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Hope you are all well and safe. Please see Matt's Legislative Update below.

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Tomorrow, April 16th, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will hold a hearing at 2pm to discuss and analyze the current state of affairs with the spending of the \$1.1 billion that was set authorized by the Legislature on 3/16/2020 to be spent on a variety of COVID-19 related expenses and activities. This will mark the first time the Capitol has been open and operating since it effectively shut down by beginning the Spring Recess after adjourning on March 16th. The public will be allowed to enter the building (although strongly discouraged) and will be permitted to view the hearing and provide testimony, but each person entering the facility will be tested for fever and "highly encouraged" to wear face coverings and maintain a 6 foot distance from any other person. If you are interested, the link to watch senate hearings is:

www.senate.ca.gov

The Assembly has also calendared several oversight hearings by their full Budget Committee; presumably with the same precautions and rules.

These hearings will serve as a test run for attempting to get the apparatus up and running by May 4th, which is the current "announced" date in the Daily File for Session to resume in 2020.

Further, the Budget committees have each put out dire warnings as precursors to anticipated major cuts to programs and the carte blanche elimination of all "new" or proposed Budget requests or augmentations by Members. The plan at this point is to meet the Constitutional deadline to pass a 'balanced budget' by June 15th and send it to the Governor to "keep the lights on". With the sales and income tax deadlines being moved back until July 15th (from April); there will be a reconvening of the Budget Committees in August or September to redraft the Budget based on what cash does (or more importantly doesn't) surface in July.

Lastly, the Governor, who has been appearing in a standing daily press conference at 12pm PST made some much anticipated announcements yesterday regarding the prospects for "getting back to business" in California. He has collaborated with the West Coast states of Oregon and Washington to attempt to come to an agreement "regionally" (since the virus does not recognize state borders) to agree upon 6 key indicators to drive the decisions:

The ability to monitor and protect our communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;

The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;

The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges;

The ability to develop therapeutics to meet the demand;

The ability for businesses, schools, and child care facilities to support physical distancing; and

The ability to determine when to reinstitute certain measures, such as the stay-at-home orders, if

necessary.

He was clear that even after the "Stay At Home" Order is lifted, life will not be recognizable as "normal" for some time. We may be looking at precautionary measures that drag on throughout the calendar year.

In the meantime, I will be closely monitoring the Budget hearings and will forward any background materials, agenda items or documents that affect your issues of interest. I will also keep you apprised of calendared policy or fiscal hearings that begin to attempt to move legislation through what we recognize as the Legislative Process.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like me to look into anything that you've been hearing or have concerns about.

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