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Public Comment - Group 3

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To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Draft Urgency Ordinance



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Cc: County Executive Office <caoemail@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: Draft Urgency Ordinance

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Chair Hart & Supervisors,

I understand you will have before you tomorrow an Urgency Ordinance. Below are my reasons urging you to **vote no** on this proposed ordinance.

1. SB Co numbers are going down, just as they are in the rest of the state. It's time for local elected officials to take charge of this situation, not give more power to Public Health. It's time to start opening up businesses.
2. It is stated in #9 of Attachment A:
"A violation of a County Health Officer Order creates an immediate danger to the health and safety of persons or property and requires immediate correction." **BASED ON WHAT? IS THERE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO BACK UP THIS CLAIM??**
3. You really want our law enforcement personnel to be bothered with issuing citations for misdemeanors while our Governor is letting criminals out of jail by the thousands, and our own law enforcement no sooner arrest someone and they are released on ZERO BAIL?
4. Of course you don't want LE bothered with this (or maybe you know they will not go along with this), so you're really going to give Public Health the power to "deputize" the local librarian, County Veterinarian, county clerk and anyone else they choose???
5. You know these citations will be argued in court, as there are many folks unable to wear masks for a myriad of health reasons. I find it hard to believe that there will not be legal challenges to this ordinance. Is this how we want our county counsel staff to be spending their time?
6. This is overreach by government in a big way. Sure, it's easier to give up authority to Public Health,

then you're not the "bad guy". Threatening to attach even more fees if someone appeals a fine by charging them for the cost of the hearing is outrageous.

7. How much staff time went into preparing this document? What is the total cost to TAXPAYERS in bringing this to the board?

At a time when the Covid numbers are going down, this "urgency" is ridiculous. Not sure why staff is bringing this to you now. Your constituents are going to see this as just a moneymaker for the County. And that will fall on you, not Public Health.

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Dear Supv's;

Since I just read of this ridiculous idea of having the group of people you propose "deputized" to become mask enforcement citation writers, I know this won't become part of public comment today. However, I do hope this proposal is soundly rejected. If not, what's next? Boy Scouts? Girl Scouts? Or maybe even better yet!! Revive the Hitler Youth?? Come on, act sensibly.

Regards,
Jim Field