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Board of Supervisors Dismisses Lawsuit Against Godspeak Calvary Chapel

Ventura, CA – Reporting out from a closed session deliberation, the County of Ventura’s Board of Supervisors has issued a joint statement regarding a lawsuit against Godspeak Calvary Chapel.

The Board of Supervisors has unanimously voted to dismiss the lawsuit against Godspeak Calvary Chapel. The lawsuit was a last resort to keep the public safe through adherence with State Public Health Orders in the height of the pandemic to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Dismissing the lawsuit is an act of goodwill in acknowledgement of the loosening of indoor restrictions accompanying the County’s move into the Orange Tier. We extend our deep appreciation and thanks to places of worship that have worked so hard and continue to follow the public health guidance of social distancing, wearing masks and conducting services outdoors or virtually to keep their congregations safe from the devastating impacts of COVID-19. Nearly 1,000 community members have lost their lives to COVID-19 in Ventura County. Working together we can prevent further loss of life. Community members are urged to get tested for COVID-19, get vaccinated when possible and continue adherence to all public health protocols to protect lives and help us move forward in fully reopening our schools and the economy.

The State of California COVID-19 industry guidance for places of worship can be found at the following links: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship--en.pdf>. In the Orange Tier places of worship are able to be open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity following the State issued guidance which includes masks and social distancing.