

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment

From: htjameson@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 6:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Defeat urgency ordinance on health officer orders



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Dear County Supervisors,

Please do not pass the urgency ordinance scheduled for consideration August 25 to turn county health officer orders into law.

Such an ordinance is overkill. During the last two weeks, the number of COVID cases has dropped 41% in the Santa Maria area, the hottest spot of the COVID outbreak in the county. Further, countywide hospitalizations, a better measure of the risk of the virus than cases, dropped from 84 to 73 to 53. This result has been achieved mainly using education and voluntary compliance. Misdemeanor citations already can be and have been issued when necessary. An additional ordinance is not needed.

Such an ordinance opens the door to heavy-handed micromanaging and meddling in individuals' lives. Busybodies and self-styled area enforcers would gain another tool to harass neighbors and try to turn them into criminals. Sheriff's deputies have more important things to do than intervene in neighborhood squabbles.

Most important, you are the people's elected representatives. The county health officer is not. The California constitution and the people give you the authority to enact laws, not the county health officer. Giving a blank check to criminalize violations of constantly changing orders issued by a non-elected bureaucrat that impinge on basic liberties is an abdication of your responsibility and an affront to representative government. These orders are too sweeping and intrusive to be delegated to a non-elected official. To be given more force of law, each should be separately considered and voted on by you. But given recent success with containing the coronavirus, there is no need for more heavy-handed enforcement.

Please defeat this unnecessary ordinance, retain your vital responsibility to legislate criminal law yourself, and treat the citizens of Santa Barbara County as free and responsible adults.

Yours sincerely,
Hunter T. Jameson
Santa Maria, California

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Betty Hines <bettyhines14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Covid 19 penalty for violating healthorders

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I think this is wrong to impose fines on people . our rights americans rights are being trampled on. These fines should not be imposed maybe warnings. Maybe no service on patrons etc. Nobody has money tobepaying for violations. Already mask rbeing disposed of instreets in the ocean because of drains inciyiesetc. We are killin sea life nit to mention the organisms growing in the ocean. I OPPOSE PLACING VIOLATION FINES FORNOT FOLLOWONG PUBKIC HEALTH ORDINANCES. THIS IS WRONG. MY RIGHTS AS AN AMERICAN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS BEING VIOLATED. NO FINES.

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From: Rachel Bishar <rlmoran@att.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to emergency health ordinance on 8/25/20 agenda

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To the Clerk of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I request that my comment be entered into the 9/25/20 record of the Board of Supervisors meeting and distributed appropriately.

I **OPPOSE** the Emergency Health Urgency Ordinance 51-3 regarding violations of County PHO orders with regards to Covid-19 enforcement. This is a rushed decision and the far reaching implications have not been considered nor have the residents been notified adequately of this ordinance, its goals, execution, and ramifications.

Many rash decisions have been made during the Covid-19 period without full assessment of the efficacy of each decision - both at the initiation stage and afterwards. We do not need another reactive decision. We also do not need to create an atmosphere of fear and suspicion among our population.

Please reject this Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bishar
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Santa Barbara, CA 93105
805-682-5725

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From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:14 PM
To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; Williams, Das
Cc: Villalobos, David; Melekian, Barney
Subject: Re Agenda item #2, Corona Virus Urgency Ordinance
Attachments: BOS re Agenda 2, Public Health Officers, 8-25-2020.docx

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Dear Clerk,

Attached, please find my one-page letter re Urgency Ordinance, Public Health Officers pertaining to Covid-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Renee O'Neill

August 24, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Cc: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department
Re: Agenda Item #2, Public Health Officers Orders, Covid-19
From: Renée O'Neill

Dear Supervisors,

I find it rather alarming that you have chosen to adopt an Urgency Ordinance, at the eleventh hour, to adopt remedies for violations of Public Health Officer Orders pertaining to COVID-19, Coronavirus Pandemic.

