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Subject: Fwd: COVID-19- Please place this in the record of tonite"s discussion
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Please include this email in the Disproportionate COVID 19 agenda item.

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Dear Council members,

I wanted to provide my comments in the absence of my ability to speak because of a conflict with meetings. I am writing you to regularly place close attention to the disparate impacts of COVID-19. As you know this disease has had a greater impact upon Black and Hispanic members of our community. This pandemic has illustrated the systematic barriers to full equality in this community, the County, the State, and this nation.

I would like the Board to discuss concrete ways of how Carrboro will move in the future to foster a culture of equity in the town in the areas of:

- 1) Housing;
- 2) Transportation;
- 3) Economic Development

I especially want the Council have some thoughtful conversations regarding whether the restaurant /service/entertainment industry which is a large part of our economy should be diversified in a manner that maintains what we have and then have an incubator to support other types of businesses. I would like the Council to consider two funds: 1) Unemployment Supports: 2) and Rent Support. I would also suggest that the Council look at using a consistent analysis to determine the effects of any Council policy to those who have been historically marginalized and face greater challenges during this greater health and economic environment.

In conclusion, I request a regular look at the effects of COVID-19 to ensure that

as a town we make the necessary actions for the future during these challenging times Let us use this time and these challenges to make substantial changes to have different outcomes that are not race-based.

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Joal H. Broun

It always seems impossible until it is done.

Nelson Mandela