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Dear Mayor Arreguin,

I am concerned about pandemic. Even the largely comatose federal government has managed to improve sick leave and test pricing but most of the covid-19 response remains up to you. As schools, restaurants and theaters shut down and hospitals take stock of ventilators and beds our extreme wealth variation will have serious effects. Emergency measures will be needed to fill the food and child care void left by schools and to enable some level of social distancing and medical access for those without secure housing. I can hole up in my house, but those without one can not. I can call my doctor's office rather than visit, but those relying on emergency services can not. I can stock up on supplies and prepare lectures from home but those living paycheck to paycheck under the contractor rubric can not.

*Please let us know how to help.*

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our progressive leadership.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson