

## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and members of the Yakima City Council  
From: Robert Harrison, City Manager  
Date: November 25, 2020  
RE: COVID Letter from the City to the Governor

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At a recent “YVCOG Opening Yakima” meeting, it was recommended that the County write a letter to the Governor with signatures from elected representatives from all the cities in the County. I have included a copy of that letter for your policy consideration in the packet.

While the letter draft does convey a perspective, given the tone it may not be very effective in affecting future decision making by the State.

As an alternative, I have written and included a draft letter as well that is more limited and less aggressive in scope. The Council is welcome to consider this as an alternative option.

Lastly, the City is under no obligation to send a letter to the Governor or sign on to the County’s letter in regards to the latest restrictions that have put in place. So if Council decides not to weigh in at all, that is an acceptable outcome.

This item is in the COVID-19 report and I’ll bring this item up at that time in the agenda.