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COMMENTS**

**CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY  
MEETING**

**MARCH 23, 2020**

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Brad Forrester [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** FW: Golf course closures

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I would like to add that we would welcome the opportunity to work with the City and other private clubs in developing a common set of sensible protocols to follow to protect our members and staff while allowing our members continued access to their golf courses.

Brad Forrester

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** [Brad Forrester](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:02 PM  
**To:** [CityClerkMail@LaQuintaCA.gov](mailto:CityClerkMail@LaQuintaCA.gov)  
**Subject:** Golf course closures

**Name:** Brad Forrester  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Agenda item:** 1  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4 - Golf course closure

I am the president of Tradition Golf Club and am writing to urge you to reconsider the requirements set forth in Executive Order #4. Like most private clubs in La Quinta, we have instituted strict measures to minimize the chances for close interaction among members and staff and have taken extraordinary measures to avoid the possible transmission of the coronavirus as a result of touching various surfaces.

Some of the specific steps we have taken include:

1. Member/spouse only play. No guests including extended family members.
2. One player per cart.
3. No club cleaning by staff. Members must retrieve their own water bottles.
4. Raised cups to eliminate the need to reach into the cup to retrieve golf balls.
5. No club events or any gatherings of members.

The reality is that playing a round of golf at Tradition is safer than many of the activities that are allowed on the Governor's order. Golf is an important to the physical and mental well-being of our members.

We urge you to reconsider your position on golf course closures.

Thank you.

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Molly Chapman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** golf course closures

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Good afternoon, I am writing to express my concern over the golf course closures that were ordered yesterday. Our course had implemented multiple regulations to ensure the safety of staff and members. Everyone has adhered to the regulations, essentially eliminating any common touch points possible and still allowing people to be outside for a few hours and gaining the health benefits- mental, physical and emotional benefits. The virus is not airborne and it does not survive well in sunshine or open spaces. Having people stay inside, especially people that have extended family households is going to provide a much more hospitable environment to any virus and the ruling essentially eliminates our opportunity to be in our own backyards. Everyone here has the highest respect for and adherence to our community, city and state rules and are seeking reconsideration of this ruling. We are not allowing any guests on property, anyone with any symptoms no matter how mild have self isolated, golf course adaptations such as no flagsticks, pvc pipe in the hole to prevent people reaching in and golfers using their own cart or walking and carrying their own equipment have been instituted to prevent common touch points. As a nurse practitioner with a background in infectious disease I have read all of the CDC and scientific information I have available and believe golf offers people tremendous benefit and is one of the lowest infection risks in our community. Thank you for taking time to read this email. Molly Chapman

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Sonya Haley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golfing

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*not* The email I just sent you was from my home in Oklahoma. Seems they know that golfing is just ~~now~~ a game but a great acceptable exercise at this time. I pray the City of La Quinta can realize this too

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Sonya Haley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golfing

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secured neighborhood in Oklahoma City, aims to be that place of safe distraction during this period and beyond.

Golf may be the most favorable outlet to endure this crisis. Open air, no more than four people to a hole separated by hundreds of yards, using individual equipment, players wear gloves, its essence is set up for social distancing. According to a recent article on Golf.com, in an interview with Dr, Kelly Cawcutt about golf during this pandemic, associate director of infection control and hospital epidemiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, says "Being in a wide-open, outdoor space is the least at-risk scenario. Precaution is the name of the game. It's very reasonable to play if you are smart about it and follow the proper guidance."

If you had thought about joining Gaillardia in the past, in light of these unusual

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Vikki Thornton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golf courses

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The one safest place for seniors is a golf course with safe contact and practices. My club is maintaining and practicing all directives and safe measures. I believe your directive to close courses is ridiculous and poorly thought out. We are the most responsible and smart age group concerning this tragic pandemic. Give us the freedom to exercise in fresh air and gorgeous la quinta sunshine

Thank you for your attention to our cause.  
Victoria Thornton  
Hideaway Golf and Country Club  
Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Jon McMillen  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Monika Radeva; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

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Dear Mr. McMillen,

The City's emergency executive order #4 closing down all private golf courses within the La Quinta City limits is excessive and a draconian response to the Coronavirus CIV-19 threat. Additionally, I question its legality.

At our private club the club facilities have been closed. Golf course personnel, other than maintenance personnel, are no longer on site. The locker rooms, driving range, staging station are all shut down.

What we have implemented is a level of "social distancing" that is entirely appropriate and a well thought out solution to continued golf play.

Members can play in their own carts, or use push carts, each providing their own water, etc. Members ride individually and do not pair up to play. There is no close contact between members. There is no touching of other members golf equipment, cart, golf balls, etc. Green flags do not allow golf balls to drop more than 1/2 the diameter of the golf ball into the cup. We are not allowed to touch the green flags. Rakes have been removed from all bunkers. The "social distancing" and separation that we have achieved is no different than a walk down our country clubs streets with friends, something that has not yet been banned.

I am 73 years old and have been a successful business man. I spent most of my business career as an insurance broker working with public entities. For example, I handled the insurance for over 40 years for the City of Beverly Hills amongst many other municipal and school clients. Additionally, I handled the insurance for Sunrise Colony (Indian Ridge and Toscana) for many years. I understand risk and the handling of risk.

I am more exposed to the Virus by going to the market in order to procure groceries or to the gas station to purchase gas. In both cases, I take previously unprecedented steps to protect myself and those around me.

I do not take this lightly, but hope that the "cure" does not become worse than the "disease", both for our economy and our way of life, but it is, and has to be, a balance. At our country club, we have no knowledge of anyone who has become infected with the Virus. We are self policing and self quarantining. Golf is one of the only remaining outdoor activities left to us. Please modify your executive order so as not to create any conflict between us.

Thank you.

John Beckendorf



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Lynn Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** OPEN Golf Courses-Save Lives

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Hello Ms Radeva,

For the health of my family please keep Private Golf Courses open. Our two sons are home from two closed CA colleges and we are a healthy family trying to STAY Healthy! This means outdoor activities which we have done all of our lives to get this healthy. We golfed as a family several times this week and felt much safer than closed in our home. No one was closer than 200 yards while golfing and on the practice range 15 feet apart. Our club ,The Hideaway is doing an amazing job of safety for employees and members. I have never felt so safe. I suggest that if anyone is violating the social distancing to fine them and disallow them to golf. PLEASE Make them stay in their homes NOT EVERYONE. It's like putting the family that was robbed in jail with the robber!

Please consider for this golf ridden area! Our club and everyone else's if they follow the rules as well as we do at The Hideaway.

This will also save jobs and make many employees healthier than staying at home.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Foster

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** John Thornton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golf at the Hideaway

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Sent from my iPhone We were disappointed to here that the city made a decision to close our golf course. I am aware that other cities in the desert have not taken similar action. Desert Horizons is operating under the same restrictions that we implemented. No outside guests, no one touches anything, no water, no contact with club employees, one person per cart, do not touch flags etc. It is healthy and important for seniors to be outside and get exercise and fresh air! Our club should be excluded from the restrictions. We are not PGA West or Silver Rock. We are a hunkered down community!

