

From: Todd Nelson
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:56 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Todd Nelson
Subject: Agenda # 3.6, 20-562

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Vote. NO on mandatory masks in San Jose or anywhere else. This is an infringement on my civil liberties and a health risk for all who continue to wear any type of mask. I strongly oppose this type of government enforcement when there are NO scientific support for this type of action, this is pure fear monger in by City officials. Scientific research proves wearing masks can lead to reducing our immunity and increase our health risks. Why are you even considering such a horrible thing, where and who is directing you to impose such this?

Todd Nelson
San Jose resident for 62 years

From: Bryce Nelson

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:49 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda: 3.6, 20-562

I strongly OPPOSE a mandate to make San Jose residents wear face face masks. This is a complete violation of civil liberties. There has not been conclusive evidence either from CDC or WHO that face masks decrease an individual's risk of contracting the virus. On the contrary, research shows masks can lead to reduced immunity and cause us to inhale bacteria and other toxins due to lack of air circulation.

I vote NO on this mandate.

Respectfully,
Bryce Nelson

From: Teresa Robinson
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:43 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: agenda #: 3.6, 20-562

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- > Dear SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL

- > Please vote NO on making wearing masks mandatory.
- > I am an outdoor runner and have noticed this it makes it EXTREMELY hard to breathe while wearing the mask.

- > The WHO has explained: "Currently, there is not enough evidence for or against the use of masks (medical or other) for healthy individuals in the wider community. WHO continues to recommend that medical masks be worn by individuals who are sick or those caring for them." WHO explained, the "evidence about the benefits of these masks is limited. One good quality study showed that the risk of respiratory infection is increased (and not reduced) in health care workers using cotton cloth masks when compared to medical masks".
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- > Please consider denying this unnecessary and potentially harmful accessory.
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- > Thank you,
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- > Teresa Robinson

From: Vince Nowinski
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:30 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.6, 20-562

Yes vote on masks please :).

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From: Hari Pritpal Kaur
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:25 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: agenda #: 3.6, 20-562

Dear SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL

As a resident of this beautiful city I may voting NO on wearing masks.

I am an outdoor runner and have noticed this it makes it EXTREMELY hard to breathe while wearing the mask.

The WHO has explained: "Currently, there is not enough evidence for or against the use of masks (medical or other) for healthy individuals in the wider community. WHO continues to recommend that medical masks be worn by individuals who are sick or those caring for them." WHO explained, the "evidence about the benefits of these masks is limited. One good quality study showed that the risk of respiratory infection is increased (and not reduced) in health care workers using cotton cloth masks when compared to medical masks".

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Please consider denying this unnecessary accessory.

Blessings,
Cherish K. Drivas

From: ALEST89

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:51 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: 3.6, 20-562

On Behalf of the students, artists, gardeners, and community members I represent in the zip code 95112 - PLEASE VOTE NO for requiring mandatory mask wearing for ages 2 and up. This goes against the scientific facts and even the labels on the masks that say they do not prevent from viral infections. We are afraid of this rule being enforced with violence like it has been in other states. Let's keep San Jose safe please, by allowing the public to breathe fresh air and smile at each other!

Thank you,
Alex Estrada

From: Victoria Ramirez
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:53 AM
Cc: Michele Lew [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Item 3.6 on the 5/19/2020 City Council Agenda

RE: Item 3.6 on the 5/19/2020 City Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members:

The Health Trust commends the City of San Jose's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognizes the challenges of responding to an unprecedented public health and economic crisis. We know that the City must act quickly to support both public health and the economy. As a nonprofit operating foundation focused on building health equity in Silicon Valley, we also believe that emergency orders, such as the proposed requirement for fabric face coverings, should be made with a consideration of equity for our residents.

While we fully understand the important role fabric face coverings play in slowing the spread of COVID-19, we hope the City will consider equity, affordability, and accessibility before enforcing this new mandate.

We have seen how mandatory face covering enforcement across the country has been handled differently for residents based on race. In early April in Philadelphia, an African-American gentleman was forcibly removed from a public bus for not having a fabric face covering. Meanwhile, the New York Police Department released photos of officers passing out masks to white community members; however, just this past weekend an African-American mother was violently arrested for failing to have her face covering on properly.

Many community members who are at the greatest risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 are also those being most impacted by the economic downturn. Not everyone may have the resources to purchase masks for themselves and their families.

The Health Trust respectfully requests that the City Council consider the additional cost fabric face coverings will place on our community and increase outreach and education on acceptable alternative face covering options, as well as mask reuse practices. We suggest that law enforcement encourage mask-wearing compliance by first handing out free masks in our diverse San Jose, rather than taking more punitive measures. The Health Trust welcomes further dialogue and partnership with the City of San Jose on initiatives to equitably address this public health and economic crisis. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele Lew
Chief Executive Officer
The Health Trust

Victoria Ramirez
Director of Policy and Communications

From: greeneyez94
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:54 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda#3.6, 20-562

I am asking for a NO vote regarding mandatory face mask requirements. You should be well aware that this is an unconstitutional measure. There is no scientific data supporting the use of mask as a protector for any virus. I have attached a picture from the warning statement from the packaging of loop face mask to show that the package itself states it does NOT protect against Covid or any other illness.

