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To: ROV Communications
Subject: Public Comment for November Voting

To Our San Bernardino County Leaders,

I would like to first of all thank you, very much, for working to ensure that we can vote in person for this incredibly important election coming up on November 3rd. I am grateful to be a resident in this county (Ontario) and to have the freedom to exercise my right to vote-- in person!

I know there are many concerns regarding COVID-19 and that Governor Newsom has asserted power over MANY aspects of our lives. And I realize there are things out of your control. However I wanted to write for two reasons:

1. To thank you for in-person voting.
2. To express my real concerns with the polling places criteria, 4 days of voting and number of polling places.

I would be incredibly proud if we were THE county to make our voices heard and say in-person voting is as essential as every other essential service/business that has been operating this whole time. If we can stand in line at grocery stores, retail stores, etc., then certainly we can stand in line to vote. Limiting our polling locations, and extending voting time seems damaging in several ways:

* If state/local leadership is concerned about crowding at voting locations due to COVID concerns, then it seems the best solution is to offer more voting locations, not 50% less. We, as a county, still have time to address this. If the problem is places/volunteers saying "no" this year, then ask the public for help. I truly believe the public will come through if we team together to ensure safe and fair voting.

* Mail in ballots are proving disastrous in several states- Michigan, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey to name a few. In-person voting is the best way to secure that the voting process is real and fair- so every vote gets counted and not defrauded.

* Extending our voting period to 4 days seems very risky/difficult to ensure no fraud is taking place. Is there any precedent for this? How will fraud be stopped? I believe it lessens credibility for the results.

* I have read the "Polling Place Variables" you are using to determine polling places. I believe these factors are well intended, but I think it is not right to do this. What it communicates is: WE FIND SOME PEOPLE MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS, SO WE WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER/MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM TO VOTE, OVER OTHERS. While there are certainly situations where some of these variables are helpful tools, for example, developing support services for these groups. However, for voting, it should be EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL. The ONLY variable that should be considered is population density for our access to voting. I find it very wrong to do anything else, every American/county resident vote is equally important. That is not what you are saying with these variables.

2020 will be a key year for our republic. The representatives we vote in to represent us, really matter. I thank you for your time, your concern, and I look forward to seeing what is decided. Thank you again, for allowing us to vote in person. I am so grateful and proud that you are working on our behalf for that right on this election day.

Sincerely,
Rozman