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**Agenda Item Summary Memo**

**Title:** Letter to Governor on Reopen Illinois Plan

**Meeting and Date:** Special City Council – May 19, 2020

**Synopsis:** See attached.

**Council Action Previously Taken:**

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**Submitted by:** Bart Olson Administration  
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## Lisa Pickering

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**From:** Bart Olson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Lisa Pickering  
**Cc:** Erin Willrett  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supplemental City Council packet - letter to Governor  
**Attachments:** Letter to Governor - Yorkville draft 05-18-2020 4pm.docx

For inclusion in the cc packet.

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**From:** Bart Olson <BOlson@yorkville.il.us>  
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**Subject:** Supplemental City Council packet - letter to Governor

Hello all (elected officials blindcopied),

Here is the draft letter to the Governor up for consideration at tomorrow night's Special City Council meeting. The attached letter will be sent out in a supplemental City Council packet shortly.

Thanks,

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May 19, 2020

The Honorable Governor JB Pritzker (sent via email to [gov.covid19stakeholder@illinois.gov](mailto:gov.covid19stakeholder@illinois.gov))  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph, 16-100  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Governor Pritzker:

We appreciate your efforts to reopen Illinois, and we will do everything we can to assist in safely restarting the regional economy, of which Yorkville and Kendall County has been a leader of for many years. We have seen a few different plans and requests by others in the state to break up the four regions of your plan into 11 smaller regions. We agree with the concept of small regions, and would ask that you would consider a plan that brings all of Kendall County into a region that is more alike to our agricultural-based County.

In a separate correspondence, we have sent a reopening process memo from Yorkville based Raging Waves, Illinois's Largest Waterpark. While Raging Waves is one of our City's largest employers, they are a family owned business and operate with the personal touch of a small business. Raging Waves and our other, more traditional, small businesses are ready to implement extensive safety guidelines, cleaning procedures, and social distancing measures in their businesses in the same way that large businesses have been allowed to safely operate for the past few weeks. Along these same lines, we have heard from the owners and employees of Yorkville's restaurant and bar industry, and they are eager to find ways to safely operate and provide for their families again.

We understand that Phase III and Phase IV of your Restore Illinois plan will provide some additional relief to small businesses, and bars and restaurants. We look forward to those transition dates. Until then, we ask that you consider all ideas and options to provide the same opportunities to small businesses as you have for large businesses, and to provide opportunities for our dining and hospitality industry to open as soon as safely possible.

I appreciate your consideration of our requests. We are willing to remotely meet, discuss, and plan with you and your staff to solve this issue for the region. Please contact me at [jpurcell@yorkville.il.us](mailto:jpurcell@yorkville.il.us) or 630-553-4350 if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

John Purcell, Mayor  
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