Please Vote No



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WARNING:

THIS PRODUCT IS AN EAR LOOP MASK. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT A RESPIRATOR AND WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19(CORONAVIRUS) OR OTHER VIRUSES OR CONTAMINANTS.

Wearing an ear loop mask does not reduce the risk of contracting any disease or infection. User is solely responsible for the selection of appropriate personal protective equipment for the setting and application. Change immediately if contaminated.

- Made of Soft Material
- General Purpose Use Only
- Latex Free
- 50 Masks

Data should drive policy



Send message



From: Rich Crowley

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:58 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Please, Vote against Mask penalty ordinance

Mayor Liccardo & Councilmembers -

Please, continue the cooperation between the citizens and the public sector by VOTING "NO" on the proposed new ordinance (by Councilmembers Jones & Jimenez) to make it a crime to not wear a mask inside businesses.

We don't need to generate anymore points of dispute between you and us (the public) on an issue that could be easily resolved by business owners simply asking patrons to wear their masks as a condition of entering the establishment.

We don't need another law that will waste city resources and divert our overburdened police force from serious issues.

Thank you,

Rich Crowley

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From: Ken Felch

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:58 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda item #3.6, 20-562

To whom it may concern:

I am seeking a no vote for the mandatory use of masks in San Jose. As a courtesy to my fellows I would agree to wear a mask if I am sick and need to go into a public place, however, the need to have this made mandatory is unnecessary. We already have made decisions throughout this pandemic on flawed data and projections. There is little or poor data that wearing masks is helpful in preventing the spread of this disease. In spite of the fact that we have successfully "flattened the curve" authorities have continued to limit civil liberties and freedoms,...when does this all stop! The WHO and CDC have both published that there is little evidence on the efficacy of this practice. PLEASE VOTE NO!

Sincerely,

Ken Felch

From: staci lares

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:25 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On May 19, 2020, the City Council will be voting on Agenda item 3.6, 20-562, on whether to require a fabric face mask when outside one's home. We urge you to all vote **no** on this agenda item.

Please do not make the good citizens of this county wear face masks!

Healthy people need to breathe freely.

The most essential component of good health is **proper breathing**.

People that are required to wear face masks as a part of their job description are usually told to do so under OSHA guidelines.

Employers are not going by those guidelines. Employees and the general public are not trained to wear face masks. They are not fitted properly. They do not have the correct equipment.

It is absolutely unnecessary. (unless you are a health care worker or a trades-person who is required to wear one.)

There will be A LOT of health problems going forward due to prolonged face mask wearing. One issue is hypercapnia. A few of the symptoms are headaches, dizziness, confusion & shortness of breath. These symptoms will cause a lot of normally healthy people a lot of health issues that could have easily been avoided.

People in this great valley are already sick but not due to Covid19. They're sick of being locked up in their homes and forced to wear face masks and forced to stand 6 feet apart from each other.

People are depressed.

People are eating too much.

People are drinking too much.

People are sleeping too much.

And on and on it goes. . .unhealthy ways of coping with this whole terrible situation we are in.

We need to please, again, I beg you, not wear face masks and we need to open our amazing county back up. So many people want to and are ready to get back to work. They need to make a living to pay their bills and feed their families.

I was forced to go on leave from my job because I will not wear a face mask. I have to use my precious accrued time (pto & sick time) that took me years to build up. I have a doctors note but even if I didn't I wouldn't wear one. I have loved my job and been nothing but a loyal and hard working employee for over 5 years. I do outreach and events so I have met A LOT of amazing people in the Midtown area and downtown. There are so many wonderful businesses that I am so worried about!

Let's please be the beacon to all other counties. To stand up and apart. To look after our citizens.

Our citizens need to get back to life!

Our Governor has clearly overstepped his bounds. He should have lifted the State of Emergency and all of it's orders at 60 days. We are past that.

Please, please, please, stand up for your people!!!

We appreciate all of you very much and hope you will make us proud.

Again, please vote NO on agenda item 3.6, 20-562.

Sincerely,

Staci Lares

Resident of beautiful Sunnyvale, proud worker of 2 San Jose apartment communities

From: Andrew Fitzgerald

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:22 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Subject: Yes to requiring masks

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The city should require employers provide masks for workers, and require all employees and customers to wear masks inside of businesses.

