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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to you as a concerned and alert resident of Santa Barbara. The approval of of mandates during your past meetings is very alarming.

With respect, I understand we all have our rights and opinions, yet when elected officials begin to make decisions affecting personal health decisions, then there needs to be more conversations which include a variety of beliefs and mainly the upholding of a US citizen's rights to the right of privacy (4th Amendment).

It is unethical to coerce people to take an untested new technology shot that is still in testing phases and only released due to an Emergency Act. I am grateful to know people can opt out with regular testing requirements, yet this is ultimately unfair as those who have had the shot can spread the illness just as those who choose not to have the shot. There is also a legitimate concern for reported vaccine adverse reactions and events. Let's not forget how Pfizer licensed one product, Comirnaty, but this one is not available which does not give high confidence in the integrity and motives of the FDA.

There is no evidence to prove that Covid-19 is a greater emergency than the yearly flu with so few cases in this county, Santa Barbara. What is the end point that is being sought after in terms of this pandemic?

Public servants, such as police officers, firefighters, first responders, and hospital workers should not be coerced in receiving the untested gene therapy jab. They are dedicated men and women who put their lives on the line for all of us on a daily basis and have done so for many years, why do they need to adhere to mandates? Did we not honor them and praise them just months ago when all of this began? They continue to deserve the praise and honor, but mostly, they deserve respect for their own personal health decisions without the fear of losing their jobs.

Theaters, restaurants, and other indoor venues/businesses should not be allowed to invade our private health information by a surveillance system to track our vaccination status. If this is allowed, where does it go from here? This country was built on a constitution and the rights of every citizen should be uplifted when it comes to personal health choices and privacy.

Concerned citizens of this county, Santa Barbara, are watching and we do care about what is being implemented and discussed during these Board of Supervisor sessions.

We are all human. We all have a story. Each of us come from different backgrounds, yet we are all citizens of the United States and we deserve the respect and honor of our elected officials when it comes to making mandates, laws, and decisions upon our personal rights and privacy. Just months ago, we listened to the now, President Biden, tell us that the government does not have the authority to enforce mandates or vaccines. And look at us today ... again, I ask you, if you take away personal health choices and negate privacy, what is next?

Sincerely,