Although I understand the need to regain control of spreading the Coronavirus, I do not accept or agree with how our County, State or Nation has dealt with this crisis. From the outset, there has been a plethora of problems, including misinformation, mishandling, conflicting messages, lack of widespread public testing, etc. Our knowledge and experience re effectiveness of various types of facial masks, is ever-changing. N-95 masks were touted to be the best defense and now we hear they may be more problematic. Some types of fabric work better than others. Masks are unavailable, too. This entire debacle is very disconcerting for many of us.

In May 2020, the “soft-reopening” of what some deemed ‘non-essential businesses’ was a major mistake, in my opinion. The results are reflected in the increased number of cases that developed. This was also compounded by the upheaval of protestors, after George Floyd’s tragic murder. Now, we are facing the reality of being forced back to square one, a complete shutdown, which may be our only recourse to put the genie back in the bottle. In addition, we are fast approaching Flu Season, which will add more challenges.

As a senior with underlying health conditions, I have done my best to stay away from the general public. I am appalled to hear reports from my husband, after he has been to town to do our essential shopping. He also has underlying health conditions. Sadly, many people appear to disregard and disrespect the health, safety and welfare of others, especially our more vulnerable citizens.

I do not know what the solution is for enforcement on wearing face masks. I do not believe the answer lies in punishing people, financially, for something that may or may not be effective. My parents always taught us that the punishment should fit the crime. If we spilled milk, we cleaned it up. If we broke a window, our meager allowance was ‘saved’ by them, to pay for replacement costs. Thankfully, Dad was a building contractor so, we didn’t have to pay for a repairman;)

A punishment that would ‘fit the crime’ could be: First offense - you will be required to self-isolate for two weeks, to prevent exposing others to possible contamination. Second offense - you will be required to self-isolate for one month. Third offense - you will be assigned to a jail or facility, where Coronavirus runs rampant, for a minimum of six months and be prohibited from receiving medical treatment should you contract the disease. Three strikes and you’re Out... *of the Gene Pool*... for the good of humankind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill

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From: April Reeves <reeves082@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: board meeting on Covid order penalties

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Clerk of the Board,

My family and I strongly oppose the idea of issuing fines to the people of Santa Barbara. Not all of us can wear masks. Many people have medical conditions where limiting oxygen intake is dangerous. When people are outdoors they should not be required to wear a mask. People should be FREE to breath in the fresh air while enjoying outdoor activities. This is all going way too far.

Thank you,

April Reeves

Sent from my iPhone

Ramirez, Angelica

From: John Gerarden <dbestcarpet805@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT]

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I do not agree with you proposal to allow the county health to make decisions that turn into law...its against our right of free choice in america

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From: Louis DeWitte <lou.dewitte@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgency Ordinance to Adopt Additional Remedies for Violations of County Health Officer Orders Pertaining to COVID-19

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August 24, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in opposition to the Urgency Ordinance to be voted on August 25, 2020 as written . Specifically that part granting immediate criminal status, as an infraction or administrative fine, for any order issued by the County Health Officer relating to COVID-19. The County Health Officer has the ear of the Board of Supervisors and can at any time request a proposal for criminal status. It is the Board, the representative body of the county, who should decide after review which, if any, proposal should be accepted and granted county ordinance status. As serious a disease as COVID-19 I do not believe, even if only a fine could be imposed, no individual person should have the power to impose law without representative review.

Respectfully,
Louis DeWitte, Ret. CHP

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From: Tracy Roberts <mamatoelijah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Covid mandates

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I am writing to oppose any kind of Covid mandate and enforcements. We are aware of the risks and we have taken a huge hit economically, mentally, socially, and with our children's lives. Please do not make this harder, please have trust in us to live our lives. Numbers are dropping everyday in SB county so even from a virus safety perspective this is not necessary!

We need to minimize the damage the Covid protocols have had on all of us. We need to go back to living our lives with a virus that can not possibly be eradicated at this point.