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Nancy Kavayiotidis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Hideaway Golf Course

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Please reconsider opening our golf course. We have been operating with extreme caution. Everyone is either in their own cart or a sanitized club cart. Either one person to a cart or a married couple only. We do not touch the flag pole or put the ball into the hole. No guests are allowed. We feel that this is very safe and a good form of exercise.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Nancy & John Kavayiotidis

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** danna testa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:37 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Closing golf courses in private gated communities

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I find your decision to close the golf courses when they are following all the rules 6 feet apart, only in your own golf cart, etc is outrageous. Political power must give you tunnel vision. Think of all the people in those private developments that are going to leave and go back to their own states and how many of your businesses are going to lose even more money than the quarantine is causing. How selfish are you? None of us here want to be carriers of this virus nor do we want to be sick we are following all the protocols and the city of La Quinta is looking really wrong presently 🙄  
Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Dennis Loper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:37 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** order #4 Golf courses

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

I understand this evening you will be considering the order to cease golf course use in the City of La Quinta. The closing of fitness centers in private clubs was understandable. But to close an Outdoor activity that is easy to maintain social distancing makes no sense. I would guess that the majority of members of the four private clubs that were closed yesterday are at an age exercise and safe social interaction is important to them extending their life. We are fortunate enough to live here and it makes no sense to take away the primary reason we are here. Our club has taken very strong steps to limit staff and member interaction and always with safety in mind.

Please reconsider

Dennis Loper  
[REDACTED]

LaQuinta, CA 92253

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Kari Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Closure of golf courses

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As a residence of La Quinta there is no reason to close golf courses. I live in a guard gated community and the course is private. No outside guests are authorized to utilize the course, therefore contact is limited and controlled. The air is the best course to fight the virus and it works within the guidelines set by Public Health. Please stop the madness. You ask us to use common sense, please do the same for us.

Kari Clark  
Sent from my iPad

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Wrobbel, Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Do Not Close the Golf Courses!!!

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We need to employ physical distancing to stem the spread of this virus. Social connections are minimal. Golf allows people to remain physically separate but still stay socially connected while exercising.

Keep the LaQuinta golf courses open!

**Scott A. Wrobbel**

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** bjmattni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Jon McMillen  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Monika Radeva; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

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Very articulate and to the point. Totally agree with you and will send another email like this to the city if you provide an email address.

Barry

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

**From:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/23/20 5:25 PM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** jmcmlen@laquintaca.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] mradeva@laquintaca.gov, [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

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Thank you.

John Beckendorf

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Dennis Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Why close private golf courses?

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I understand why La Quinta would close Silver Rock - it's the city's course and the decision is yours.

Why do you care if private courses allow members only to play? We observe social distancing, take pains to avoid touching flagsticks or cups, use only our personal carts without passengers, all in support of guidelines issued by authorities.

This is over reach. Please rescind the directive.

Dennis Miller  
[REDACTED]  
La Quinta, CA 92253

Dennis Miller

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Bruce Zahn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Written Comment for March 23 Special Meeting

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

While I certainly appreciate the City's effort to ensure the safety of its residents, I respectfully urge it to lift the ban of golf activities as written in Executive Order #4. La Quinta Country Club is committed to the safety and well being of our staff as well as our members and has implemented measures that adhere to the recommend safety guidelines for reducing risk associated with COVID 19. Both Staff and Members have been observing those guidelines while enjoying one of the few activities that can be performed outdoors. The City is in receipt of our Club's protocols and I urge a quick review and approval so that many can once again enjoy the sanctuary of the course for their health and well being.

Respectfully,

Bruce V. Zahn Jr., CCM, CCE  
General Manager/Chief Operating Officer  
La Quinta Country Club  
Direct Line (760) 972-4890



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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Chris Reynolds [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Golf Course Closings

\*\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*\*

I would like to weigh in regarding the order to close La Quinta golf courses. Our course (Andalusia) has been operating on a skeleton crew basis.

The club is allowing the course to be without maintenance for most of the week. I've been playing golf with no contact from other members. Everyone is keeping their distance, using their own golf carts, removing rakes from traps and leaving the flags alone. At the moment, there is no opportunity to touch anything on the golf course.

The club has taken extraordinary measures to eliminate items that could get someone sick. The normal staff has been sent home, with only the needed staff available to manage the club and serve take out food.

Denying people the ability to be outdoors and escape the current crisis makes no sense and defies logic. Everyone is maintaining social distancing and respects the boundaries of others.

I would respectfully ask that the City modify the order and set guidelines that any club could follow to remain open. Our club has fewer than 250 members. The Canadian population has already returned home. It appears as if very few members are using the club, making the order even more oppressive to the few people who want to exercise and be outdoors.

Please consider the overall value we receive from playing golf during a highly stressful time. It would be prudent to establish solid rules that are verifiable, rather than cut off our ability to exercise and be outside in a safe, healthy manner. If we follow the rules of distancing, which is the primary restriction in place throughout the country, the chance of spreading the virus seems next to impossible.

Chris Reynolds

Chris Reynolds  
Private Investigator

[REDACTED] Indio, CA 92203 (So. Cal)

[REDACTED] Santa Rosa, CA 95407 (Nor Cal.)

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Peggy Weisbly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Andalusia Country Club

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Good Day~

I'm writing you to reconsider the blanket closing of all golf courses. Although I certainly understand the reasons and importance of closing golf courses for safety reasons, I don't agree that private courses need to fall under that regulation. Our club manager has updated us everyday with the "new" rules and regulations as expressed by our governor. Our club has already stated that only one person in a golf cart, allowing four carts on the course per foursome. Today, we were told golf course is closed. I would like to ask for a reconsideration for private clubs. If not for mental health reasons only.

Thank you for your time~  
Sincerely, Peggy Weisbly

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** michael pohl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Golf course closure

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

We live in a private community and members have their own carts and HAVE FOR MORE THAN A WEEK practiced social distancing. We have no rakes and no one touches the flag stick. Help me understand why you feel a private community should shut down? We have medical professionals and bio chem executives and they are out playing, but very conscious of the ramifications if we do not listen to the warnings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Pohl  
Andalusia CC

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** La Quinta City Manager Re: Golf Courses

EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Good afternoon.

By way of introduction I am a physician and surgeon. We have had a home in The Hideaway for more than 10 years and we are members at The Hideaway and The Quarry. My wife and I are avid golfers and appreciate the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of that recreation. We support and practice hand washing, social distancing, and other personal behaviors to limit covid-19 transmission.

Closure of golf courses makes little sense from a disease containment standpoint. I am unaware of data indicating that golf courses pose a greater risk of covid-19, or other viral disease transmission, than parks, hiking, boating and fishing, camping, and other outdoor recreation. Going to the grocery store, pharmacy, or any other "essential" indoor community space has more risk of covid-19 transmission. The specific closure of golf courses seems somewhat prejudicial.

I have been impressed by the thoughtful measures that management at both clubs have taken to protect their employees and members. Let the managers and the golfers decide if the risk is acceptable. As a healthcare professional and a golfer, it's my opinion that the aggregate benefits of keeping the courses open outweigh the risks for the private clubs in La Quinta. Thank you.

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Colette Young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Andalusia Private course

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As a private member of Andalusia Country Club, I would like to walk the private path and play the private course for exercise as there are no guests, no visitors and we are all social distancing. I would appreciate you helping us through this by allowing us to work through this for our emotional and mental health.

Colette Young  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Larry Young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** All golf course closure

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

I understand closing public courses but can not understand closing a private country club that does not allow guest or visitors. The club is closed and there are no employees working. The governor encouraged out door physical active. There is no difference in golfing on a private course as walking the course for physical activity. Please reconsider the order and let private clubs make decisions that help their members.

Sent from my iPhone

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** Andrew Moshier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Comments on Golf Courses

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We are writing to support the re-opening of all golf courses in La Quinta.

This is basic recreation and, more so than biking in some circumstances and certainly hiking, golf allows all participants to most easily comply with the State's order to stay in small groups and remain more than 6 feet apart. And, as with hiking and biking, being an outdoors activity, it is most easy to stay active and healthy with fresh air to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Andy & Dori Moshier  
[REDACTED]  
La Quinta

(Please email me, versus text, for all but the quickest communications)

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** John Argent [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Golf Course Closures

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

I reside in a gated community in La Quinta and I am a member at a private golf club within the community. We enjoy our golf as one of the last remaining outdoor activities possible. We observe all possible precautions against the C-19 virus, including minimum 6-foot separation, no one touches the flagstick, ride in separate golf carts, no outside guests, etc.

So I see no necessity to close golf courses if these rules are followed. Can you please justify or reverse this order?

Thank you

John

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Tracy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Golf course closure (Andalusia)

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

We are a private golf course in LaQuinta. I feel this order is not for us. All staff has been put on leave. We have no contact with any personal. If we choose to go on the golf course it has to be in our own golf cart. Our club is not providing golf carts. All rakes for the sand is gone. Flags are in but hole is higher so no touching the pole just your ball.

We all are in our carts by ourselves.

Please consider this for private courses. I understand why for public because you have to have employees to deal with people playing golf.

Thank you,

Tracy Riley

Sent from my iPad

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:51 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Dog Park Closure

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Marian Rosenwasser

**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

I have been a regular attendee at Seasons Dog Park where I have been able to exercise my dog over the years and would dutifully clean up after him.  
Friends of mine both two legged and 4 legged  
Have been respecting the 6 foot distancing for the past week.  
I respectfully ask that you consider reopening the park.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Monika Radeva; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

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Jon McMillan, the recipient of the email that I sent is the La Quinta City Manager. I have not gotten around to sending to the Mayor and City Council. Thank you Berry. And please address John Cummings on this; he needs to be in our loop. (He was address in my email, but it got returned to me (don't know why)).  
John B.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** bjmattni [REDACTED]  
**To:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED] jmcmillen <jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov>  
**Cc:** jcummings [REDACTED] mradeva <mradeva@laquintaca.gov>; [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Mon, Mar 23, 2020 5:39 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

Very articulate and to the point. Totally agree with you and will send another email like this to the city if you provide an email address.  
Barry

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

**From:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/23/20 5:25 PM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** jmcmillen@laquintaca.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] mradeva@laquintaca.gov, [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

Dear Mr. McMillen,

The City's emergency executive order #4 closing down all private golf courses within the La Quinta City limits is excessive and a draconian response to the Coronavirus CIV-19 threat. Additionally, I question its legality.

At our private club the club facilities have been closed. Golf course personnel, other than maintenance personnel, are no longer on site. The locker rooms, driving range, staging station are all shut down.

What we have implemented is a level of "social distancing" that is entirely appropriate and a well thought out solution to continued golf play.

Members can play in their own carts, or use push carts, each providing their own water, etc. Members ride individually and do not pair up to play. There is no close contact between members. There is no touching of other members golf equipment, cart, golf balls, etc. Green flags do not allow golf balls to drop more than 1/2 the diameter of the golf ball into the cup. We are not allowed to touch the green flags. Rakes have been removed from all bunkers. The "social distancing" and separation that we have achieved is no different than a walk down our country clubs streets with friends, something that has not yet been banned.

I am 73 years old and have been a successful business man. I spent most of my business career as an insurance broker working with public entities. For example, I handled the insurance for over 40 years for the City of Beverly Hills amongst many other municipal and school clients. Additionally, I handled the insurance for Sunrise Colony (Indian Ridge and Toscana) for many years. I understand risk and the handling of risk.

I am more exposed to the Virus by going to the market in order to procure groceries or to the gas station to purchase gas. In both cases, I take previously unprecedented steps to protect myself and those around me.

I do not take this lightly, but hope that the "cure" does not become worse than the "disease", both for our economy and our way of life, but it is, and has to be, a balance. At our country club, we have no knowledge of anyone who has become infected with the Virus. We are self policing and self quarantining. Golf is one of the only remaining outdoor activities left to us. Please modify your executive order so as not to create any conflict between us.

Thank you.

John Beckendorf

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Randall Bone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

I am writing as the CEO of Andalusia Country Club in La Quinta.

We greatly appreciate all of the time and energy the City has been putting into managing and adjusting during this COVID 19 crisis for the benefit of all of the people of La Quinta and beyond.

With regards to the recent order to close all golf courses, I would respectfully request that you consider some of the information below which you might not be aware of:

1. Andalusia Country Club, like many others in La Quinta offers its usually operates members numerous facilities including multiple restaurants, fitness and spa centers, numerous clubhouse activities and golf courses. All of these facilities and activities are now closed. Until today, consistent with the Riverside Environmental Department decision, our golf course was being operated under strict guidelines which address the potential areas for the potential spread of the virus including:
  - a. Members only, no guests. No family members, except spouses.
  - b. Very limited staff and no caddies. Most of the staff will still remain working even under closure of the course as it is necessary to maintain the same minimum maintenance and oversight to preserve the assets from long term damage.
  - c. Only private golf carts, no club carts being used.
  - d. Golf shop, driving range and member lounges are closed.
  - e. Members are maintaining required social spacing of at least six feet (which is not difficult to do on a golf course). No gatherings of 10 people or more anywhere on the course.
  - f. No rakes in sand traps, no seed dispensers or towels and raised cups on the greens to eliminate the areas where multiple members could be touching things on the golf course.

The Governor's statement made it clear that the "shelter in place" mandate does not mean people cannot go outside for fresh air and exercise. He said people could walk their dogs, as an outdoor example.

