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Public Comment-Group 1



From: Madison Watkins <madisoncwatkins@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment

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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment in support of the Ordinance to Adopt Remedies, Including Administrative Fines, for Violations of County Health Officer Orders Pertaining to COVID-19:

Hello,

My name is Madison and I am a third-year undergraduate student at UCSB. I am currently living in Isla Vista, an unincorporated part of the county. In addition to being a full-time student at the university studying political science and environmental studies, I also have a compromised immune system. I have been diagnosed with Lupus for less than a year, which puts me at risk for contracting COVID-19. Given that living at home is not an option for my family currently, Isla Vista is the only place for me to live. Currently, Isla Vista has been happily described by some students as if it was like "a pandemic never hit". Many students certainly act like a pandemic has not hit, inviting friends over inside their houses and hosting parties with large numbers both inside and outside. Specific churches are holding services in tight areas unmasked. This is dangerous and reckless. This has taken a toll on both my physical and mental health knowing that students in this town don't care if people at risk like me were to get sick. The university has not done an adequate job of stepping in and keeping students like me safe. I am urging you to vote in favor of this ordinance that would crack down on the unsafe and extreme social gatherings that are happening in Isla Vista and risking the safety and wellbeing of other students. Thank you for considering my comment on this ordinance and I hope you all vote with at-risk populations in mind. Lives are at stake.

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From: Sarah Dunne <sarahdunne@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:14 PM
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Subject: Public Comment for COVID-19 Ordinance

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of County Supervisors,

My name is Sarah Dunne and I am a resident in Isla Vista. I live alone in UCSB university housing. I have seen a total of three friends in person since March and I get tested for COVID every week under UCSB's new policy. I am writing to show my strong support for the County Supervisors passing the Ordinance to Adopt Remedies. I am personally terrified by the amount of unmasked parties and gatherings that are taking place in Isla Vista. The County needs to step up and stop these gatherings from happening, because fraternities, religious groups, and other community members have faced no consequences for their egregious behavior. I am in favor of financial penalties and legal action against those who violate County Ordinances and put the health of everyone in our community at risk. Please put your resources towards passing laws to keep us all safe.

Best Wishes,
Sarah

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Sarah Dunne (She/They)
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From: Rachel Winter <rachelwinter7750@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 6:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: Support for Isla Vista Ordinance

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To whom it may concern,

This email is to express my support to the County's proposed Ordinance for Isla Vista to take measures in regard to COVID-19. It is incredibly urgent that the county do something to step in to help mitigate this pandemic.

At present, IV is a leading cause of the slow spike in case numbers, and the county can help to stop that. Of the utmost importance is instating rules and regulations to stop ongoing parties, which a currently a violation of the public health order that prohibits large gatherings. To the best of my knowledge, there is currently no punishment for a group of students who hold a house party, which is why these parties continue, and why numbers continue to grow. The school has urged its students to report violations of public health orders, but many students are afraid to speak up out of fear of retaliation from their peers. Students have also expressed concerns on social media that law enforcement will not intervene to break up parties when called. Just this week, students received an email about a cluster linked to a fraternity and sorority house, a record 13 cases, all of which endanger the community. It is not just students putting each other at risk, but rather, everyone, as many of these students holding parties are community members who have jobs in places where we all go, such as Starbucks. All of this, in addition to the already congested living conditions in IV due to rising rent costs, puts IV at serious risk, and endangers the county. An ordinance must be enacted to stop large social gatherings, and punish those who do hold them if we as a community want to stop the spread of COVID-19, and move the county forward in its recovery.

Thank you for your time!

Best,

Rachel Winter
Student & Citizen of Goleta, CA
Congressional District 24

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From: kevinboss <kevin@rivierabarsb.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:48 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oct. 20 Meeting--Item D4 re Fines

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This comment is to express opposition to Agenda Item D4 which is under consideration. Vote No on Item D4.

With Covid cases dropping in Santa Barbara County, and 8 months into California's Lockdown, this is not the time for more Health Authority Orders.

Do Not Vote to give the County Health Officer power to impose Fines for Lockdown violations.

Thank you, Kevin Boss

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From: emmamackie@uail.ucsb.edu
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 12:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment

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My name is Emma Mackie. I am a resident of Isla Vista, and I support instating an ordinance that would fine COVID-19 health violations. I am surrounded by people not following social distancing guidelines and refuse to wear face coverings walking the streets. I've seen huge beach parties been thrown and parties in backyards. People must be held accountable.

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From: Tze-Yi Chang <tze-yi@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 12:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Ordinance to adopt remedies

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Hi,

I'm writing to support the Ordinance to adopt remedies. I'm a freshman international student who has never been to the UCSB campus or isla vista. I hope to arrive at a safe place with my classmates for my education without getting the corona virus. Please make IV safe and healthy by implementing the ordinance.

Thank You,
Zoe Chang

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From: Randy Rowse <randy.paradisecafe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item #D4

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Dear Supervisors,

I would add my voice to those who encourage you to reject the additions of fines or other punitive measures for violations specifically related to County Health mandates for Covid 19. While the recommended protocols are important to our ending the Pandemic, communication and direction from all sources has not been consistently precise. Further militarizing directives above and beyond the social and business mandates that exist today through penalties and fines seems unnecessary and ineffective, when cogent leadership and messaging would be much more unifying in purpose. Please do not up the ante on the community angst that currently exists.

Thank You,
Randy Rowse

Sent from my iPad

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From: Cesar Castillo <cscastillo@umail.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment on Hearing 20-00841, Ordinance to adopt remedies for violations ...
pertaining to COVID-19

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To the Clerk of the Board of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I request that the following message be placed into the record for tomorrow's meeting on hearing 20-00841.

Good evening Board of Supervisors, my name is Cesar Castillo and I am a freshman at UC Santa Barbara currently residing in the San Francisco Bay Area. The intent of my comment tonight is to implore you to not only approve the introduction of the ordinance, but to use whatever means necessary to put it into effect as soon as possible, including a special meeting. The fact of the matter is that UCSB and SBCC students living in Isla Vista, especially those involved in Greek life, are disregarding COVID-19 measures and recklessly endangering the lives of others. It is not proper that UCSB students like myself, who are following all government orders and doing our part to slow the spread of the virus, have to deal with the actions of a select few who believe they will not get the virus or who believe that their actions have no impact (negative or otherwise) on the lives of others. I praise the County for doing its part in implementing health orders, but the truth is that more drastic measures are necessary if we want the pandemic to lessen up. I look forward to calling Santa Barbara my home for the next four years, and perhaps indefinitely, but at the moment there is a need for an effective law that will ensure people do not continue to make the wrong decision.

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Thank you,
Cesar Castillo

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From: Rayanne Asuncion <asuncion@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 2:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: COVID-19 Health Violations

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

As a student in Isla Vista, I feel deeply disturbed by the parties that I have seen in the community. I understand that college students are socially hungry beings, and of course we want to have a good time with our friends. However, there is so much at stake. College students should be held accountable for putting our small community at risk. Isla Vista is not just a college town, but a place where college students and families live together. I fear that a lack of accountability allows for college students, specifically the Greek organizations at UCSB, to act recklessly during this pandemic. COVID-19 may not be deadly for us, but is fatal for many in our community.

I implore the Board to enact disciplinary action for members of our county that hold large gatherings during this pandemic. I understand that there are limitations, but there must be consequences for those who act selfishly and foolishly when the country remains in a public health crisis.

Thank you for your time.

Rayanne Asuncion

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From: Nadine E Allen Perry <nadineallenperry@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 2:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgency Ordinance IV

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I fully support the need for non law enforcement actions against people engaging in large gatherings and endangering the health and safety of the Isla Vista community. We must do all we can to keep the community safe and support county health.

Thank you.
Nadine Perry

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From: Q.Z. Lau <qlau@umail.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 3:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Supporting the Ordinance to Adopt Remedies

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to you in support of the "Ordinance to Adopt Remedies, Including Administrative Fines, for Violations of County Health Officer Orders Pertaining to COVID-19". As an instructor of undergraduate students at UCSB, it's been very alarming to see large numbers of young adults congregate without regard to the public safety or well-being of others, potentially endangering far more people in the county.

Currently, there are few or no consequences for individuals putting the health and safety of others at risk. I have heard from students of mine who live in Isla Vista and are constantly fearful that their apartment mates will come back with the virus, because they go out and mingle with dozens of individuals in close quarters, sharing drinks and space, without any fear of consequences. The lack of enforcement hurts law-abiding and rule abiding citizens the most, while allowing the most irresponsible to inflict injurious harm upon our county and its most vulnerable.

Please approve the ordinance. Thank you!

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From: tatianaturner@umail.ucsb.edu
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To: sbcob
Subject: Ordinance for IV

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I am a UCSB transfer student currently engaging in online learning from home in San Diego. For weeks I have been seeing huge in-person gatherings and parties that are currently happening in the IV community via social media and it is completely maddening. The lack of accountability, consideration, and timeliness is just as shocking and upsetting. I would like to eventually be able to return to my independence in Santa Barbara to effectively engage in what matters to me and my career - which is schooling. Therefore, **I support the implementation of an ordinance for Isla Vista that would fine COVID-19 health violations.** It is time for some accountability and basic empathy towards other human beings' and their health and situations during this unprecedented and difficult time!