

September 21, 2020

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing in support of the Emergency Ordinance #2020-19.

I know that our community is divided on this issue and many others.

I do not see this Ordinance as a overreach of power or a threat to our rights.

I trust our Emergency Response Team to make the least restrictive measures possible. I know they do not want businesses closed or curfews issued.

There is specific wording in the Ordinance that safe guards the fears that so many have, and it will be the Assembly who oversees and gives approval of the recommendations and actions of the incident commander and staff in the event of any given emergency.

The ICS needs to stay in compliance to remain eligible for federal emergency funding now and in the future.

I am proud of our Incident Command System Team. Their knowledge and actions during this Pandemic have proven to be very effective. They care and have done an amazing job with unjustified resistance.

I respect the Assembly for the tough job you all have in trying to please the differences of opinions in our very polarized political climate. The past seven months have been especially challenging for everyone. But, we should stay united in tough times and treat each other with respect and kindness, and believe in the good we all strive for.

I hope you vote to support the changes necessary to keep us all safe and prepared.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Severson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Severson" clearly legible.

Karen Severson