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EDITORIAL

State Representative Vincent Candelora

The Governor Could Build Consensus through a Transparent "Reopen" Process



Back on April 13, shortly after Governor Lamont had extended business and school closings until May 20th, he announced the formation of an advisory group aimed at developing a plan to reopen Connecticut. At the time, a lone Hartford Courant columnist raised concern that the group wasn't bound by the state's open records laws, and that it could conduct its work

in secret behind closed doors.

The essence of the columnist's concern didn't get much attention until April 23rd, when one of the panel's co-chairmen indicated during a press briefing that the advisory group would simply issue a plan by May 20th—not actually open anything up.

That news sparked more scrutiny from capitol news reporters, no big fans of bureaucratic secrecy, while also leaving many residents confused if not frustrated.

Shortly thereafter, however, the governor and his advisory group made a surprise announcement—a "phase one" reopening would, in fact, occur on May 20th. Hair and nail salons would reopen, and restaurants, too, with an emphasis on outdoor dining.

If this feels a little helter-skelter to you, you're not alone.

This is, of course, an unprecedented crisis that the governor has had to navigate, and while he should be commended on many fronts, his closeddoor process to plot a new course for Connecticut has done little to instill confidence.

The Courant, in an editorial published just before that unexpected "phase one" announcement, described the heart of the problem in a single sentence:

"It means the people who will be telling the governor when it's safe to lift the lockdown won't have to explain their thinking to anyone but the governor himself."

Why are hair and nail salons in the first phase? Considering that we're dealing with a close-contact virus, that decision left a lot of people puzzled if not worried.

If we could see, hear or even read about how the governor's hand-picked experts arrive at their decisions, each of us would feel a little bit better if not more informed.

I joined some of my legislative colleagues recently in soliciting residents' opinions about reopening. As you might expect, thoughts on the subject ranged from "open the state now" to "keep it closed indefinitely." Some offered details about the challenges of keeping their businesses afloat while struggling to receive state or federal benefits, while others described fears about how the virus might affect their health.

One theme was constant throughout—questions. And those inquiries or comments for the governor, no matter where respondents fell on the reopen spectrum, were tinged with frustration: "do you have a small business owner, like myself, on your panel," and, "I don't trust unelected, unaccountable, non-transparent groups."

The governor has, through his use of the off-the-record advisory group, kept legislators at arm's length during this response. Had he engaged us, perhaps the governor would have understood the concerns held by hair-stylists who worry not only about their health, but about losing ground to competitors that reopen when they've elected to stay closed.

State representatives and senators, after all, are on the ground statewide. Instead, stylists are left to hear the governor's staff in a news conference

Let's Be "Frank"

I must admit, my brother. This is a crazy one. I wish you were here because we would spend hours discussing how people are handling this pandemic thing.

On the one hand you have the group who are saying, "if I get it, I get it." This group takes no precautions. "If people die they die and then we'll build immunities". Their claim is the government is crazy. It's a big political scam and it won't interfere with how they live their lives.

Next are the ones who are taking the social distancing precautions and wearing masks and washing hands, but living as normal a life as they can.

Finally there is the group of people who are petrified, not leaving their homes and making themselves nervous wrecks. Strokes and heart attacks might get them before the virus does.

I myself, am somewhere in the middle of all these feelings. I am working, but staying out of harms ways. Once out of work I go home and that's the extent of my interaction with other people. I have donned the mask and I tell you, it's a big help. Now, (as the song says),like my father before me, I only have to shave once a week. The mask is a great cover. It also hides my three chins. I'm thinking, if I live long enough for this thing to be controlled, I might stay with the mask on a regular basis. My wife has made some custom ones and I think they enhance my overall appearance.

I feel bad for the older people who are alone and staying 100% quarantined. They are frightened and alone. If they get the virus they can't be with their family and that has to be awful. I feel sorry for the seniors in high school and college who are missing special times they have looked forward to from the time they were in grade school.

