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Public Comment - Group 1

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Subject: Public comment, Departmental Agenda item 1, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting of 8/24/21, COVID-19 update.
Attachments: FDA letter.pdf

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This is a public comment with attachment for Departmental Agenda Item 1, BOS meeting of 8/23/21. The attachment is a letter sent to the FDA concerning the possible FDA full approval of a COVID-19 vaccine.

For the past month, I have submitted a series of questionnaires to the County Public Health Department (PHD). I also submitted those questions to my elected representative on the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Hartmann, with a request that Supervisor Hartmann assist me in obtaining full, truthful answers from PHD.

I have received no response from PHD- not a single word. Supervisor Hartmann insists that PHD is working on answering my questions. So far, nada.

The Board of Supervisors should take no action to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations of county employees, or anyone else, until PHD comes clean and provides full and complete data on vaccinated vs unvaccinated COVID-19 infection rates, using proper data evaluation, as I explained last week. The BOS should take no action to mandate vaccinations until PHD fully and truthfully responds to all enumerated questions and requests for documents, from all persons who submitted questions or requests for documents.

Scientific data from around the world is clearly showing that the Pfizer and J&J vaccines are rapidly losing effectiveness in preventing the spread of COVID-19, with a efficacy/ effectiveness in preventing transmission between 30% to 40% and dropping. That efficacy rate is far below the FDA's required efficacy for approval of a vaccine. The BOS is fully aware of that fact. I have also notified the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Trustees, the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees, The State of California Human Resources Department, the Los Angeles City Council and others that COVID-19 vaccines are being scientifically proven to be ineffective in preventing the spread of the virus.

Thank you,

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This is a follow-up comment to my comments submitted on 8/22/21.

During a telephone news conference held between 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM PST today, August 23, 2021, Dr Peter Marks, Director of the FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, acknowledged that the FDA did not evaluate the Pfizer vaccine's efficacy against the COVID-19 Delta variant. The Pfizer vaccine efficacy study used to support approval of the vaccine only studied efficacy against the original strain of the COVID-19 virus, not the Delta variant.

The Delta variant is now the dominant COVID-19 strain, with 95%+ of new cases of COVID-19 being caused by the Delta variant. The newly FDA approved Pfizer vaccine is effective against less than 5% of COVID-19 strains, and that percentage is rapidly falling as the Delta variant, and soon the Lambda variant, displaces the original COVID-19 strain. Very soon, the original COVID-19 strain will be effectively made extinct.

Dr. Marks' comments can be heard at the US FDA twitter account. The comments were made in response to a question from a reporter for Bloomberg Law.

Thank you

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From: Ames Balliet <aballiet@pipeline.sbcc.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 9:37 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: 21-00771 Covid Update comment

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

As a liberal lesbian, I deeply oppose vaccine mandates and restricting the unvaccinated from public life. This is medical apartheid and typical of oppressive totalitarian governments. Public offices and private businesses should be open to everyone, regardless of vaccine status. The Covid shot does NOT stop transmission of the virus; vaccinated people can just as easily spread and catch the virus (ex., breakthrough cases). So why restrict unvaccinated individuals from public places if the shot only affects the severity of personal symptoms?

As a queer person who has encountered a fair amount of homophobia, I can unfortunately see parallels between how unvaccinated people are being treated and how LGBTQIA+ people have historically been treated.

To respond to the argument that the unvaccinated are making the **choice** not to get the injection, I must mention that for many people, getting the Covid shot is *not* an option. Aside from conflicting religious and personal beliefs, many people rightfully view this unprecedented injection, even after it receives full FDA approval, as dangerous and toxic. The ingredients of the shots have still not been disclosed. Our country was founded on the principle of liberty and justice for ALL, and this fundamental American ideal is being threatened.

One could also argue that queer people have been brutally tortured and murdered throughout history, and a vaccine mandate doesn't seem be comparable with this. But anytime society targets and vilifies any group of people, it validates the spread of bigotry and eventually leads to apartheid or genocide.

