



Lower County Health Department staff prep Monday morning before the drive-thru COVID-19 testing begins.

## County seeking solutions to overwhelming testing response

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When the Lower County Health Department began free community testing last Monday at the county's Engineering and Public Works Department, the response



on other Tuesday to have the Planning Commission conduct a "small area study" of the area affected by the May 2020 testing center fire. The study will look at the industrial area bounded by North Avenue, Central Street, Radford Place and Farming Street.

The fire at the Fortunaire Recycling Center forced the evacuation of several nearby North Avenue homes. Neighbors have been complaining about activity at that company before and after the huge fire there.

"What clearly compels this study are complaints of the fire, odors, noise and recurring safety," Councilman Charles Thompson told The Herald.

I am a strong supporter of

conducting the operations over a long period of time seems to be completely. This is an area that has needed attention for years, and I intend to see that it gets it," he said.

The council also voted to award \$842,750 in Historic Preservation Grant support for property improvements to dignify the historic properties. Councilwoman Amelia Farmer was the lone "No" vote on the resolution.

Smart street lights are part of a resolution passed in an agreement with Southern Grid to design services along the historic Pike. The \$400,000 was requested by the Department of Engineering.

Also approved was an \_\_\_\_\_ *Continued on page 4*

## DM Miller Passes Away At 94

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