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To: Mono County Board of Supervisors, Jennifer Kreitz, Fred Stump, Bob Gardner, John Peters, and Stacy Corless
The Mono County Planning Commission, CD Ritter (Secretary)
Wendy Sugimura, Mono County Community Development, Department Director

This letter is a request to postpone the Special Public Hearing by the Planning Commission on the Final Subsequent EIR for the Tioga Inn until such a time that the current COVID-19 crisis no longer threatens to overwhelm the Mono county community. As we transition back to a normal state, with reduced stress and anxiety, we request this delay even if the meeting is still to be carried out remotely.

We, the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee, want our Mono County officials, administration and staff to know that we respect and appreciate that you are making every effort to carry out your work for Mono County under these trying circumstances during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

We ask, however, that in regard to this scheduled Public Hearing, you consider the status of the “Public” during this time of a declared National Emergency.

Prior to this moment there have been hundreds of citizens who felt compelled to participate and share their opinions on the Tioga Inn proposal and would continue to do so.

But now, we, the public, are stressed to the max. We are combatting anxiety, fear, isolation and grief. We are working daily to meet the financial, food security and mental and physical health needs of our families, friends, neighbors and communities. Night and day, our thoughts and energies are consumed with the need to personally and collectively survive this challenge for what is likely to be an extended time period.

There are many priorities that the county and its residents need to take up right now. The RPAC will be working to help identify pressing community needs and to work with each other and Mono County to address them. It is not an appropriate time to burden the public with matters that will cause further stress and tax limited resources and community capacities.

We don't know how to make it any plainer, but the time to take up the Tioga Inn Project is not during this life-changing crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan King, Chair, Mono Basin Regional Planning Committee

Submitted electronically.

Passed by the Mono Basin RPAC on April 8, 2020, by the following vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Recusal/Abstention