I am in no way trying to minimize the horror that queer people or other oppressed people have been forced to endure. But there are some similarities that deserve to be named; unvaccinated people and queer people have been treated like deviant untouchables, demonized and censored by the government and media, viewed as a threat to public health (HIV/AIDS), and had their movements and activities restricted (i.e., the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy). Next time you read a news article, try substituting the word "unvaccinated" with "queer" and reflect on why this way of thinking is disastrous. We should learn from our past mistakes and strive to include and accept all groups of people.

On average, it takes 10–15 **years** to study and approve a vaccine, but the Covid-19 shots were trialed and authorized in just 7-9 months. The **long-term** consequences of this new technology are completely unknown. Pharmaceutical companies have indemnity; they can't be held liable when a person is injured or dies because of a vaccine. If these companies aren't responsible, are **you** willing to accept liability? Every day, the number of adverse reaction reports and vaccine-related deaths is growing on the VAERS government website, and VAERS only picks up 1 to 10% of the vaccine injuries that occur.

Offering to allow workers, consumers, or students to wear masks, isolate themselves by "socially distancing", and get tested weekly instead of getting the shot is akin to branding them with the "scarlet letter". It stigmatizes them as outcasts and encourages bullying. Instead, I implore you to let students, families, and employees freely decide how to maintain good health.

Recently, the CDC reported that children 17 and under account for 0.057% of all Covid-related deaths. A couple of weeks ago, the head of the Oxford Vaccine Group, which developed the AstraZeneca shot, said the fact that vaccines did not stop the spread of Covid meant reaching the threshold for overall immunity in the population was "mythical". Even though the Delta variant is more contagious, the death rate is extremely low. All of this information does not warrant draconian measures.

There are many **safe, alternative ways** of preventing and treating Covid-19, such as Ivermectin, Quercetin, and high doses of zinc and vitamins C and D, but these are covered up because they are a threat to Big Pharma profit and the Emergency Use Authorization.

How many people do you *personally* know who have **died** of Covid-19 and did not have co-morbidities? How many of your friends and family members *personally* know someone who died of Covid-19 and was previously healthy? Ask yourself why the statistics being broadcast in the media are not proportional to what is happening in your real life, are not reflective of what you are seeing with your own eyes, and are not representative of your own observations of the virus. Did you know that hospitals receive money from the government each time Covid-19 is labeled as a cause of death? Did you know that six corporations own all of the mainstream media in the U.S. and that funding from pharmaceutical companies (in the form of commercials) is largely financing the media? Did you know that U.S. billionaires have gotten about \$1.2 trillion richer during the pandemic while countless small businesses have permanently closed?

While it seems that primarily the unvaccinated are testing positive for Covid, it must be said that it is mainly the unvaccinated who are being forced to get tested, while the vaccinated usually don't need to submit to a test at this point. This skews the numbers.

We need to **start questioning the Covid narrative**. In this profit-driven "pandemic", the real enemy is not Covid-19 but rather the media-led, fear-based propaganda that is paving the way for segregation and discrimination.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

Kind regards,
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Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 2:01 PM
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Cc: Fischer, Gina
Subject: Public Comment re Covid, Board Agenda Aug 24, 2021
Attachments: VaccinatedMayShedLessVirus.PNG

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SUMMARY: Vaccinated persons apparently shed less virus than unvaccinated. This confirms what intuition and common sense had suggested earlier. "Skeptics" who believe masks don't work very well may have a point, but that is all the more reason to reconsider their vaccine hesitancy at this crucial point in time, when the Pfizer vaccine has been thoroughly vetted. Many residents who have been vaccine hesitant are commenting to this agenda, and many of my friends and acquaintances hold similar views. My primary point is that things have changed, the Delta variant is more dangerous and contagious, the supposed risks of the vaccine have been demonstrably exaggerated, and, as the public record information provided by Dr. Fitzgibbons indicates, vaccinated people do shed less virus than unvaccinated. Let's unite and defeat our common enemy, infectious disease.

TO: County Board & Staff
CC: Disease Control, Department of Public Health
BCC: Friends, family, neighbors, church affiliates, business associates

GREETINGS,

I wish to thank Dr. Fitzgibbons for the information provided. Early in the pandemic, her online lecture provided some of the most prescient discussion of viral transmission available anywhere on the internet. We are fortunate to have such an intelligent, informed and dedicated health care professional available to our community. However, it is not clear whether she is stating the implications of the information she has presented.

To wit, she indicates in the slide presentation put on record here at the Board of Supervisors that while there is a high viral load in the mucous tissue of vaccinated as well as unvaccinated individuals, the systemic (as opposed to the mucosal) immune system rapidly mobilizes in those who are vaccinated, quickly reducing the amount of viral load. As much is stated in her slide. The obvious conclusion which is not stated in the slide presentation (portion of which is attached hereto) is that vaccinated persons therefore do not transmit as much virus as unvaccinated and are less likely to disseminate contagious viral particles.

This might seem obvious, but it was, previously, speculative. It seems that, based upon the evidence which Dr. Fitzgibbons used to develop her presentation, we now have confirmation of what was intuitive, ie., that vaccinated persons are less likely to spread virus than unvaccinated persons.

I have friends who are skeptical about some aspects of public health policy, and some acquaintances who quite explicitly subscribe to conspiracy theories. I try to avoid polarization and prefer to address the policy questions rather than engage in personal attacks. I studied aikido at Santa Barbara Aikido and other places, and it teaches that an opponent is not your 'enemy', but rather someone who does not yet fully appreciate the nature of the friendship.

Be that as it may, I enjoy using the aikido principle of merging with the opponent's energy and drawing it from its linear path into a benign circular momentum. So - the anti-vax contingent is often insisting that cotton masks supposedly 'don't work' and they mercilessly remind us that various medical personnel, worried about shortages caused by hoarding, understated the intuitively obvious utility of masks. The truth is in between - cheap cotton masks don't have zero efficacy, and they don't have 100% efficacy. Both sides have merit to their attitude about masks and neither side really has clean hands,.

For the record, I strenuously objected to the downplaying of masks when not only Dr. Fauci but some of our own local influencers tried to prevent hoarding by overstating the question of whether or not masks "work".

So in conclusion, if, as anti-vaccine, um, theorists, like to argue "masks don't work" that would seem to be all the more reason that people should rethink their vaccine skepticism. Indeed, if they are so worked up because pharmaceutical development companies do run on revenue, and their investment in expensive clinical trials is motivated in part by a requirement to earn some level of profit on the allocation of capital, they should ask themselves who is making money off the anti-vaccine propaganda. And indeed, this antivax Mercola character is raking in the dough with his quack fake supplement business. Something to think about.

It is peculiar also that some of the people who base their vaccine hesitancy on objections to the fact that there are private corporations who are making money are also beholden to the incessant red-baiting of extremist red-state politicians who constantly blather about "socialism". Well which is it - are they opposed to corporate investors earning a return on capital, are they socialists, or do they understand that the billions of dollars it takes to develop efficacious vaccines has to earn at least as much ROI as investment in real estate, energy development or anything else. They can't have their cake and eat it to. They must stand and deliver and stop talking out of both sides of their mouths.

I hope that my friends and acquaintances who have not yet been vaccinated take a serious look at the death and suffering that is going on and stop taking their cues from herbal supplement racketeers.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these comments.

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Registered Third District voter



Delta Variant

- Delta variant has shorter incubation period: infection to viral shedding (3-4 days)
- Even in vaccinated persons the Delta locks onto the nasal mucosa cells very rapidly and starts to replicate at enormous speed, outpacing mucosal immune response.
- Once systemic immune response (antibodies and T-cells) kick in, the replication gets hampered and the viral load diminishes rapidly