

Planning panel needs feedback

Editor:

Despite COVID-19, the Calaveras County Planning Commission is still busy working on land use issues and people can still take part in the process from the safety of their home.

To watch or listen to the live stream of Planning Commission meetings on the second or fourth Thursday of the month, go to <http://calaveras-countyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

To get Planning Commission agendas and packet information go to the Planning Commission web page, click on meetings, move the cursor over the meeting date on the calendar, and click on the agenda or the packet information you want. The Planning Commission web page is at <https://planning-commission.calaverasgov.us/#gsc.tab=0>.

If you want to call in a comment to the Planning Commission during the meeting, use the phone number provided in the agenda.

You can make a comment on an agenda item prior to the

meeting by calling (209) 754-6620 and leaving a voicemail message for the commission clerk. The voicemail must be no more than 300 words, and must be made no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to the commission meeting.

If you want to send an email with or without attachments (like photos or documents) to the Planning Commission, and have it preserved for the record, you can send it to the Clerk of the Commission no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to the commission meeting. The Clerk of the Commission is at ahuse@co.calaveras.ca.us

If you want to send an email (with or without attachments) directly to a commissioner, you can do so at:

- District 1 — tfiorino@co.calaveras.ca.us
- District 2 — tladdish@co.calaveras.ca.us
- District 3 — mplotnick@co.calaveras.ca.us
- District 4 — kwooster@co.calaveras.ca.us
- District 5 — bhenderson@co.calaveras.ca.us

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We at the Calaveras Planning Coalition encourage residents to continue to take part in local government decisions that affect their quality of life. Anyone needing this information in the future can find it at our website at www.calaverascap.com.

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It's simple sheriff, enforce the law

Editor:

Last Tuesday's 7-21, Board of Supervisors meeting again erupted in partisan arguments over the mandatory wearing of masks. Our Spineless Sheriff, Rick DiBasilio, along with several of our elected supervisors, said that they would not enforce any mandatory mask rules. Rick claimed that he would not be responsible for making criminals out of ordinary citizens, calling the mandate

unconstitutional. He is absolutely wrong for more than one reason.

First, our sheriff does not have the authority to decide what laws he will enforce. He was elected to uphold the law, not interpret it. Further, most of us want an infraction ticket issued for non-compliance with a fine as a penalty. This does not make you a criminal. Treat it as a parking ticket. Lastly, most legal scholars, law professors, judges and law schools, are strong in their opinion that Gov. Newsom's order was legal and not unconstitutional. He has full authority under the California Emergency Services Act. Look it up. If our sheriff and three of our Supervisors had done their homework, they would have known this.

If we are to beat COVID-19, we must practice social distancing, handwashing, and USE OF MASKS. Since when may people refuse to use their brain and instead holler nonsense like "freedom" and "tyranny". We need to force our sheriff to uphold the law or replace him as soon as possible. Simple.

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