Thank you

Andrew Fitzgerald

From: Alicia Makjavich
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:21 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: No Vote on Mandatory Face masks in San Jose

Dear San Jose City Council,

I STRONGLY oppose a mandate to make San Jose residents wear face masks whenever we are outside. This is not only an outrageous violation of our civil liberties, but is completely unenforceable! The CDC DOES NOT propose making people wear masks. Nor is there scientific evidence confirming without A LOT of doubt the efficacy of face coverings. On the contrary, research shows masks can lead to reduced immunity and cause us to inhale bacteria and other toxins due to lack of air circulation.

Please vote no.

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Alicia Makjavich

From: Guillermo Gomez
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:22 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On May 19, 2020, the City Council will be voting on Agenda item 3.6, 20-562, on whether to require a fabric face mask when outside one's home. We urge you to all to vote no on this agenda item.

According to the World Health Organization (the "WHO"), "there are potential risks and disadvantages that should be taken into account in any decision-making process on the use of masks", including whether "a non-medical or cloth masks could increase potential for COVID-19 to infect a person if the mask is contaminated by dirty hands and touched often, or kept on other parts of the face or head and then placed back over the mouth and nose". The WHO has explained: "Currently, there is not enough evidence for or against the use of masks (medical or other) for healthy individuals in the wider community. WHO continues to recommend that medical masks be worn by individuals who are sick or those caring for them." WHO explained, the "evidence about the benefits of these masks is limited. One good quality study showed that the risk of respiratory infection is increased (and not reduced) in health care workers using cotton cloth masks when compared to medical masks."

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We would also suggest as a group that raises awareness about negative political implications of unjust policy on children: the negative impact of the social and emotional development of children if such masks are required in school and otherwise cannot be overlooked.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Guillermo Gomez, L.Ac

From: Chanel Mendoza
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Mask mandate SJ

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City Counsel and Mayor,

The data simply does not support a mandate and the efficacy of masks is negligent. The masks rather than protect Can increase susceptibility of illness and fainting, and can complicate health for for elderly and children—our most vulnerable. The masks cannot prevent the spread of COVID, and many people in the community are uncomfortable with going against the grain.

My mother keeps going to the ER when she has asthma because she is afraid to be arrested or confronted, so she wears the mask. We need to ask the sick to stay home and let the healthy resume life, and breathing, the normal way.

This cannot be the new normal, The City should see the comments made by the WHO. They state more harm is being done than good. Please vote in order to promote what's really good for people, as opposed to getting compliance from people at the sake of real public health.

The impact on children 2 and Over with these masks cannot be overlooked.

Please vote no.

Law Student 2020

From: Eugenie Giasson-Gomez

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:10 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Agenda item 3.6, 20-562, on whether to require a fabric face mask when outside one's home.

Not only has the scientific evidence shown that it is not effective in limiting the spread of a virus but it also compromises the health and well-being of the people wearing them.

This month the CDC posted a systematic review of 10 randomized control trials that illuminates how face masks have not demonstrated protection against a virus. https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article

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Wearing a mask for a prolonged period of time will also significantly reduce one's ability to receive adequate amounts of oxygen and over time this can lead to fainting and compromise the immune system, increasing the population's vulnerability to illness.

We would also suggest as a group that raises awareness about negative political implications of unjust policy on children: the negative impact of the social and emotional development of children if such masks are required in school and otherwise cannot be overlooked.

Please contact End Political Exploitation of Children so that we may create a channel of communication between The Founders and members of EPEC and those of you on the City Counsel regarding this issue at: Epecca@protonmail.com

Thank you for your consideration,

Tax Payers, Residents of San Jose, and Members of EPEC and this community

Dr. Eugenie Giasson-Gomez, DC

From: alpippert@aol.com

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 5:37 PM

To: District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Businesses, budgets, courts, testing, trains, and scams - no fluff, just the facts.

Johnny,

Please do not vote for the face mask ordinance tomorrow. We don't need a face mask walking in the park. My wife and I regularly use a mask when entering a building (store, office, showing a house for sale, etc.) but I don't feel a mask is needed when doing our exercise walks in the neighborhood or in the nearby parks. Of course we maintain our six foot separation (actually it's more like ten feet or more) but the mask stays in our pocket.

As another point, exhaled breath is the body's way of getting rid of stuff it doesn't want. A mask just obstructs what the natural body system wants to do. If a mask is in place, you'll be forced to inhale what the body is trying to get rid of. And it may be trying to get rid of a virus, but can't with that mask in place.

Please consider voting no on the mask ordinance.

Thank you, Johnny.

