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

Governor Newsom:

We write today as a united coalition of mayors of the third-most populous county in California representing more than 3.3 million people to advocate for guidance to resume youth sports in our local communities in Orange County.

With your leadership, we have been working at the city level to respond to COVID-19 in a way that protects the public's health and supports our local economy. We appreciate your leadership in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in our state and for activating both state and local public health officials, equipping them to make data-informed decisions. At this time, our community is looking to the State of California to use that data to guide local governments to allow youth sports activities to continue once again.

As communities throughout the United States resume youth sports activities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to help local communities make sure that these activities can be carried out safely, while protecting players, families, and communities—and thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19. We are particularly interested in the State allowing youth sports activities to resume. Bringing back youth sports, under the guidance of our public health officials, would support the health and well-being of our children. Additionally, reopening youth sports with appropriate guidance would be consistent with your administration's recent orders that allow for professional sports activities to resume.

We respectfully request that your administration permit local governments to allow youth sports activities to safely resume with proper public health guidance.

Sincerely,

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Buena Park Mayor **Fred Smith**

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