We are each confident that our golf course operations are a positive contribution to the fight against the COVID-19 virus and they provide members a much needed opportunity to unwind and get outside in an appropriate manner that conforms with federal and state orders and guidelines. This also helps take pressure and density of contact away from alternative public venues which are seeing too many people already, like the local hiking trails and public parks and open spaces.

I understand that the situation at the many public golf courses in La Quinta are much different and it may be much more difficult to expect that the appropriate rules and procedures will be carried out. In a close knit private club like Andalusia our management knows who is playing golf, and the manner in which they conduct themselves. This is a much more regulated and socially distanced outdoor activity than walking your dog, meeting other dog walkers, and congregating while the dogs play together or going for a hike or going to the park.

We respectfully request that the City of La Quinta considers a detailed policy of operating criteria under which they can be confident that the limited use of the private golf courses can be safely continued. Indian Wells continue its current



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Bob Bradley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** golf course closure

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I understand the closure of public courses. Private courses, which are on private land, must be excluded from your order. Social distancing in the fresh air is good.

Bob Bradley  
Andalusia CC

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** John Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Executive order #4

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Please consider allowing club members the ability to use our golf clubs to exercise ( golfing) and for calming outdoor respite These actions are taken with all means of safety and respect for our fellow friends Thank you John Foster

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** Dan Fairchild [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Meeting Tonight

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Monika, I submit the following for your consideration:

I am a member of La Quinta Country Club and have been residing in the area since 2002.

First of all my concern is for the safety of our clubs employees. Since the inception of the virus the club has taken every step that the CDC has recommended to insure the safety of the employees as well as the safety of the members.

At all times when I asked the employees and staff if they thought the steps the club was taken to insure they felt ok they indicated they did.

Which takes me to the membership. Our membership is older and very small. We only have 139 golf memberships out of a total of 300 memberships when you count the socials.

Being outdoors and playing golf, walking and just enjoying outdoor activities support good mental wellness. When we sit on our patio and look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> green at La Quinta Country Club knowing we can't play the course or even walk over to the green and practice chipping or putting is very depressing. We are a gated community and we have practiced riding in separate golf carts and or walking and have practiced the six feet protocol of staying away from each other.

Please consider reopening the golf course. Thanks

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Mary Greening [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Golf courses

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I understand you're having a meeting to discuss rules for golf courses. I would like my opinion to be considered.

My husband and I are members at Andalusia CC on Madison St.

I would like to recommend different rules for private vs. public courses.

I would recommend eliminating guest privileges, rental carts, on-course staff, water/ice services and that pins/flags are removed. Only spouses or household members in a personal cart together. Otherwise individual personal carts or walking. And 6 feet of separation on tee boxes and greens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Greening  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:01 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Closing of La Quinta Country Club

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Dale Schulte

**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

I am a member of La Quinta Country Club and live on the course. While we hold the safety of our club staff and members paramount, we can utilize our golf course for physical and mental benefit without subjecting our staff or each other to COVID 19. We avoid all touching or direct contact among the players and with staff by strictly enforced procedures and protocols. Please reconsider our limited use of our golf course grounds for the health and benefit of our members. Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Dale Schulte

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Julianne Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:01 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** LQCC golf closure

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Good evening,

We are writing in regard to the recent golf course closure of the La Quinta country club. First in for most our members and homeowners consider our staff employees safety above anything else. We would never request something that would put our staff and employees in a compromised position. As governor Newsom has stated during this time of restriction it is important for our mental and physical health to be outdoors safely and utilize activities that are safe.

Our golf course has taken serious precautions to ensure social distancing which amongst other things has included sending staff home, closing the course to members and family only, removing rakes from sand traps, no pool touching, one person per cart amongst a host of things which keep us safe.

I stay at home order is such a tough thing for most people to do. My husband and I came from Aspen so that we could adhere to the rules and regulations of a stay at home order while still enjoying the privilege of having a park light atmosphere in our backyard. We feel this was the safest environment in a gated community that puts us all at risk

Respectfully asking to please reconsider the order and look at the totality of the actions we put in place and the limited risk we are imposing to ourselvea and ourselves by continuing this activity as a socially distant endeavor Best, Julianne Murphy

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Diana Barickman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Meeting





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Hi there, I just read that the meeting was concluded at 6:00 pm. What happened during the one minute meeting?

Sent from my iPhone

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** Cathleen Newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** Hubs      
**Subject:** La Quinta Country Club Golf Course

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Good evening Monika,

I am writing on behalf of the golf community at LQCC. At LQCC our highest priority is our dedication to our **employees safety and wellness**. We have been instructed that there should be no contact with members who play golf and our staffing, and we will absolutely not put our valuable staff at risk. The Covid-19 pandemic is devastating to millions. Everything our community may do to stop the spread is essential. Social distancing, proper hygiene and discontinuing school and group activities are included in how our family is trying to help the common goal we all have. With respect to stopping the ability to golf, I would like you to consider the following: **Mental wellness** is essential in scary and uncertain times as these. Playing golf, with the appropriate protocols can greatly reduce anxiety and depression. Our golf course is a **park like environment**, it is in our very own backyards. Golfing allows us to stay within the gates while getting exercise, fresh air and well being. This can be achieved in a safe and thoughtful manner, exercising all social distancing guidelines. As a Registered Nurse, I am hyper aware of the community needs, safety of staff and safety of our older community members (there are many here). I have not observed anything on the golf course that would interfere or hamper with the goals we all have to stop the spread of this virus and to keep our community safe and healthy.

Thank you very much.

Best, Cathleen Pierce



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Paul Lyon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Closure of LaQuinta CC golf course due to Covid 19

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

We wish to object to the closing of our golf course by the City of LaQuinta. Great care was taken by our Board in its use guidelines in place prior to the closing to protect our terrific and highly respected staff. Those guidelines are available to you upon request to Bruce Zahn. The availability of public parks, walking paths, golf courses and other open spaces is being touted nationally as an important counterweight to the mental devastation this horrible virus is wreaking on otherwise perfectly normal and mentally stable people who are being asked (ordered) to "shelter in place". The unreasonableness of that should be apparent on its face in a situation where only 1.4% of those infected face fatality and when 87% of those who do die are over the age of 70 (statistics are based on Italy numbers). How many of those deaths are due to loneliness, anxiety and a sense of hopelessness? No one knows but most all mental health experts would agree all those conditions are relieved and ameliorated by vigorous exercise in the outdoors and simple companionship with other human beings, even if that companionship occurs visually only and at a distance of 6 feet.

We urge you to reconsider this decision.

Paul & Susie Lyon  
Don and Sarah Siegmund  
Morgan and Mary Shay

Sent from my iPhone

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** Jonathan Harnish [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Closure of golf clubs in La Quinta

\*\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*\*

Dear Council: No need to give a persons background with City business or emergency preparedness. Rest assured I have both. We are in uncharted territory, but we must act rationally and decisively. All public actions are first designed and intended to stop the communication and spread of this dangerous virus. WE are told by experts that means distance, cleaning, and healthy living. WE rely on state, federal and local experts. No expert has said stay inside, don't exercise, don't hike, don't bike. In fact, it is the opposite advice for both physical and mental health. the golf clubs in La quinta have done everything possible to keep staff safe, to keep members who want to golf, safe in compliance with the advice of experts. Closing golf clubs from golfing with severe restrictions in place to protect from transmission makes NO rational sense. La Quinta Country Club , Rancho La Quinta and others should not be closed from golfing activities with the protection and rules they have implemented. Thanks.

Jon Harnish  
[REDACTED]  
La Quinta, CA

Jonathan Harnish  
Harnish Properties  
Mail: [REDACTED]  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Email contact from La Quinta, CA

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Roger Buford

**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

Please pass this on at the meeting re. Closing private golf courses. La Quinta CC has gone above and beyond all reasonable requirements both Federal and State to protect primarily our staff and also our members and their families. We do not allow outside guests or any public access. We have closed virtually all facilities that allow contact between members and staff to include Pro shop, driving range and all good service other than take out orders all of which are controlling by social distance. Members have no contact with staff and the ability to play outside in a park like setting is mentally valuable to your citizens. I sincerely hope La Quinta reconsiders allowing La Quinta CC members to use this amenity.

Thank you  
Roger Buford.

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Dave Mileski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva

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Monica, I support LQCC in its effort to reopen the course to Membership. Staff has brought forth a plan to combat CV19 and all members have supporter their edict. Thank you in advance. Dave Mileski Member LQCC

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Patricia Grant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** LQCC

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Please leave the course open with all the precautions taken. If people go to other courses like the Marriott they could bring the virus here. Let us get exercise and outdoor exercise to increase our immunity!

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Tammy Fairchild [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Closing of Private golf courses

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Ms. Radeva:

As a member of LaQuinta CC my husband and I are very proud of the steps that have been taken by the club to keep our employees and members safe during these trying times. At the same time allowing us to continue to play golf up until yesterday when the Executive Order was put into place.

The management and board immediately discontinued any person contact with the staff, by cancelling all activities, formal golf functions, & food service except for take out at the club, closing the club house, locker room service, Pro Shop & Cart Barn. All of this done for the safety of staff & members.

The Superintendent removed all the rakes from the bunkers and even created modifications to the flag sticks so the golf ball could be removed from the hole without touching the hole or flagstick.

Living on the golf course has been a blessing for us both physically and mentally in these trying times. Enjoying the green grass, watching players each in their own carts or walking and playing the game they love. With our computer tee sheet system. We can enjoy the game without having to have any contact with the club. When we heard last night that the course had been closed, my husband immediately when and made reservations for us to go home. We can play golf at home, just not in the beautiful setting that we have in our backyard.

We ask for you to reconsider your decision to keep the golf courses closed. LaQuinta CC has taken every step possible to protect our staff and members.

Tammy Fairchild

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Vogt, Betty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Golf Courses

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

I understand you're having a meeting to discuss rules for golf courses. I would like my opinion to be considered. My husband and I are members at Andalusia CC on Madison St. I would like to recommend different rules for private vs. public courses. I would recommend eliminating guest privileges, rental carts, on-course staff, water/ice services and that pins/flags are removed. Only spouses or household members in a personal cart together. Otherwise individual personal carts or walking. And 6 feet of separation on tee boxes and greens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Betty Vogt & George Hallin

**Betty Vogt**  
REALTOR  
Global Luxury-Distinctive Homes  
Coldwell Banker Burnet  
[REDACTED]

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Maureen Hosp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Dear Ms. Radeva,

I understand there is a City emergency meeting tonight. I would like to address the city as to the Executive Order that closed down all golf operations including member play at our course, La Quinta Country Club.

Whereas, I understand the necessity to stop operations where staff and members intermingle, I strongly feel that letting members play in their own backyard without contact with the public or staff is necessary to the well being of us, the members. My husband and I played golf the other day. We took our separate private carts, there was no staff to intermingle with. We feel strongly that the need for safe exercise and mental wellness in our gated community is necessary to get through this horrible pandemic. Please reconsider and allow us to continue.

Thank you

Maureen & Phil Hosp

**Maureen "MOE" Hosp**

Independent Stylist  
[REDACTED]



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Mary Montgomery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4; La Quinta Country Club

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

I have been a member of LaQuinta Country Club since 1997 and wish to enter the following comments into the record regarding your Emergency Meeting of 3/23 at 6pm.

I am sure the City considered many things when drafting Executive Order #4 and I appreciate, as I am sure all the residents of this fine city do, the thought that went into the Order.

Perhaps safety of our employees was uppermost in the minds of those drafting the order. I can assure you that LaQuinta Country Club has a legacy of care for employees and has always worked to provide a safe and fulfilling environment for all of our many employees, from greens keepers to wait staff to administrative/managerial staff. This care for employees was a critical piece of the decision to exclude the possibility of any interaction between employees and members who may be using the course to walk (or ride) as an individual and to play a round of golf. That is why we have closed the pro shop and ceased all golf related services.

The Club also cares deeply about its members, many of whom live on the course and use it, not only for golf, but for taking early-morning or late-day walks in our park-like setting. Now more than ever, we believe it is important to allow members to utilize the golf course. We have put in place stringent protocols for the use of the course, including no guests, only single players and absolutely no interaction closer than 6 feet and, most often, a much greater distance than that. We believe this activity is critical to our members' emotional well-being and overall health. Isolation is known to be a significant detriment to the health of seniors.

Of course, in drafting the Order, you could not have known about all of the important and life-saving protocols we had already put in place. I hope this will cause you to pause, reconsider, and allow LaQuinta Country Club to reopen its course to members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Montgomery

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Steven Phillipi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Golf courses

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I live at [REDACTED] La Quinta.

I agree with Mrs Greening and would like my input considered as well.

Steven Phillipi

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mary Greening [REDACTED]  
**Date:** March 23, 2020 at 5:59:58 PM PDT  
**To:** CityClerkMail@laquintaca.gov  
**Subject:** Golf courses

I understand you're having a meeting to discuss rules for golf courses. I would like my opinion to be considered.

My husband and I are members at Andalusia CC on Madison St.

I would like to recommend different rules for private vs. public courses.

I would recommend eliminating guest privileges, rental carts, on-course staff, water/ice services and that pins/flags are removed. Only spouses or household members in a personal cart together. Otherwise individual personal carts or walking. And 6 feet of separation on tee boxes and greens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Greening  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** BRIAN CORNELL [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** La Quinta Country Club (private)

\*\* EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. \*\*

Dear Ms. Radeva,

I am a proud member of La Quinta Country Club. The Club has been extraordinarily diligent in protecting the staff's safety and well-being during this virus crisis. The membership, as well, has been advised as to the appropriate protocols to follow to maintain our own health, safety and well-being. Our Club management has been vigilant in staying on top of city, county and state directives regarding updates on health policy, social distancing and guidelines for avoiding the virus.