The lockdown was supposed to be temporary, to flatten the curve, we did that. What is the goal here when numbers are dropping? Is it control? Is it putting people who disagree with masks in their place? Or has this simply become a political issue where you are afraid to vote one way or another because it would place you on the other side of the aisle? We do not need this, we do not want this, please vote NO.

Sent from my iPhone

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Monique Verdin Klosterman <moniverdin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Penalties for COVID Orders

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose these penalties, especially in light of the fact that the hospitalization rates in our county continue to decline daily, and most especially in light of more recent data that shows this 'virus' mortality rate is comparable to the flu. What is more important is to protect our civil liberties in the face of a virus that has a mortality rate of much less than 1%. This has become absurd. I hope our leaders will have the courage to not be motivated by fear.

Thank you,

Monique Verdin
Orcutt Resident
805-406-0507

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Tara Trujillo <taratrujillo.tnt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oppose COVID compliance laws

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Read into the record:

This is America! I served our country to protect our freedoms. This proposed legislation on COVID compliance has no basis in science. Show us the science that says medical interventions such as masks work to slow the spread of COVID. The CDC links to studies are inconclusive; READ them!

Have we forgotten that this all started with a two week quarantine to "flatten the curve" so that hospitals wouldn't be overwhelmed? That was MONTHS ago, and the goal posts keep moving. If the expectation is that no one ever gets sick again, or zero cases of COVID, that's a bait-and-switch, and is completely unreasonable! That's not how epidemiology works. We need viruses to run their course to build immunity. Why vilify them like this?

The facilities are not being as overwhelmed as expected. The numbers are five one-hundredths of what we were told it would be. The survival rate is OVER 99%. We would never do all this for a bad flu season! It makes no sense whatsoever to require healthy people to cover their beautiful faces, or to believe that a virus isn't contagious if you're six feet away.

I work as an early childhood teacher and these guidelines are developmentally inappropriate for young children, and their caretakers. We are doing untold harm to our children by letting them think there is anything normal about what's happening in our world.

Please oppose any proposals to mandate or make into law the medical intervention of wearing masks.

~Tara Trujillo
Lompoc, Ca
805.717.4901

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From: Tasun Romero <hotdam83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Penalize for Covid?

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This is complete bulls#!%!!!

You are trampling our rights with these made up laws and fake numbers. I WILL NOT STAND BY AND LET YOU TAKE AWAY MY GOD GIVEN HUMAN RIGHTS TO LIVE FREE.

You have no right or any anyone else has a power to enforce how I walk this earth. Shame on you and these fake agendas. YOU COMPLY WITH "ORDERS" from above... YOU KNOW THIS IS BULL! Stand up you coward. Grow a backbone and tell them this isnt right. It starts with YOU!

Tasun Romero
Solvang life long resident.
Chumash Native.

This is my land.

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From: caren abdela <caren9@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Masks and ordinances.

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To whom it may concern,

It is of utmost importance that people do not create more restrictions based on fear and propaganda.

It is of utmost importance that people's rights and civil liberties are protected guaranteed to us by our constitution.

There are dozens and dozens of studies proving not only do masks not work against viruses but actually create harm and disease to the person wearing them.

There are people with disabilities and health issues that are protected by the ADA.

We mustn't start fining the masses based on erroneous science.

It's unconstitutional, illegal and wrong to penalize people for violating Covid health orders that have limited sound science behind them.

I urge you to dismiss this type of thinking and control of people.

Best,

Caren Abdela

Sent from my iPhone.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Darren McIntire <dmcintire80@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: COVID 19

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My name is Darren McIntire, a resident of Orcutt California. I am firmly against allowing any non-elected person to make a law. This is in regards to the county health officer being able to give citations for covid 19 and making his recommendation a law. We can not allow people to make laws that hold no accountability. They are not elected officials. They cannot be voted out and they cannot be allowed to create laws.