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March 27, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing to request that you issue an executive order for the immediate closure of all state and county beaches in the State of California to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This requested action would be consistent with Los Angeles County's order issued today to immediately close all beaches within its jurisdiction. We need a statewide order as we enter this weekend to strengthen your previous executive order limiting vehicle access to and closing parking lots at our state beaches.

This past weekend, despite repeated warnings by you and other elected officials throughout the state, Californians and tourists alike continued to flock to our beautiful beaches in droves. While we hoped that everyone would be responsible and abide by public health guidelines for social distancing, this clearly was not the case at beaches in my South Bay district and throughout the state. Our state and county beaches are particularly vulnerable sites due to their limited access points and trails that force people close together, with restroom facilities that often lack soap or hand sanitizer.

As California heads further into spring and summer, our state and county beaches will continue to attract crowds of Californians and tourists without strong statewide intervention. To help save lives and to support our front-line medical providers and first responders, we should take this difficult but prudent action and close state and county beaches throughout the state for the duration of the "Safer at Home" order.

Thank you for your strong leadership to keep all Californians safe and healthy in the face of this unprecedented pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Muratsuchi". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Al Muratsuchi

A handwritten signature in pink ink that reads "Cristina Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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