



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/CITY PROSECUTOR
CRIMINAL DIVISION

August 13, 2020

Harvest Rock Church
c/o Pastor Che Ahn
2555 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

Pastor Ahn:

It has come to the attention of the Pasadena City Prosecutor's Office that your facility is not operating in compliance with the Order of Governor Newsome issued on March 4, 2020 and July 14, 2020 and the Orders of the Health Officer of the City of Pasadena issued on March 19, 2020 and March 22, 2020 as well as subsequent orders of both entities in regard to indoor services and the wearing of protective masks along with the requirement of social distancing.

We have information that your Church was conducting live indoor church services at the location where anywhere from 50 to 100 people or more attended. It was also noted that the people who attended these services as well as church staff were not complying with the relevant governmental orders concerning social distancing or the wearing of protective masks. All of these are violations of the law. For guidelines, please see <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/Places-of-Worship-Public-Health-Reopening-Protocol.pdf?v=1597255343455>.

This letter is to remind you that violations of these Orders are criminal in nature. Each day in violation is a separate violation and carries with it a potential punishment of up to one year in jail and a fine for each violation. More importantly, these violations subject your parishioners, staff and the public-at-large to potential exposure to this lethal disease. Your compliance with these Orders is not discretionary, it is mandatory. Any violations in the future will subject your Church, owners, administrators, operators, staff, and parishioners to the above-mentioned criminal penalties as well as the potential closure of your Church.

This City, County, State and Country are facing an unprecedented and catastrophic health emergency. It is the duty of everyone to manage our lives in ways that will not do harm to others. Your compliance with the lawful orders of the responsible government officials is paramount to stopping the further spread and infection of this lethal disease. Your future compliance is expected and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Dowd
Chief Assistant City Prosecutor
City of Pasadena