However,I myself decided this semi quarantine is not a terrible thing. My blood pressure (always a point of concern) is now coming in at 110/60. I am spending more time relaxing at home with the Mrs. The civic groups I am involved with are basically on hold as is the high school baseball season. They are the many things I love doing but maybe it was time for a break and a time to re-access handling stress. I am reading more, praying more and even meditating a little (who would have thunk, huh).

On May 20th the Governor is beginning phase one of the re-opening the state plan. People are getting restless and a concern of many is they are going to drop their guard and let this thing come back harder and stronger than ever. I already have friends who have been very strict about quarantining themselves who are now making a complete u-turn and going completely unguarded and leaving themselves open to a bad situation.

I'm not a historian but things change all the time. Our parents had to live through wars, depression, plagues and a lots of other things. My age group has been relatively unscathed. We just missed Vietnam, and we were too old for the Iraq crisis. This is a crisis unlike any wars or economic setbacks but it's a good time for us to sit back, relax a little and re access our lives.

One of the smartest people I know simply put it this way. "If people weren't dying, this wouldn't be too bad.

So I would suggest to most to stay safe and enjoy a bit of solitude. It's scary and it's crazy but it is what it is so we have to deal with it as best we could.

So keep an eye on things down here. We need all the help we can get. I'm glad Mary and mom and dad are not in this world for this pandemic. They might have had trouble handling it. More trouble then most of us are having. Say hello to the group and I'll see you guys soon. But I hope not too soon.

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talk about face shields and clean smocks as they try to explain why using a hairdryer will be prohibited, and how that May 20th reopen date could even be postponed as the advisory team learns more about concerns from hair salon owners and their staff.

Had there been an open, more robust discussion prior to the "phase one" announcement, maybe residents would feel more confident in the current direction.

I sat to write this as the governor started his May 8th news briefing. By the time the daily event was done, he leveled an about-face: the reopening of nail salons will be delayed.

The announcement felt a little willy-nilly.

By now, most of everyone realizes that we'll be grappling with this virus for a while. Going forward, as he talks about reopening the state, I believe the governor could build consensus through a more transparent and deliberative planning process.

The Courant, in its editorial, said it best:

"We have every right to be part of those decisions. On our terms. Not the governor's."

Letters to the editor...

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Coronavirus and Trump Treatment

"Trump peddles unsubstantiated hope in dark times" said a CNN analyst on March 20, accusing him of making false claims about an anti-malarial drug and using that false hope as campaign rhetoric. They then reported that the drug was dangerous, excoriated Trump for his cavalier disregard of science, then mocked him for his April 24th suggestion that disinfectant could be administered "inside the body" to kill the Coronavirus. Was Trump peddling false hope - without any scientific basis - like a snake-oil salesman? Is the President responsible for the deaths of those who took him at his word about taking a drug or drinking Drano? Is Trump an idiot or what? A brief examination of Trump's actual statements reveals that they are indeed backed by medical science and that the media's portrayals of them are either pitifully ignorant and/or intentional political machinations.

Trump expressed hope for the safe and effective use of hydroxychloroquine on March 19th, saying, "[it's] known as a malaria drug and it's been around for a long time and it's very powerful... it's shown very encouraging, very, very encouraging early results..." Just six days earlier, a joint study by Stamford and UAB researchers found that hydroxychloroquine was effective both as a preventive measure against infection and as an antiviral therapeutic treatment for curing those already infected. (Todaro & Rigano, National Academy of Sciences 3/13/20). A week later a French clinical study (Gautretab & Raoultac) found that 70% of patients treated with hydroxychloroquine and 100% of patients treated with a combination of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin were virologicaly cured after 6 days compared to only 12.5% in a control group. New York doctor Vladamir Zelenko then reported his successful treatment of 100% of his 699 Coronavirus patients with an admixture of hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin and zinc. For as little as 5 cents per dose, hydroxychloroquine is on the World Health Organization's List of the world's safest and most effective essential medicines.

