

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment



From: Anna Marie Gott <anna.marie.gott@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Ramirez, Angelica
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Party @ Rose Garden: - 50+ Unmasked Young Adults Having A "Dance Party!"
Attachments: 7-15-20 - Public Comments.docx

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Hi Angelica,

Please replace my previous public comment with the document attached. It has a photo and a URL.

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On Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 2:25 PM Ramirez, Angelica <aramirez@countyofsb.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I will be adding this comment to Departmental Item 1 - COVID Update file for the Agenda of July 14, 2020. I would like to inform you that we are going to be distributing your written public comment to the Board of Supervisors as a PDF file, but unfortunately we do not have the ability to post the video on its own. However, there is an alternative method of participation that is available to the public:

- By phone - If you would like to make a comment by phone, please call (805) 568-2240 and state your name, your phone number and which item you would like to speak on and the clerk will call you at the appropriate time. Please make every effort to be available and mute all streaming devices once it is your turn to speak.

If this is something you are interested in please let me know. Lastly, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk of the Board.

Thank you,

Angelica Ramirez

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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From: Anna Marie Gott <anna.marie.gott@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:18 PM

To: Ansorg, Henning <Henning.Ansorg@sbcphd.org>; Do-Reynoso, Van <Van.Do-Reynoso@sbcphd.org>; PHD WEB WebMaster <phdwebmaster@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>; SBC RES Webmaster <sbcwebmaster@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>; Land Use <landuse@santabarbaraca.gov>; sbcitycouncil@santabarbaraca.gov; sbcob <sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>; Casey, P <pcasey@santabarbaraca.gov>

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What happens when enforcement is ignored? Residents and businesses soon begin to ignore and then flaunt public health orders - which anyone can see if they take a drive around the City of Santa Barbara.

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- The County has not taken action against **the City of Santa Barbara** which has **permitted its city sidewalks to accommodate pathways of 4ft or less for social distancing when social distancing requires 6ft.** For those of you who can't do math this means a person who had an average width of 2ft, and who stands in the middle of that 4ft path, would only have 1ft on either side of them to socially distance while walking down the sidewalk on State St and in other areas of town next to maskless diners. This means they would be 1ft, NOT 6ft, from those who are unmasked and dining in the public right of way in many areas of State St. and 2ft or less elsewhere. - If this is not a violation of the public health order I don't know what is.

If the County and the City can't follow the orders issued by the State or by the Public Health Officer and won't do much more than "educate" businesses on how to operate how can residents feel safe, be safe or support the economy? The answer is they can't. This will leave the County, the State and the Nation in a perpetual state of chaos, dread, re-opening and closing which will devastate the public, our healthcare system and the economy.

Please choose to take meaningful action now. Start by involving the police in enforcement, ticketing residents and businesses with meaningful fines and closing businesses that are not complying with health orders. When you do this you will get more compliance with mask wearing and business operations and we need compliance now before we are the next County to have a shelter in place order re-established.

Thank you,

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July 14, 2020

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Video: <https://youtu.be/vJrNAG6sopk>

