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Mr. Gregg Hart, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
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Subject: Urgency Ordinance- Remedies for Violations of County Health Officer Orders Pertaining to COVID-19

Dear Chair Hart and Members of the Board,

I am going to jump right in because as a 7x pneumonia survivor, this is personal.

There is Lack of any empirical evidence to support casual outdoor mask use to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

CDC: In CDC footnotes, CDC has acknowledged that researchers lack evidence that masks offer any protection against COVID-19

WHO: WHO remains neutral on masks, pointing out the risks and lack of evidence associated with masks, noting that medical masks should be reserved for healthcare professionals.

New England Journal of Medicine: NEJM states, "We know wearing a mask outside healthcare facilities offers little if any protection from infection."

In follow-up, these same doctors wrote, "we intend this statement to apply to passing encounters in public spaces, not sustained interactions within closed environments."

I look at science. Scientific data shows no concrete evidence that passing encounters in public spaces transfer COVID-19.

Social distancing and hand washing are scientifically proven to be best prevention from spreading and contacting COVID-19.

Prolonged mask wearing INCREASES risk of disease to the wearer.

1) CO2 buildup in the body by rebreathing CO2 that our lungs have exhaled is dangerous. Personally, my father nearly died from CO2 poisoning 5 years ago. CO2 lack caused him a failing heart, failing kidneys and failing liver.

2) Our natural immune response is compromised (decreased) by NOT breathing in naturally occurring pollen, dust, virus and bacteria particles. Very dangerous, especially to children.

Personally,as stated prior, I have had pneumonia 7x and my father nearly died of CO2 poisoning. Wearing a mask is DANGEROUS for our health. We do wear a mask when briefly visiting a store, but NO MASK should be worn in passing outdoor encounters.

Science lacks empirical evidence to support mask use in casual outdoor environments in aiding prevention of COVID-19. Should you vote on enforcement ordinance for mandatory outdoor mask wearing, NOTE: YOU ARE PUTTING MY LIFE AT RISK.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Cleary