Al Pippert

From: Brianna Frederickson
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:24 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 3.6, 20-562

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This email is in regards to agenda # 3.6, 20-562

I am urging a NO VOTE. Personal choice should remain for mask-wearing in San Jose and everywhere. I personally am uncomfortable wearing a mask as it limits my oxygen flow and I am currently pregnant which makes it even harder for me to get a deep breath. Limiting anyone's oxygen and upping their CO2 intake is so dangerous. I strongly urge the limiting of mandates. People who are worried about contracting any virus should be urged to stay home, but healthy individuals should not be treated like they are sick. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

#mybodymychoice
-Brianna Frederickson

From: ALEST89

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:36 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: 3.6, 20-562

May 18, 2020

To: The Mayor and City Council of San Jose,

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On May 19, 2020, the City Council will be voting on Agenda item 3.6, 20-562, on whether to require a fabric mask when outside one's home. We urge you to all vote 'No' on this agenda item. According to the World Health Organization, "there are potential risks and disadvantages that should be taken into account in any decision-making process on the use of masks", including whether "a non-medical or cloth masks could increase potential for COVID-19 to infect a person if the mask is contaminated by dirty hands and touched often, or kept on other parts of the face or head and then placed back over the mouth and nose." The Who has explained: "Currently, there is not enough evidence for or against the use of masks (medical or other) for healthy individuals in the wider community. WHO continues to recommend that medical masks be worn by individuals who are sick or those caring for them." WHO explained, the "evidence about the benefits of these masks is limited. One good quality study showed that the risk of respiratory infection is increased (and not reduced) in health care workers using cotton cloth masks when compared to medical masks".

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Thank you for your consideration, Tax Payers and Residents of San Jose.

Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

staci lares

Tue 5/19/2020 10:42 AM



Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I emailed in yesterday but I did not complete all of my thoughts about agenda item 3.6, 20-562, face masks.

Myself and MANY others in this great county are 100% opposed to this possible mandate.

Why would we do something so extreme 2.5 months into this crisis?

It makes zero sense.

The virus particles are VERY small and would easily penetrate masks that citizens are wearing at this time. And most citizens are only wearing them because they are afraid. They do not know the facts.

I am an Outreach Networking Specialist at 2 apartment communities in our great city. I have not been able to do my job since March 16th. I have helped to do other tasks and duties but I have not been able to go out and meet the great people of San Jose or hold events at our communities. So many of our residents are here from out of state or out of the country. They have no one. They love the events because it gives them a chance to meet their neighbors and make friends.

I have not been able to recommend anything fun to our residents. None of the great restaurants, venues, events. . . and we usually have SO many!! Our downtown is extremely SAD. So empty and lifeless.

I was forced to go on leave from my job because I will not wear a mask. I have a legitimate doctors note. A lot of citizens who have difficulty breathing are too afraid to ask their doctors so they just struggle with it while grocery shopping, etc.

The future of my job, which I **love** and have been doing for over 5 years, is in jeopardy because of face masks. I am 51 years old. What will I do for a job? Where will I get a job? Where will I get a job that doesn't require a face mask?

Peoples faces are hot and sweaty and are breaking out. They cannot breathe correctly.

Proper breathing is the most important component of good health.

Our very basic right to breathe freely is being taken away and people are very mean, to the point of violence, to those of us who do not wear a mask in public.

Employers are not going by OSHA guidelines when they are putting face masks into policy. They are not properly training their employees, ensuring the face masks are properly fitted or even supplying the proper face masks.

SO many employees are miserable wearing a face mask 8 hours a day.

Employers and businesses are not adhering to ADA and HIPPA guidelines by not giving accommodations to people who have health issues and cannot wear a face mask.

I beg you all, please do not mandate this!!

Be the county that stands out and stands up for its people!!

We need to not wear face masks and we need to open our amazing county back up!!

Our governor should have lifted the State of Emergency and all of its orders at 60 days. We are past 60 days.

The people of this great county want to breathe freely and get back to work!!!

Please make this happen for us!

We are depending on all of you to do the right thing.

Thank you,

Staci Lares

Proud employee of 2 beautiful apartment communities in San Jose and home owner/tax payer of Sunnyvale

3.6,20-562 Mandatory Masks

jennifer steinbruck

Tue 5/19/2020 10:40 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am an Early Childhood Educator for over thirty years. I oppose mandatory masks especially on young children ages 14 and under. There is conflicting information on wearing masks in general. It is not only unnatural for children but could have mental impacts on such very young children. In all the years I have been teaching my immune system is stronger because of being exposed to many germs in school environments. Our defenses from viruses are based on strong immune systems. It is unreasonable to have children wear masks properly all day in a school environment. They touch their faces constantly, lose things, are distracted and very active. Cross contamination could easily pass from surfaces to the masks. Instead of masks, I recommend holding more activities outside and cleaning frequently during the day. After teaching I clean all surfaces and wipe down the classrooms daily. Teachers and staff can put these practices in place. With conflicting information on the pros and cons of masks for children, it makes no sense to make masks mandatory. As a society we have to give more credit to the educators and staff that works with children. We have a sense of how to keep children safe and will put the necessary safety guidelines in place. Terrifying especially the youngest by making children wear masks seems cruel and unjust. IT is a NO for me on mandatory masks.