The media again demonstrated a deliberate ignorance of medical science when Trump used the word "disinfectant" to describe methods of killing the Coronavirus in the human body. Feigning familiarity only with Lysol and Clorox as disinfectants, the media disregarded both 70-year-old and cutting edge methods of using UV light to disinfect circulating blood and lung tissue. Historically, UV light has been used to disinfect septicemia and pneumonia in circulating blood since the 1940s. On April 20th the pharmaceutical firm Ayti BioScience announced work with Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in developing a UV-A "Healight" inserted via catheter inside the trachea to "disinfect" and kill the coronavirus.

So, give the media an F for its treatment of the President on Coronavirus treatment. The Corporate Media's ignorance and/or intentional misinformation actually prevented the use of tested and safe treatments for this dangerous disease. Our dangerous times should not be made more dangerous by ignorant or irresponsible reporting.

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"...How Many More...Must Die..."

Dear Editor;

I find profound irony in the fact that the very same people who accused the Affordable Care Act of having 'death panels' are now pushing to end social distancing and open up the economy. The very real fact that this virus kills a much higher percentage of its victims than Influenza does, means many of us will die. Influenza also has an annual vaccination, which usually affords some protection, unless you're an anti-vaxxer. I guess the 'pro-life' party is only pro-life if you're not born yet.

There are reasonable sounding talking heads on cable stations urging us to

"Does this represent you & your values" Dear Editor,

With many folks having been stuck at home for weeks now, its easy to understand how some folks, who have waited for over a month for unemployment checks, and weeks more for the state to get its "self-employed" unemployment site functioning, to be frustrated for sure. It's certainly been a trying time for all.

Recently, there was a gathering at the Capitol of concerned, and properly masked, residents over the impact of the shutdown. What was Senator Cohen's response? She made fun of them. This is a fact. She tweeted a cute little "protester safety card" that she, and Senate Democrat leader, Bob Duff, took time to craft. Is that what you want from your elected officials? There are millions of Americans out of work, concerned about how they are going to pay their mortgage and feed their families and elected officials are making fun of them?

We have residents from all walks of life: doctors, nurses, lawyers, carpenters, retail clerks, college educated and high school educated residents who have been forced out of work from Governor Lamonts dictates. Many folks believe, that these dictates are illogical, and are arbitrarily conceived. Even if your opinion differs, do these folks still not deserve to be heard?

Moreover, Senator Cohen just signed a letter requesting that our state provide payouts to illegal immigrants. Why are we giving money to people who are here against federal law? Do you think it is right while Americans are struggling that our tax dollars are being given to people who have no lawful right to be in the country? Just who are Senator Cohen's constituents?

Senator Cohen owns a business that has not been shut down during all this. She is one of those select few whom Governor Lamont has "allowed" to stay open. Is she struggling like the rest of us? Does she even care?

Do you think Senator Cohen owes us an explanation why she is mocking people who are just trying to pay their bills and keep food on the table, while giving money to people who are not legally allowed to be in the USA?

I would ask all voters, to take a moment and ask; does this represent you and your values?

Sincerely, Ed Boughton Jr.

"I Disagree with Senator Cohen" Dear editor,

The day after the 2020 legislative session officially ended, a small group of Connecticut's legislators were still busy at work, issuing a petition to the governor to spend more money. I was surprised to see Senator Christine Cohen sign onto the resulting letter, demanding the governor allocate 20 million dollars of taxpayer money for Covid-19-related financial assistance for illegal immigrants. While everyone from nurses to restaurant staff are being laid off, Senator Cohen is suggesting taxpayer dollars be allocated to illegal aliens ahead of lawful immigrants and citizens. Many of our neighbors have never taken a dime from the government before and are only forced to do so because they currently have no way to earn a living. Confusingly, the letter refers to the recipients of this \$20 million as "our constituents." I disagree with Senator Cohen's belief that this is in the best interest of her actual constituents, who are already on the hook for a looming 7 billion dollar deficit over the next few years. Why would Senator Cohen prioritize supporting the agenda of the most extreme members of her party in direct contradiction with the needs of her constituents?

Joe LaPorta

Republican Candidate for State Senate, 12th District

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get back to work. The cure can't be worse than the disease, they say. I say, how will you report this when it's your mother, your son, or your lifelong friend who unexpectedly succumbs? The talking heads say more people die in car accidents. But I have a choice whether I chose to risk driving – or not. I can't choose what un-masked contagious person will unwittingly take my life. How many more doctors, nurses, fire fighters, first responders and police must die trying to save the lives of those who succumb and become fatally infected?

The demonstrations that are pushing governors to cease social distancing are disrespectful to the lives that have been lost; they disrespect the doctors, nurses, aides, first responders, and custodians who have put their lives at risk to serve the public. These demonstrations must NOT represent the thanks of a grateful nation.

I am proud of my neighbors, who have respected our governor's orders and the children who've drawn hearts and messages to share the love. I am incredibly grateful to all those who do risk their lives every day to save our friends, parents, children, and grandparents. I honor my friends, who are sewing masks from cotton and gowns from Tyvek to protect nursing home workers. I do not accept a world where the almighty dollar trumps human life. **Sincerely, Susan DeSilver** to make your appointments!



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Memorial Day

May 25, 2020



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All residents of the Town of North Branford would like to take this opportunity to remember and honor all military personnel who have given their lives for our freedom while serving for the United States.

All residents are encouraged to pause for one minute at 3:00 pm for the National Moment of Remembrance to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.



.Smooth rock 2.Paint 3.Paint brush

Instructions:

Find a good rock that is heavy enough to hold down a sheet of paper on a breezy day, but not to heavy to carry around. The rock should also be smooth so it won't damage your paper. Paint the rock. You can paint it as a creature, or paint designs on it.

ROCK PAPERWEIGHT/PAINTED ROCKS

Once the paint is dry, your paperweight is ready to use. Take your crafts or homework outside, and use the paperweight to keep any loose papers from blowing away!

Tip:

You can glue felt to the bottom of the paperweight to keep it from scratching your desk.



PEANUT BUTTER CEREAL BITES

What You Need: 1.1 cup of peanut butter 2.1/2 cup of honey 3.2 cups of cheerios 4.1/4 cup of sugar 5.Bowl

Instructions:

Add your 2 cups of cheerios to a bowl. Next, add your honey, peanut butter and sugar to the cereal. Mix well and wait at least five minutes before enjoying this honey of a snack!





JOKES!

Q. When is a baseball player like a spider? A. When he catches a fly!

Q: Why wouldn't they let the butterfly into the dance? A: Because it was a mothball.

A man had a pet centipede. He said, "centipede, go get the paper and make it snappy!"
A half an hour later the man went outside and said, "I thought I told you to get the paper a half an hour ago!"
"Well, I had to put on my shoes," said the centipede.

Q: Who comes to a picnic but is never invited? A: Ants.

Q: What letter can hurt you if it gets too close?

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East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education (ERACE)

Hiring Instructors for Fall Semester

BRANFORD, CT -- (May 4, 2020) - The East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education (ERACE) is seeking to hire instructors for its fall semester of enrichment classes. Courses cover a wide variety of topics including technology, health, fine arts & crafts, cooking, pets, world languages, literature, writing, fitness, and spirituality.

The fall semester runs from September through December. Courses may be offered Monday through Thursday from 5:30 - 9:00 PM. The majority of classes are held at Branford High School, North Branford High School, Jared Eliot Middle School and Guilford High School, but local businesses may also hold courses off-site.

The ability to offer a class virtually via Zoom or a comparable software program is highly preferred.

Those interested should contact ERACE's Enrichment and Communications Coordinator, Cara MacDonald at <u>cmacdonald@branfordschools.org</u>. For more information about East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education, visit **ERACE** online at <u>erace-adulted.org</u> or email <u>erace@branfordschools.</u> <u>org</u>.

Recycling News Due to Health Crisis

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Programis temporarily halting pink bag pickup.

Please continue to save items for when program resumes.

Plastic Film Drop Off Suspended Please save plastic film at home until further notice when program resumes.

Thank You!

HazWaste Central 2020

HWC will be postponing the opening of the 2020 season to at least **May 30, 2020**

in accordance with the social distancing recommendations of the CDC to protect the health of customers, employees and HWC volunteers. **Any further delay to the opening will be publicized.**

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