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Hello to the Clerk of the Board,

Please put me down for public comment on item D4. Attached are my comments.

Thank you,

Lisa Sloan

"Good morning Honorable Board of Supervisors, Chair Nelson, my name is Lisa Sloan, a resident of Goleta, and I appreciate the dilemma that is before you today. Please remember that you have signed an oath to uphold the Constitution. In deference to the Constitution, the most appropriate decision would be to vote no on the vaccine mandate.

An important factor to keep in mind is that Covid is not as deadly as other diseases for which communities have relied upon vaccines to protect them. According to the County Public Health Department website, Covid 19 is 1.6% fatal, including mortalities with underlying conditions. In contrast, historical outbreaks of small pox resulted in mortality rates as high as 30%. Besides, I wonder if it would be helpful to consider the number of deaths from other causes, such as drug overdose or suicide, in the past two years, as you weigh your decision.

A 1.6% deathrate from Covid 19 does not render Covid 19 a public health emergency. Even if it did, the constitutional rights of Santa Barbara County employees should not be violated in case of an emergency, public health or otherwise.

As of August 6, 2021, the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department has required that County residents and visitors wear masks indoors.

The first amendment of the constitution states as follows: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.'

According to the United States constitution, neither Congress, nor by inference, does any governing official have any legal authority to abridge the constitutional rights of any law-abiding citizen. County residents are US citizens with a God-given right to free speech which is protected under the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment. The wearing of a mask infringes upon this right by impairing one's ability to speak freely and clearly. Furthermore, our hearing-impaired friends are disenfranchised from the public process because they need to read lips in order to understand what is being said.

There is an organization called Make Americans Free Again (MAFA) which provides on their website [makeamericansfreeagain.com](http://makeamericansfreeagain.com) the following information:

'A lawsuit was filed against the Centers for Disease Control, The United States Department of Health and Human Services, and The National Center for Health Statistics claiming that there was and is no justification for the declaration of emergency; that the government's actions have been arbitrary and capricious; and that citizens have been harmed and continue to be harmed in numerous ways as a result. Lawsuits like this have also been filed against the states and governors of Ohio and New Mexico and more lawsuits are being prepared against other states and governors right now. The attorneys filing these lawsuits have provided the courts with hundreds of pages of documents, prepared by qualified experts, as evidence...'

I agree with the stated platform of MAFA and find it to be reasonable that employees demand 'full disclosure of the risks and benefits of any medical intervention, including screening tests, drugs, devices, surgeries, and vaccines. [Disclosures should] be required by law to be provided to any consumer prior to the delivery of services.'

Please consider the constitutional rights of your employees and constituents. Let us consult with our doctors for the appropriate medical treatment. By now there are multiple effective treatments that cure Covid. Furthermore, studies have shown that masks do not work and mandates do not prevent the spread of infection.\*

Please lift the mask mandate, and do not mandate vaccines.

Thank you."

\* [Mask Mandates Seem to Make CCP Virus Infection Rates Climb, Study Says \(theepochtimes.com\)](https://theepochtimes.com)