



10/25/21

Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to notify you of some concerns I have as a member of the Santa Barbara County community. Currently, in Santa Barbara County, the population is 446,499 (2019), retrieved on 9/30/21 from the United States Census Bureau. On 10/20/21, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department reports 73 new COVID-19 cases. There are currently 298 active cases in Santa Barbara County. There are currently 37 individuals hospitalized. In Santa Barbara County, since the start of recorded statistics in 2020, there have been 43,559 total cases and 517 total deaths. This summary was retrieved on 10/21/21 from <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/030e625c69a04378b2756de161f82ef6>. In addition, 78.1% of Santa Barbara County population has been vaccinated. Also, the most common hospitalization length of stay was between 0-5 days. Among those hospitalized, diabetes and hypertension were the most common types of comorbidities. Over half of hospitalized patients had at least one comorbidity. (<https://publichealthsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Hospitalizations-as-of-Jan-Feb-March-2021.pdf>). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report a fatality rate for COVID-19 of 1.61%.

Given these statistics, since the start of recorded statistics in 2020, as little of 9% of the Santa Barbara county population has been diagnosed with COVID-19. In addition, less than 0.0011% of the county population has died by COVID-19.

It can be concluded that COVID-19 is not affecting the majority of the population. It can be concluded that COVID-19 does not commonly result in severe symptoms nor death. It can be concluded that this virus does not affect an exceptionally high proportion of the population.

At this point, it can also be concluded that as leaders in public office, you are abusing your power and influence. There is no justification that this county continues to meet criteria for an emergency state. There is no support for mandates and policies that force the closure and restriction on typical business functioning nor the manner in which citizens choose to live their private lives. It is unclear to your public why you are forcing vaccinations to a virus when there are treatment options available. It is unclear to your public as to why you are intimately involved in an individual's healthcare decisions at all.

The United States has been in the midst of crisis and horrible disease before. The response has never been to demand citizens partake in healthcare procedures. The response has never been to strip citizens of civil liberties. The response has never been to punish citizens in times of hardship and crisis. Nothing supports forcing medical procedures, punishing people, or keeping people from activities, because there is

a bad disease, even if people die. There are a vast many situations, events, and illnesses that plague our nation and that might best be solved with forced, mandated responses of persons. It might appear highly effective to simply force persons to act and behave how one wishes, as if they were a child, naive or even a fool. One might think the answer is to just simply remove control, choice, and freedom and respond with punishment when a person does not comply. Relating to others, especially those who are different from ourselves is difficult. However, force and punishment are never the answer. The people of this nation and state require freedom of choice and perspective, patience, tolerance, understanding, and of utmost importance, respect. These humane responses should drive all responses, in times of both emergency and safety. There is no exemption for these values and principles, as hard as it might make the situation. We are required to rise above the temptation to excuse ourselves from these values. As leaders, you are required to set this expectation. These values must be upheld in every circumstance, as to not risk losing the pillars of humanity on which we must depend.

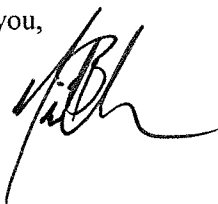
When control, choice, and freedom are removed, there may be a period of compliance and submission. However, what also comes inevitably is frequent conflict, anger, and a threat to stability. As persons experience the stress of this loss of control, they attempt to regain control in order to eliminate the stress. Oftentimes, in doing so, destroying the relationship at hand, destroying any trust once established. This is most often why force is not typically relied on for the daily functioning of humankind. It is damaging to take control away. This is certainly why this tactic is not applied to the vast situations, events, and illnesses that afflict our nation.

It is time to accept and acknowledge that while COVID-19 requires response, it is your responsibility and duty to respond to this unique circumstance with the humane values that support and honor the people that trust their lives to you. As difficult as it will be, you must rise above the temptation to force yourself upon others, so as to protect us against the continued unraveling and instability our country is experiencing. You must resist the desire to succumb to oppression and despotism, and instead rise above temptation to preserve the values that can preserve and repair our country's humanity.

Recently, I heard it aptly put: "Here is the question: Is it correct to exercise power simply because it is yours to use? We must all ask ourselves when to exercise those things that were within our power and when not to. Your first instinct seems to be to act, to exercise power. Power is nothing without authority. Your people are against you. Perhaps the time has come for you to do nothing."

Remove the mandates. Respond with and reinstate respect, tolerance, and understanding.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JTB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Alexandra Freeman <adrexler79@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 12:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Current Covid Mandates

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for reading my comments. I wrote two weeks ago concerning the mask mandates. I would like to follow up with several more comments regarding it.

I understand that the county is planning to lift the mask mandate once the county reaches 6/100,000 positive cases. Where is the magical number of 6 positive cases coming from? Is there any scientific justification for the number 6? Tennessee just lifted their mask mandate and will only bring it back when this number reaches 1,000/100,000. This is a huge difference.