Jennifer Rabe
Early Childhood Educator

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Agenda # 3.6, 20-562

Shannon Larsen

Tue 5/19/2020 10:39

Hello,

I am writing to express my NO VOTE ON MANDATORY MASK WEARING in San Jose, Ca. Wearing masks does not support a strong immune system and causes issues with other things like physical activity which DO support a healthy body. As a movement instructor, wearing a mask will cause issues in my career and for those whom I help guide in the direction of healthy minds and bodies. Thank you for your time and considering my vote for NO MANDATORY MASKS in San Jose, Ca.
Shannon Larsen

From: Phil Prendez
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:39 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

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To Our Mayor and City Council Members:

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Respectfully,

Phil Prendez

From: Sharon Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:29 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.6, 20-562

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From: Diana Oliva [
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:27 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 3.6,20-562

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Diana Harris

From: leslie parks
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: agenda item 3.6,20-562

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> Leslie Shoemake

Sent from my iPhone

From: Seth Shoemake

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:57 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

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Seth Shoemake

From: heidi boverman
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:56 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda# 3.6, 20-562

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Please vote NO on the mandatory mask agenda # 3.6, 20-562.
There is no research that shows that masks are actually effective against this virus and actually could be harmful to the wearer as well as lead the person to be lax about social distancing protocol.

Thank you, Heidi Boverman

From: Aidan Shoemake [
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:55 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda 3.6, 20-562

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I am in opposition to mandatory masks in the city of San Jose. I believe that there are greater issues and concerns other than enforcing citizens to wear a mask.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lane Shoemake
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:55 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562



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Signed, Lane Shoemake

From: Tasha Shoemake [
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:52 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Mandatory masks

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From: EPECCA
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:48 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 20582



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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On May 19, 2020, the City Council will be voting on Agenda item 3.6, 20-562, on whether to require a fabric face mask when outside one's home. We urge you to all to vote no on this agenda item.

According to the World Health Organization (the "WHO"), "there are potential risks and disadvantages that should be taken into account in any decision-making process on the use of masks", including whether "a non-medical or cloth masks could increase potential for COVID-19 to infect a person if the mask is contaminated by dirty hands and touched often, or kept on other parts of the face or head and then placed back over the mouth and nose". The WHO has explained: "Currently, there is not enough evidence for or against the use of masks (medical or other) for healthy individuals in the wider community. WHO continues to recommend that medical masks be worn by individuals who are sick or those caring for them." WHO explained, the "evidence about the benefits of these masks is limited. One good quality study showed that the risk of respiratory infection is increased (and not reduced) in health care workers using cotton cloth masks when compared to medical masks."

The WHO, has further stated, "it is possible that mask use, with unclear benefits, could create a false sense of security in the wearer, leading to diminished practice of recognized beneficial preventive measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene." According to live science, the problem with non-medical, cloth masks is that "cloth holds on to moisture, is often reused, and filters poorly compared to medical masks." Live science indicated you need to always wear your face mask in the same orientation, and that face "masks should be machine-washed frequently to eliminate any residual flu particles, which may be contaminating the outside of the mask." It further states you must "remove your mask by taking the straps from the back of your head and pull forward — do not touch the material part of the mask. If you do, please remember to wash your hands with soap and water before and after you touch your mask." Since the failure to follow these basic protocols is common practice, as you yourselves could observe on a quick trip to a supermarket where you will regularly see dirty hands touching the material part of the mask, it is quite likely you will be doing more harm than good by requiring fabric masks with the knowledge the masks will usually be worn improperly and in a fashion more likely to increase infection than not. It is no wonder why the county health department, with one of the most restrictive shelter in place orders remaining in the state, has refused to order the wearing of such masks.

We would also suggest as a group that raises awareness about negative political implications of unjust policy on children: the negative impact of the social and emotional development of children if such masks are required in school and otherwise cannot be overlooked.

Please contact End Political Exploitation of Children so that we may create a channel of communication between The Founders and members of EPEC and the yourselves with the on the City Counsel regarding this issue at:

Thank you for your consideration,

Tax Payers, Residents of San Jose, and 1500 Members of EPEC.

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

From: Chanel Mendoza
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:46 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 20582



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From: Chanel Mendoza <
Date: May 19, 2020 at 10:16:55 AM PDT
To: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Mask mandate SJ

City Counsel and Mayor,

The data simply does not support a mandate and the efficacy of masks is negligent. The masks rather than protect Can increase susceptibility of illness and fainting, and can complicate health for for elderly and children—our most vulnerable. The masks cannot prevent the spread of COVID, and many people in the community are uncomfortable with going against the grain.

My mother keeps going to the ER when she has asthma because she is afraid to be arrested or confronted, so she wears the mask. We need to ask the sick to stay home and let the healthy resume life, and breathing, the normal way.

