



## President's Message



All Members,

As I hope all of you know, the Governor of California has ordered the 40 or so million California residents to stay home and for many businesses to close. The exemption to this order is for those individuals and businesses that support essential activities. This includes grocery stores, take out restaurants, gas stations, pharmacies, banks, and essential state and local government services including law enforcement and fire. Though boxing may be essential to many of our lives, unfortunately, BOXING GYMS ARE CLOSED.

I know that our mentality as boxers, or as those that train boxers, is to overcome adversity aggressively with hard work and discipline. Our mentality may also be to "throw caution to the wind" and to fight through adversity head on. Now is NOT the time to have this mind set. Now is the time to follow the instructions of our local and state government.

Additionally, I want to make it clear that the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) and all USA Boxing California LBC's orders, instructions, and

recommendations supersede those orders, instructions, and recommendations of National USA Boxing. For example, if USA Boxing says that gyms can re-open and sanctioned events can start again on April 1<sup>st</sup>, that does not apply to California if the Governor or the CSAC have different instructions. We follow the orders of California's governing bodies.

I hope everyone takes this time to stay home with their families, spend quality time with them, and to stay healthy in order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. I am a positive thinker and I believe our country's citizens will have the discipline and resolve to get through this interesting time in history.

Thank you for your patience. We will all get through this together and we will all be back in the gyms and at shows together soon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hartman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hartman, President, USA Boxing Northern California LBC #38