



# City of Port St. Lucie

## "A City for All Ages"

Via email & US Mail

May 1, 2020

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Governor Ron Desantis  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the City of Port St. Lucie, I would like to thank you, your family and your administration for your tireless efforts in the fight against COVID-19. We appreciate everything that you are doing for the people of Florida and the City of Port St. Lucie. Please know that we are doing as much as we can here locally to maintain public health and safety, protect our vulnerable and support your Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery.

As you know all too well, COVID-19 is a public health crisis, an economic crisis and a social crisis all rolled into one. As we evaluate the urgent and emergent needs of our community, in addition to containing the virus until there is a vaccine and/or effective treatment, we can see that the historic level of unemployment and the contraction of our local economy are likely to have cascading effects that could lead to severe problems, including families being evicted from their homes once Executive Order 20-94 lapses on or about May 17. Accordingly, this letter serves to ask for your help in creating a path forward on housing.

Please consider extending Executive Order 20-94 for another thirty days, which would allow time for the State's reemployment assistance program to catch up with the historic demand, or, perhaps even better, please consider drawing a roadmap for housing that takes Florida from where we are now to a firmly established economic recovery and allows hardworking Floridians to keep the roofs over their families' heads along the way.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration. If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 772-342-6072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Oravec", written over a circular scribble.

Gregory J. Oravec  
Mayor