This cannot be the new normal, The City should see the comments made by the WHO. They state more harm is being done than good. Please vote in order to promote what's really good for people, as opposed to getting compliance from people at the sake of real public health.

The impact on children 2 and Over with these masks cannot be overlooked.

Please vote no.

Law Student 2020

From: Kristine Landers

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:45 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: agenda 3.6, 20-582 Urgency Ordinance and Companion Ordinance to Require Fabric Face Coverings.



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Just yesterday the governor loosened restrictions state wide, as our county also progressed us into stage 2 of reopening. The numbers don't lie. This virus is not as deadly or contagious as once thought. People may continue to wear masks (or hopefully just stay home) if they feel concerned -- nothing will change this. I urge you however to do the very least, and vote no on forcing people to wear them constantly. Be a positive example for the region -- listen to actual data, listen to the people.

Please think of my daughter, and of others for whom wearing a mask will be mentally challenging.

Thank you,

Kristine Landers

From: jonathan shoemake
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:40 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562

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Respectfully,

Jonathan Shoemake

From: Klaudeen Shemirani [
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:36 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: agenda #: 3.6, 20-562

[External Email]

Dear City of San Jose,

I am requesting a NO VOTE on mandatory masks for the people of San Jose. The WHO and CDC have both stated masks DO NOT protect people from viruses. There is NO PROOF these masks protect.

To enforce this is against our constitutional rights (see attached), and it makes ZERO sense! Since when did a virus become stronger than a healthy immune system?

People are responsible for taking care of their God-given immune system to fight all disease and viruses. If you want to protect our city and the health of our humanity, YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON BANNING ALL FAST FOODS & SUGAR-BASED COMPANIES!!! How are fast food chains and sugar considered essential and helpful to our health?

And when did our country's government and health care system ever REALLY care about its people—allowing the deaths from smoking, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and violence to be on the continued rise.

Use your common sense...this mask is about SOCIAL PROGRAMMING...controlling peoples VOICES & RIGHT to choose so that authority can abuse their power and profit and control.

If people want to wear masks, let them. And the people who don't wear it and get the virus, that's on them. The people who believe the mask will save them, they can go anywhere and believe the mask will save them among others who don't wear it.

There is more harm happening to humanity with this quarantine than allowing "nature" to take its course as it has done for hundreds and thousands of years.

Thank you for taking a breath and asking your common sense or intelligence what the right thing is to do. FEAR is always false evidence appearing real...and we already know with a culture of fake news and misinformation, nothing can prove we need these masks and quarantine to save the world. The flu and the stress of fear kills the vulnerable too.

Sincerely and concerned,
Klaudeen Shemirani

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From: Mike Mattingly
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:35 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda # 3.6,20-562

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Dear San Jose City Council,
today you are discussing more restrictions on personal liberties because of the “Science.” Let me just say, that the decision for this lockdown was because the state and county were afraid that the COVID 19 virus case load would overwhelm the hospitals. It didn’t. According to the Santa Clara County official COVID 19 chart and analysis, there are 90 hospitalizations currently. Please note that as stated, these charts represent people who: “died in Santa Clara County with COVID19”. Not because of, but with. Of the 135 reported deaths with COVID 19 in Santa Clara County, 89 percent had other underlying conditions. In other words, they likely died of the preexisting condition, not COVID 19. That means, 15 people died with COVID 19 and no preexisting comorbidity. Five percent are unknown if they died with preexisting conditions. That is 6 percent that didn’t have preexisting conditions. Also the chart explains, “Deaths provided in this dashboard do not necessarily mean that the individual died of COVID 19.”

This report also states that 0 surge hospital beds out of 1,231 are being used and 0 ventilators are being used for COVID 19 patients. That means there are 784 ventilators available. Santa Clara county has 2,235 hospital beds available out of 3,555 available. That’s over 62 percent available.

Since last reporting there are zero new deaths and yet the San Jose City Council has decided to take a vote to require everyone to wear a mask to leave their houses. This makes zero sense. If people are afraid, they have the option to wear a mask. 135 deaths in the epicenter of a pandemic in California is a farce. In long term care facilities for residents one month ago there were 312 cases. 14 days ago in long term care facilities for residents there were 291 cases. During that period the cases only went down 21 cases. In the 14 days since that report the numbers have fallen again to 190. That’s a drop of 101 cases in 14 days.

Of course the number of cases will rise as you test more people. That number is irrelevant. The fact that there are no new deaths and only a total of 135 COVID 19 suspected deaths should tell you to end the lockdown. It just isn’t as deadly as everyone thinks. Let’s admit our mistake and move on.

Also check Dr. Russell Blaylock analysis on the health risk of wearing masks.

