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May 8, 2020

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Committee Members
Senate Special Committee COVID-19
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

Per your letter dated May 6, 2020 requesting the County of Hawaii's plans relating to the reopening of restaurants following the mandated closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please know the following:

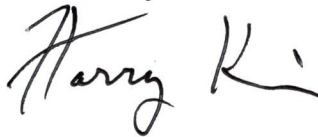
- All decisions regarding restaurant and other business reopening's must be made with public health and safety as the utmost priority, while leveraging opportunities and lessons learned to build a more resilient community.
- All decisions regarding reopening's will be made in accordance with the State Level of Risk framework and in coordination with the State, through the Office of Governor, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Health, for uniformity, interdependence and collective best-practice research.
- The County of Hawaii's role in the reopening of restaurants will be as follows:
 - Support the public's understanding of the associated risks of potential outbreaks and their role and vigilance in supporting State requirements and guidelines. Actions by the County's Support Task Force to include:
 - Daily Civil Defense messages via radio, text and on-line.
 - County of Hawaii COVID-19 website: [www. https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/](http://www.https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/).
 - Press releases.

- Support restaurant owners and managers' understanding and compliance with State sanitation and social distancing requirements and guidelines. Actions by the County's Prevention and Education Task Force to include:
 - Educate and train.
 - Inspect, advise and assist.
 - Support testing.

- Support restaurant owners and managers efforts to stabilize and restart their businesses. Actions by the County's Business Assistance and Economic Recovery Task Force to include:
 - Research and promote best practices.
 - Monitor and facilitate access to business assistance grants and loans.
 - Develop and coordinate economic recovery strategies and funding.

Thank you for your support in keeping our residents healthy and safe and bringing our economy back online as it is safe to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harry Kim
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