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Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Vaccine Supply in Marin County

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to thank you for your leadership during this critical time to address the significant health, safety and economic impacts associated with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

We all recognize that we are experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency. In Marin County, we have the infrastructure ready and available for a much more robust public health COVID-19 vaccine program. Of particular concern, residents age 60 and older make up 28 percent of Marin's population, making Marin one of the oldest counties in the Bay Area and the State. Our most significant current challenge, however, is vaccine supply.

We understand the logistical and manufacturing constraints of vaccinating the American population - indeed, that of the world. However, to the extent California has vaccine supply available for distribution, we urge your Administration to prioritize distribution of additional supply based on demographics, such age risk, as well as on readiness to deliver vaccinations in much greater volume while continuing to adhere to the State's vaccination framework.

Marin County Public Health's vaccine clinic (also referred to as a "Point of Dispensing") has averaged approximately 1,000 vaccinations per day over the past two days and will expand this next week as more doses become available. Because of our rapid utilization and successful distribution of doses, we can successfully and quickly deliver as many vaccines as we can receive.

We respectfully urge your Administration to increase the allocation of vaccine to Marin based on our demonstrated success in effectively delivering our local supply efficiently and safely, as well as on our unique age-based population risk.

Sincerely.

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Dennis Rodoni, President Marin County Board of Supervisor

Cc: Senator Mike McGuire Assembly Member Marc Levine Marin County Board of Supervisors