<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>



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Dr. Russell Blaylock, author of The Blaylock Wellness Report newsletter, is a nationally recognized board-certified neurosurgeon, health practitioner, author, and lecturer. He attended the Louisiana State University School of Medicine and completed his internship and neurological residency at the Medical University of South Carolina.

www.technocracy.news

Thank you!
Mike Mattingly

From: Suzette Krause
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:23 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: agenda# 3.6,20-562



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Dear Mayor or the city Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote No to Agenda 3.6, 20-562. This is on whether to require a fabric mask when outside ones home. Currently there is not enough evidence for or against a mask. according to WHO there is more studies leaning towards contamination with a mask. This mandatory mask can create a false sense of security enabling the spread at a faster rate. Hand washing and distancing is most effective.

Thank you for your consideration

Very Respectfully,

Sona Suzette Krause

Tax payer and Resident Of San Jose

From: Fatmata Sesay
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:21 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3,6,20-562



[External Email]

Hi- I am sending this email for NO VOTE FOR MANDATORY masks. I am an outdoor running I cannot run with masks on. Also it's going to be difficult for our children to wear a masks. So we wear the masks when is necessary, not mandatory.

Thanks

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Sent from Mrs. Osias

From: Colleen Chapman
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:20 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.6, 20-562



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From: MALvarezDC
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Agenda item 3.6, 20-562 NO on mandatory face masks



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Face masks decrease oxygen intake. Nearly 25% of the population suffers from a form of anemia, varying conditions where the blood does not have enough oxygen. What do you suppose would happen to a quarter of your residents who have this condition??

Have you ever run with a face mask? Heavy exertion while use of a mask can be detrimental to a person's health.

Exercise boosts the immune system. Time spent in the sun increases the immune system. Fresh air also bolsters the immune system allowing more oxygenated blood to circulate (the air inside a home is two to five times more polluted than outdoor air). Wearing a mask completely negates the positive effects of simply being outdoors.

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

From: JR
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:10 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please vote NO on agenda item 3.6, 20-562
Importance: High

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I urge the city council to please vote NO on agenda item 3.6, 20-562 today, regarding making face masks mandatory in public.

This is a bad idea on many levels. I hope the city council will see the wisdom of giving people good information and allowing citizens to take responsibility for seeing to their own well-being and that of those around them.

Regards,
John Rose
San Jose, CA

From: Theresa Lundquist
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:58 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: # 3.6 20-562



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Please vote no on masks.

Only a suggestion NOT a mandate!

Small children are often seen wearing masks.
This can cause suffocation.

From: Glenn Ballard MBA

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:58 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Citizen Comment on Proposed Ordinance Adding Chapter 9.61 to Title 9 of the San Jose Municipal Code; File No. PP17-008



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To the City Council of San Jose,

Thank you for inviting public comment regarding your consideration of a new order that would require people to wear face masks, effectively at all times while outside of their homes. I hope you will also give due consideration to dissenting voices, including those who question the status quo and go against the current politically popular narrative. The various shelter-in-place, social distancing and face mask orders around the country, related to COVID-19, have been the most extreme example of bad government policies I have seen in my 58 years of living in the United States of America. These orders are foolish and harmful.

Initially, we were told that we needed to stay at home and practice "social distancing" for two weeks, in order to "flatten the curve," because the hospitals would be overwhelmed if we didn't, and we needed to help avoid a crisis of insufficient hospital capacity, supplies and staff. That narrative turned out to be wildly false. The hospitals never were overwhelmed. Many of them are relatively very empty, and across our country, we're even now experiencing cases of medical staff being furloughed or laid off. Even worse, the political narrative has now changed. Now we are being told that we need to continue social distancing and wearing face masks and continue restrictions on so called "non-essential" businesses, to "contain" the virus until we have a vaccine. This defies science, as well as common sense. Nobody can contain a virus. That is an impossible goal. And the goal of waiting for a vaccine reveals the self-interest motive of financial gain and power grab of the CDC, WHO, big pharma, and others who are invested in the vaccine industry, which garners \$60 billion in annual revenues.

What government officials actually should be doing, if they care about the well being of their citizens, is encouraging the development of herd immunity, while offering assistance to the most vulnerable of the population. It is a well documented fact that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the very elderly and very sickly but almost no risk at all to approximately 99% of the population. The actual fatality rate of COVID-19, calculated as number of deaths *caused by* COVID-19, divided by the number of people *who have* COVID-19 (including the many with no symptoms) probably is between 0.1% and 0.3% - ***approximately 20 to 30 times lower than the initial estimates propagated by the WHO!*** And the deaths are highly concentrated in the segments of the population older than 80 years old and those with preexisting, life threatening health problems. Therefore, what should be happening is that the general population should be going about their regular activities - going to work, going to school, going to church, going to social gatherings, going to the gym, eating in restaurants, and so on - to develop herd immunity. Once 70% to 80% of the population has been exposed to the virus, widespread immunity will be developed naturally, and the virus will be extinguished. This sort of thing happens every year during cold and flu season. It's no secret. Meanwhile, government agencies should offer - but not mandate - assistance to the truly vulnerable in our society - the very elderly and the very sickly.