I can attest to the fact that being able to play golf during this difficult time has been a blessing. It is the only form of exercise and outdoor activity that many residents (especially the elderly) partake in. The protocols of removing rakes from bunkers (so we don't share surfaces), placing foam in the cups on the green (to keep one from reaching down into the hole for a successfully sunk putt), directing everyone not to remove flagsticks under any circumstances (again to keep from touching a surface another might have touched) are just a few examples of the lengths the club has gone to in order to protect everyone associated with the Club. We have all embraced these adjustments to our daily routine with enthusiasm. The benefit we all receive is health and well-being, fresh air and exercise.

We urge you to reconsider the Executive Order #4 with respect to La Quinta Country Club (private). We would like to continue to enjoy our parklike atmosphere and safe social golf.

Sincerely,

Brian Cornell

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Judie Cothrun [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Emergency meeting

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Why in the world would you close dog boarding and day care facilities? You have contact with one staff member when you take them in and pick them up. About 5 minutes and social distancing is no problem.

Sent from my iPhone

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** Richard Krell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:10 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** golf course closure

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Dear Ms. Radeva,

I am a member of La Quinta Country Club and live within our 100+ acre park like campus. I am the President of our Board of Directors and I assure you that our board is singularly focused on maintaining the safety of our staff and our members during this rapidly spreading virus. Each decision we have reached is first and foremost centered on ensuring our decision is keeping everyone as free as possible from contracting this terrible virus. We have taken numerous steps to ensure the safety of our wonderful staff. The building that stores member carts has been closed and all attendants have been furloughed for their safety.

We have taken several additional steps to eliminate the spread of the virus. Before our golf course was closed we limited access to the course to members and their family members (no outside guests), removed all rakes from our sand bunkers, flags on the greens remained in place and not removed, the driving range closed, only single drivers were allowed in carts, our pro shop closed, no group golfing groups were allowed nor were any organized golf activities. We also continually and strongly encouraged social distancing of 6 feet or more. With these limitations we believe we mitigated the possibility of spreading the virus.

Our members enjoy our park like environment in their backyard and are healthier for having access to the golf course. It certainly helps our mental health allowing us to exercise in the fresh air of La Quinta. We always use the course in a safe and sane manner and implore you to allow us access to our golf course.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Krell

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Mark Engler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** re meeting on corona virus

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Dear La Quinta City Counsel

I am requesting that my email be part of the city record regarding my opposition to City Executive order number 4.

We are all scared by the unknown, and certainly no one can tell us what is coming in the future. However hyperbole is taken the place of reason. There is a virus that without medical care can kill, but importantly almost entirely those impacted are elderly and compromised. The current belief is that we must shut down our society so no one will die. This is shortsighted and unworkable. Any decision must consider all the facts. Most workers in the this valley work in the service industry. A huge percentage do not have savings. The entire business of this valley will die if forced to shutdown for any period over a few weeks. You have caused great damage already, and you have no ability to rectify this wrong.

If business is shutdown, workers with families will be left without jobs to support their children. Our children. Our future. Stop worrying about people who can shelter in place if they feel they must. Start thinking about the tens of thousands of working families that will be harmed for a generation if there is no certainty of having a job to return to. You have chosen to shut all business locations without thought of what you are doing to our children and grandchildren. An extreme example is shutting golf courses, where responsible people seek refuge, and can easily practice social distancing. How can you prevent people from exercising, seeing friends from a safe distance, all while walking on a golf course. Your actions are extremely overbroad and not well thought out.

Instead I urge you to think of the future of our children and my grandchildren. They need parents who can support them. Those of us at high risk can shelter in place. We the elderly are smart enough to do what is right to protect ourselves. Let the city businesses open. Let the world move on. This is a war that those of us who are elderly know that the proper course is to save our families. Don't ignore your great harm any longer.

Please rethink your overbroad order and rescind this immediately

Mark Engler  
La Quinta Resident

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Tim Burney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Private Golf Course Closure

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I am writing to voice my concern for your recent order to close all golf courses in La Quinta. To the extent this order makes sense for golf courses that allow general public access I do not understand how closing private golf courses falls in the same category.

I live at Andalusia and we have already instituted reasonable rules such as no guests are allowed on the course, removal of flags on greens and rakes in bunkers, closure of practice facilities and only private carts allowed and individual carts are encouraged to promote social distancing between non cohabiting members. We, like other similar private communities with golf courses, have instituted rules to encourage some level of social activity during these very trying times while also adhering to generally accepted social distancing considerations. Management had already decided to not allow outside guests in the community to play golf so as a community we are different in composition than other public or semi-private courses that allow outside players on their course or property.

I ask that you reconsider your rule to close all golf courses and allow private, self contained courses like Andalusia, to remain open to members only. Your rule is no doubt meant to protect our community but I request that the council reconsiders its broad declaration and allow those of us who live within similar closed environments a level of responsibility within our community to self police and thereby remain open to golf.

Respectfully,

**TIM BURNEY**  
CEO

[REDACTED]

*"Be Unreasonable"*

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**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** James Griesgraber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Vote to reopen LQCC

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As a home owner in LQ and member of LQCC, I respectfully request the City to reopen our Club for golf. Safe playing measures have been implemented and fresh air is good for both mental and physical health. Ironically, LQCC members left campus today to play golf in Palm Desert and return with potential of carrying Virus. We can contain better with a closed campus of golf at LQCC

Thank you

James J. Griesgraber, Ph.D.



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Barney Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Closing golf courses

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Restrictions , fine. Closing is a disservice.

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Joe Nemeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:14 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** La Quinta Country Club Golf

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Dear Monika Radeva,  
To the La Quinta City Council,

We realize the safety of our community, the staff at LA Quinta Country Club and our neighbors is imperative.

If it is possible to consider opening the golf course for people in the community and following social distancing and good practices, we would appreciate your consideration.

I think we had demonstrated good practices with the great management and leadership of our club and Bruce Zahn.

Joe and Stacy Nemeth  
[REDACTED] La Quinta, CA

Joe Nemeth  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** [REDACTED] behalf of City of La Quinta, CA  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golf course closures

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Tim Putnam  
**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Radeva,

I am the golf course superintendent at La Quinta CC. During the last week, and especially today, I have received many questions from my employees asking me why did they close the course, and more importantly, do we still have a job.

La Quinta CC has implemented many new practices to keep our employees safe from the Covid-19 virus. We have staggered our start times so no more than 8 employees are at the maintenance shop at one time. We have been supplying our staff with gloves and hand sanitizer. We have masks available if they want to wear one for their own peace of mind. We have implemented a comprehensive cleaning program for the lunchroom, bathrooms and the equipment. We are cleaning inside the building 3 times per day. We are cleaning all equipment even morning before it goes out. We are stressing the 6' apart requirement. Our operation has never been safer.

On the golf course we have removed all rakes, ball washers, trash cans and anything else that multiple people could come in contact with. We are requiring single riders in all carts.

