

# The County of Yuba

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**To:** California Department of Public Health

**From:** Yuba County Board of Supervisors

It is with great pleasure that the Yuba County Board of Supervisors collectively support Dr. Phuong Luu's, Bi-county Public Health Officer, recommendation to accelerate our community fully into Phase 2 of COVID-19 recovery. While the initial action of immediately halting our daily lives, state and local economies was necessary to mitigate a devastating impact on our community, based on a scientific risk-stratified approach, it is time to safely reopen the Yuba Sutter area. As the elected voices of our region, we collaboratively concur that extensive measures are in place to significantly reduce transmission of COVID-19, manage a surge in cases if it were to occur, and swiftly re-implement stringent orders if necessary.

The Yuba Sutter area covers over 1,250 square miles with a joint population of 175,600 residents, remaining true to our rural roots. Our economy is deeply vested in small businesses, many of which have been excluded from the essential service requirements set forth. For the totality of our community's health by reducing the taxation of other health services, like mental and behavioral health, children's services, and substance abuse programs, we adamantly stand by the need to safely reopen our community. Our residents are resilient and ready to work.

Therefore, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors expresses their support of Dr. Phuong Luu in this transition into the next phase of safely reopening the Yuba Sutter area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Lofton", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Doug Lofton  
Chair

Yuba County Board of Supervisors