You don't have to take my word on this. You can look to the testimony from some of the world's top epidemiologists and medical professors: Drs. Ioannidis, Bendavid and Bhattacharya, of Stanford University; Dr. Wodarg, of the University of Hamburg; and Dr. Wittkowski of the University of Stuttgart and the University of Tuebingen; as well as many other medical doctors and epidemiologists, around the world, who have not been

shy about calling the shelter-in-place and social distancing policies a "fiasco" and saying that these policies are ordering exactly the opposite of what should be happening. (But these expert voices have been shunned and even silenced, as we are repeatedly ordered to just obey political orders that defy common sense, as well as science.) Moreover, if you study countries that did not shut down business and did not enforce social distancing - countries like Japan and Sweden - you will find that they have fared just as well or better than many other countries with strict lockdowns.

Finally, you should seriously reckon with the fact that the very harmful orders of governors and county health officers around the country have caused much greater harm to many millions of people than the virus ever will. Many small business owners have lost their businesses. At last count, 35 million Americans have lost their jobs. Approximately half of all households in the country that had annual income of \$40,000 or less have lost their income. The United Nations is now predicting a global crisis of starvation. How ironic this is, since an arm of that organization, in large measure, caused this crisis.

I urge the San Jose City Council to shine a light in the darkness that has overtaken our state, our nation and our world. Reject the insanity that has infected the minds of politicians throughout our state, country and Western Civilization. Reject the foolish orders of California Governor Gavin Newsom. Reject the foolish orders of Santa Clara County Health Officer Sara Cody.

Justice will come to the government officials who have harmed millions upon millions upon million of vulnerable people by their foolish orders. Many times, justice appears to be slow moving to us mere mortals. But it will come, whether in this life, or the next, or perhaps both. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The moral arc of the universe bends toward justice."

Reject the foolish idea of ordering face masks to be worn. Face masks on the general population accomplish nothing, except to cause people to touch their faces more often, which tends to spread viruses and bacteria more pervasively.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ballard

United States Citizen for 58 years and Resident of San Jose for 20 years.

From: Mary Modiri
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:56 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.6,20-562

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I work at an office in a San Jose Middle School.
MANY of our students are not doing well.
PLEASE do Not vote yes to make it mandatory for San Jose residents (especially children) to wear a mask outside their homes.
This is NOT healthy mentally and physically for our community, especially our children that are already struggling with this SIP.
Please vote NO
Thank you, Mary Modiri/Health Clerk at Moreland Middle School

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alicia Ellis
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:53 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda#3.6,20-562 NO MASKS!!!



[External Email]

To whom it may concern,
Please vote NO on the mandatory masks today in San Jose. There is NO EVIDENCE that these cloth masks work at all and actually there is MUCH more evidence to the contrary!!! FAUCI himself went on 60 minutes and said they DO NOTHING FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON except maybe make pp FEEL like they are doing something. Two children dropped dead while wearing masks in China! Please USE COMMON SENSE and VETO THIS LAW! There is enough nonsense running rampant as it is these days!!!

[Cloth masks: Dangerous to your health?](#)

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San Jose Ca,
Alicia Krupp

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You must be aware that the average citizen, does not wear (or dispose) of their mask correctly. People are constantly readjusting them, and pulling them down to get fresh air.

I'm positive you have been provided with anecdotes of people fainting or feeling dizzy, getting headaches, and feeling anxious. My husband has continued to work in a grocery store, wearing the mask for 8 hours a day. He let me know he can't wait until he leaves for the day and he is able to actually breathe. Now, he works in the air conditioning all day. Imagine how a truck driver or someone working outside in the heat feels. How do you feel having to wear the mask even for a short period of time?

Just yesterday the governor loosened restrictions state wide, as our county also progressed us into stage 2 of reopening. The numbers don't lie. This virus is not as deadly or contagious as once thought. People may continue to wear masks (or hopefully just stay home) if they feel concerned -- nothing will change this. I urge you however to do the very least, and vote no on forcing people to wear them constantly. Be a positive example for the region -- listen to actual data, listen to the people.

Please think of my daughter, and of others for whom wearing a mask will be mentally challenging.

Thank you,

Kristine Landers

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:15 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Masks

I can tell you that a lot of people aren't wearing masks nor keeping social distancing outdoors.

I was in an open area at the Fruitdale Station complex. People were sitting in an open area. They were about 1 to 1.5 feet from each other and didn't wear masks. I was wearing a mask and was about 5 feet away. And I've seen a number of people in my neighborhood not practicing social distancing.

I think this unenforceable because you can't legislate behavior.