The thing that is hurting my employees more than anything is not knowing if they will have a job in the future. Any the city can do to help the golf course stay a viable business will help my employees and my members.

I'm worried that a long term closure of our course will cause us to lose members and jeopardize the financial future of La Quinta CC and all its employees.

Please know that I am committed to keeping my employees safe. (I have a written Covid-19 mitigation plan that we began implementing last week.)

I'm also asking the City to keep the financial well being of them and their families in mind when they consider how long the golf course will be closed. The length of this closure could determine the future of La Quinta CC and their jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Putnam  
Golf Course Superintendent  
La Quinta CC

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** suzanne donnelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Our lifeline

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Please keep La Quinta Country Club open. It is our community ... it is our lifeline. We are dependent on each other to live- to laugh- to love.

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Michaela Lowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:17 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Andalusia

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To whom it may concern:

I am a member of Andalusia and I want to voice my concern regarding you decision to close our course. As a private member of country club, I would like to walk the private path and play the private course for exercise as there are no guests, no visitors and we are all social distancing. I would appreciate you helping us through this by allowing us to work through this for our emotional and mental health.

For your thoughtful consideration,  
Michaela Lowe

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Liz Mechelke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4

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Dear Ms. Radeva

I am writing in response to executive order #4 and respectfully request the city revisit this order. My husband and I are in full support of doing all that we can as a community to combat the COVID 19 virus. We believe that measures such as social distancing, proper hand washing and sheltering in place should be followed. We do feel, however, that being allowed to use the amenities outside of our back patio is very important if done in the appropriate way.

We are in full support of LQCC' dedication to our employees' safety and wellness. There should be no contact between members who play golf and our staff. No member wants to put our staff in harm's way so that they can play golf. That being said, getting outdoors and playing golf, in a safe manner while practicing the right protocols, is important in these anxious times. The homeowners should not travel outside of their communities, however, the golf courses in their backyards should be utilized in the same manner as many other communities are utilizing their parks and hiking trails. This keeps people inside the gates but allows exercise, fresh air and well-being. It would be a shame not to utilize the courses available to our homeowners and members, in a safe and thoughtful manner.

I appreciate your consideration.  
Best Regards,

Liz & Kevin Mechelke

La Quinta Country Club  
[REDACTED]

La Quinta, CA  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** JO DOWNEY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Council meeting

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Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Jim Henrietta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** My Opinion

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I think it is absurd to close all golf courses. People keep a distance from one another while playing. Golf is an important sport in the desert and should be kept open for play.

I also think this entire virus issue is overblown. We need to begin thinking about the financial issues if we keep people out of work for another 60-90 days. We may not have a country left. Protect the elderly but get people back to work!

Just my opinion!

Sent from my iPhone  
Jim Henrietta



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Carol Hanley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** La Quinta Country Club

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I'm a member of La Quinta CC and plan to remain here for the next month or so in response to the governors request to avoid necessary travel.

As an older person It has been commonly suggested that we seek to remain physically active and absorb sunshine. The members that I know are very carefully observing the CDC guidelines - for obvious self protectin and certainly in respect of all around us. Respectively I request the opportunity to continue to live in this beautiful city and please let us enjoy the golf course for our mutual wellbeing.

Thank you, Fred Hanley

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Lex Gamble [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Jon McMillen  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Monika Radeva; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

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John:

Great letter. Hope he has the courage to listen to Common Sense!!  
Meanwhile, I have been trapped in Chappaqua, NY, unable to return to the desert. Miss you all. Thanks for the mini season. Look forward to seeing you over New Years.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery,  
Lex

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**From:** John Beckendorf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** jmcmlen@laquintaca.gov <jmcmlen@laquintaca.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] mradeva@laquintaca.gov  
<mradeva@laquintaca.gov>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Closure of Private Golf Courses with the City of La Quinta

Dear Mr. McMillen,

The City's emergency executive order #4 closing down all private golf courses within the La Quinta City limits is excessive and a draconian response to the Coronavirus CIV-19 threat. Additionally, I question its legality.

At our private club the club facilities have been closed. Golf course personnel, other than maintenance personnel, are no longer on site. The locker rooms, driving range, staging station are all shut down.

What we have implemented is a level of "social distancing" that is entirely appropriate and a well thought out solution to continued golf play.

Members can play in their own carts, or use push carts, each providing their own water, etc. Members ride individually and do not pair up to play. There is no close contact between members. There is no touching of other members golf equipment, cart, golf balls, etc. Green flags do not allow golf balls to drop more than 1/2 the diameter of the golf ball into the cup. We are not allowed to touch the green flags. Rakes have been removed from all bunkers. The "social distancing" and separation that we have achieved is no different than a walk down our country clubs streets with friends, something that has not yet been banned.

I am 73 years old and have been a successful business man. I spent most of my business career as an insurance broker working with public entities. For example, I handled the insurance for over 40 years for the City of Beverly Hills amongst many other municipal and school clients. Additionally, I handled the insurance for Sunrise Colony (Indian Ridge and Toscana) for many years. I understand risk and the handling of risk.

I am more exposed to the Virus by going to the market in order to procure groceries or to the gas station to purchase gas. In both cases, I take previously unprecedented steps to protect myself and those around me.

I do not take this lightly, but hope that the "cure" does not become worse than the "disease", both for our economy and our way of life, but it is, and has to be, a balance. At our country club, we have no knowledge of anyone who has become infected with the Virus. We are self policing and self quarantining. Golf is one of the only remaining outdoor activities left to us. Please modify your executive order so as not to create any conflict between us.

Thank you.

John Beckendorf

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** JULIE WILSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Live meeting

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Dear Ms Radeva,

We are unable to join the meeting in progress. Please see screen shot below.

My husband and I are 12 year La Quinta residents,

Julie and E. Justin Wilson  
[REDACTED]

La Quinta, CA 92263

We believe our private golf club community has followed all safety measures for our employees/staff and members during these unprecedented times.

We respectfully request that our golf course be opened for the health and sanity of those La Quinta residents sheltering here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie and Justin Wilson  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Al Backman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:26 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** private golf club closures

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

My name is Al Backman. I have been a homeowner and member of La Quinta Country Club since 1993. First and foremost let me say that LQCC has an incredible reputation for always putting our staff first. Some staff have worked for us since before I joined the club. Many of our staff are second generation. Mr Zahn has always made it a priority that the safety and wellness of our staff comes first. This has always been his mandate from our board and members.

As a resident here we value our views and serenity as well as the opportunity to relax - or stress- playing our 18 holes.

The specific changes our board implemented last week ensure that there is no close proximity of players and no touching of any surfaces.

I implore you to rethink your interpretation of the ruling in question.

Al Backman

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Dominic Lowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Closure of secure, policed private golf clubs

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I am at a loss - as a game that is entirely by design isolating and isolated from others - I am so confused that a proposed decision to close a golf course that is only open to members, whom have all agreed to abide by ALL orders from the CDC is well thought out.