I have been in many restaurants lately and they are all packed with people, tables are not spaced 6 feet apart, everyone sitting down is maskless. However in order to walk in and get to my table or to order my food I am required to mask up. Where is the scientific justification for this policy. You wonder why the public is not trusting anything you say anymore. This is exactly why. As a business owner I have spoken to many people and have found that the public's patience is wearing thin with these mandates.

At a minimum please consider banning the use of the single use disposable mask. Do you have any idea of the harm this is causing to the environment? The oceans are literally filling up with them. They take thousands of years to degrade. Garbage cans around town are overflowing with them. They are littering our streets. I consider myself to be an environmentalist and the pollution these single use masks is causing is absolutely horrifying to me.

Kind regards,
Alexandra Freeman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Michelle Holland <michellehollandsb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 6:30 PM
To: Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das
Cc: sbcob
Subject: General Comment
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SBUSD is getting their guidance from public health. Who would be responsible in a discrimination lawsuit for the discriminatory testing policies of the school district? Public Health or the school district?

As a governing body for the county, you should be deeply concerned with at least two things in this situation:

1) The fact that the school district is engaging in discrimination against a group of students that pulls them away from study time and identifies them to others as someone who must "randomly" test. This policy is not only discrimination, it is a psychological tool to shame and inconvenience students so that they may be more likely to capitulate to get the vaccine so they no longer have to be singled out and prodded with a nasal swab.

2) Why is the local public health department so out of touch with the global data and multiple global peer reviewed studies that CLEARLY prove the vaccinated are transmitting at the same rate as the unvaccinated...(which has also been acknowledged by the CDC)...yet still they are advising the schools to randomly test unvaccinated students only?

This should be a big red flag to all of you.

The narrative is crumbling all around you...since the transmission is the same..any vaccine mandate is inhumane, unnecessary and we already know it is illegal.

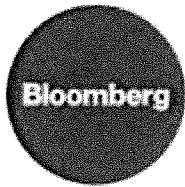
Since transmission is the same..an obsessive testing of the unvaccinated only makes no sense and is also illegal.

Are all of you really going to stick your heads in the sand and pretend discrimination is ok?

When are the separate water fountains coming?

Hey! Look what came up on Google! A Bloomberg headline that re-capped a year long study. You keep telling us to "google it"

You can get rid of all of your discriminatory mandates now and start treating everyone like human beings again.



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Vaccinated people are just as likely as unvaccinated people to spread the delta variant to contacts in their household, a yearlong study found



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... 1/12/21 10:00 AM ...

Fwd: Apologies

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From: **Frann Wagenack** <fwagenack@sbunified.org>

Date: **Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 9:21 PM**

Subject: **Apologies**

To: All - Secondary Principals <all_secondaryprincipals@sbunified.org>, All - Secondary Assistant Principals <all_secondaryassistantprincipals@sbunified.org>, District - Cabinet <dist_cabinet@sbunified.org>, Family Engagement Unit <feu@sbunified.org>

Hello All,


This afternoon I became aware that the message that went out to secondary families last night did not explain why vaccinated students would need to register in Primary Health. This led to confusion on the part of many families, who then called the schools, FEU, and district offices. Your staff did not have the answer to this question, leading to additional confusion. At this time when things are so hard for everyone, the last thing we want to do is make things harder. I apologize that this happened. Please extend my apologies to your staff who were impacted.

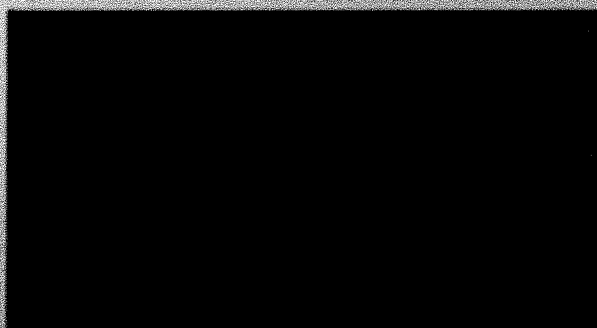
We have rectified the situation by providing the answer in the message that will go out to parents on Friday and Sunday. In the meantime, the proper response to the question is that by signing up in Primary.com the school will be able to test their child if they are symptomatic at school or if their child becomes a close contact. Their child will not be included in the random testing program.

Please give me a call if you have additional issues related to this morning's message.

Take Care,

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From: zev317 <zev317@yahoo.com>
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Subject: board meeting

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent/school employee and I am writing this email today to express my concerns about the new changes that will soon take place for our children. I do not agree with parents being forced into making their children have a vaccine given to them in order to receive an education. This is just wrong and goes against our constitutional rights. We as parents should be able to parent our children the way we feel is fit for them.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone