest COVID-19 positivity rate in the nation. Yet, the State still maintains some of the strictest COVID-19 restrictions in the Country.

Los Angeles County cannot change our existing mandates until the State loosens its regulations. As we return to normalcy and rapidly increase vaccinations, I believe it is appropriate for CDPH and Cal/OSHA to change the existing distancing and masking requirements in alignment with the CDC.

Los Angeles County is committed to implementing safe, sensible directives that still protect our recovery and prevent regression to high positive case rates. We especially want to ensure protections for workers, particularly those who work indoors, including on public transportation and in schools, large venues, and congregate housing such as jails, shelters, and skilled nursing facilities.

I appreciate your concern for the health of our residents as we continue to work toward recovery. As we make progress to enable all Californians to get vaccinated, we can allow community members and businesses to safely and strategically gather with fewer restrictions.

Sincerely,

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