At Andalusia at Coral Mountain we have all been under self quarantine and no access to club amenities for over a week.

How can walking or even pickle ball - where you are sweating and passing a ball back and forth be deemed ok and golf not...

We are all playing our own ball - and keeping our distance - in a complete isolated piece of land with acres of open space.

We completely agree with 100% social distancing but playing golf under already isolated restrictions seems beyond low risk!

Please apply some logical and CDC backed common sense.

Sincerely  
Dominic Lowe

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

## Monika Radeva

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Opening La Quinta CC Golf Course

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

As a member of LQCC and resident of La Quinta, I would like to request that our golf club course be open to its members following the regulations already in place to protect the health and welfare of our employees and members. By allowing play with one player per cart, no rakes in the sand traps and no touching the flag payers can remain safe and healthy. This limits communal contact yet lets people have some exercise and fresh air in a controlled environment and keeps them off the streets of La Quinta where they might come in contact with others. Fresh air is essential for the mental well-being of our members and will ease stress and anxiety through these perilous times: Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Alice Wright

[REDACTED]  
La Quinta, CA 92253

"Education never ends, *Watson. It is a series of lessons with the greatest for the last.*" (*The Adventure of the Red Circle*)

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Gary Chamberlain [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golfing

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When following established safety measures when golfing ( one person per cart, no touch rule for rakes, flags, proper social distancing, etc. ) we will be Safeguarded from disease. Please allow golf to continue.

Thank you,

Gary Chamberlain  
La Quinta full time resident.

Sent from my iPhone



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Rick Porter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4

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Monika Radeva

Executive Order #4 should be modified to reflect safe social distancing practices that can keep golf course access open within golfing communities. Once golf ancillary facilities are closed the practice of golf by its nature incorporates safe social distancing. Because La Quinta is populated by numerous golfing communities it warrants a modification to EO#4 to allow those communities access to their key asset, the golf course, while all ancillary facilities are closed to prevent social contact that can transmit COVID 19. The current version of EO#4 is far more restrictive than needed to fulfill safety and at the same time prohibits the utilization of key assets by citizens within the community unnecessarily.

Rick Porter  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Tom DiMare [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** Bruce Zahn  
**Subject:** Executive Order #4

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re golf  
golf gets folks out in the sun & fresh  
air. Both proven to be healthy and  
curative, physically & mentally.  
put golf back into play for health &  
mental wellbeing.

Sent from my iPhone

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Shawn Ygnatowiz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 7:03 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Comments for City of La Quinta Mayor and Council Members

**EXTERNAL:** This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information.

Dear Madam Mayor and Council Members:

Let me begin by saying thank you for your efforts during this very challenging period. Many of your efforts go unnoticed and without appreciation, and please know your efforts, time, energy and care do contribute to a wonderful city to live, work and enjoy our very special desert lifestyle.

The recent executive order to cease golf operations is understandable, given that "golfing" per se is not listed by the Governor's Office as "an essential service", or activity. If we all do our part to adhere to safe protocols during this crisis, we will likely get through it quicker and with less illness. We at Hideaway are committed to keeping our employees safe and healthy. We have instituted every federal, state, county and city mandate for safe protocols for the COVID-19 virus. We have instituted a "takeout" food program that is being utilized by many Hideaway homeowners. This keeps the homeowners inside the gates, and keeps some of our staff working, while practicing safe protocols.

The golf courses in many communities around our valley can be considered a "park" within the community. If that park-like environment can be utilized for the mental and physical well-being of the community residents, it will contribute to their ability to stay well, be strong and healthy. This is not about playing golf for golf's sake, it is to utilize a significant asset within our many communities to promote health and wellness. We at Hideaway have revised our golf play protocols to remove our employees from any contact with members and member carts. We have also revised policies to include reducing the number of players at any given time, eliminating congregating by the closure of practice facilities, and other protocols that I am prepared to review with the City Health Officers.

I appreciate your consideration to allowing restricted golf play on the cities golf courses to promote mental and physical wellbeing for our homeowners and citizens during this very stressful time.

Respectfully,

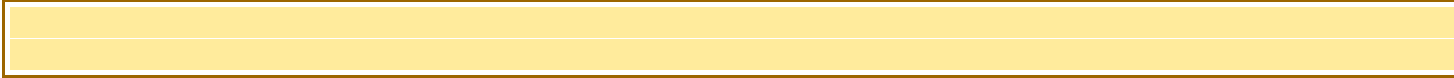
Shawn Ygnatowiz, CCM  
General Manager  
Hideaway Club  
[REDACTED]

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Karyn Boyer [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** live meeting 3-23-20 6pm La Quinta Country Club

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Monika,

My husband and I tried to log on to the live meeting 3-23-20 at 6pm along with others members and were unable to connect. We are disappointed that we could not participate in the live meeting and submit our comments for consideration.

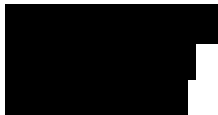
We, as most members are in complete agreement that safety is the most important factor for the spread of the Covid-19. Our club was proactive in establishing safety measures to protect our employees by keeping safe distancing, one person per golf cart, removing rakes, keeping the flag stick in the hole and not touching the golf ball. This should and could be done in a way that there would be no contact with the member who plays golf and the staff, although staff would be limited but not all completely unemployed.

Being able to be outside in a serene beautiful atmosphere allows us an activity that we love that's right in our own backyard, allowing us to exercise in our beautiful weather and healing our mind, body and soul in a time when our well-being is crucial for all homeowners and members.

Thank you,

*Karyn Boyer*

Secretary/Treasurer  
America West Drilling Supply Inc.



**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** Roger B [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 7:12 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Golf Course closings

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please provide this email to the appropriate city officials.

I am a member of La Quinta CC. Our club has implemented action that go above and beyond actions required by both Federal and State mandates related to protection of our loyal staff and members. Our board has approved closing all food and drink venues other than carry out service while maintaining social distances. They have closed all events, do not allow guest play, closed all practice facilities and our cart barn and pro shop.

By keeping the course open it provides for the physical and mental wellness of our members. We ride as singles in our own carts. We don't rake bunkers or touch flags and we have no contact with any staff. I know our 300 members will be most grateful if the city reconsider closing our course in light of all the precautions we have in place.

Thank you

Roger Buford

**Monika Radeva**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Monika Radeva  
**Subject:** Email contact from La Quinta, CA

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Julie stupka  
**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

Hi this is in regards to the golf course closures. I am a member at La Quinta Country Club . We as members just want to get some exercise and fresh air. We would never put our staff in harms way!!! It would just be a few members out on the course. We are all part of a gated community here and really go nowhere. We get food to go at the club or cook at home. Our beautiful course could be our sanctuary from a stressful situation. We always stay safe distances away from others and never gather. We don't even get together at anyone's homes anymore!! We are practicing very safe social distancing. Never touching anything!!! We are out taking walks and just thought maybe we could still swing a club along the way. Thank you for listening.