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Guillen, Dora

From: John Mooney <john@jbmooney.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:33 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public Comment for 07/14/2020

To the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

Congratulations! Through lack of enforcements, encouraging maskless protests, and failure to address the simplicity of wearing a mask while indoors for 3 months we're back to square one. We have no one to blame but ourselves and our Orange County leadership. We have no one to blame for the additional economic hardships these closures will cause but ourselves and our Orange County leadership and we have no one to blame but ourselves and our Orange County leadership for the increased hospitalizations, ICU's and deaths.

Keep up the "GREAT" Work Supervisors you guys are KILLING IT!

John Mooney
Mission Viejo

Guillen, Dora

From: Keila Villegas <keila.villegas46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:18 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public statement on agenda item 17

Hi, my name is Keila Villegas and I am a resident of Santa Ana CA Ward 4 emailing about agenda item 17. The Board members want to REOPEN the OC despite a second wave on covid cases - this will DISPROPORTIONATELY put back to in harms way the lower middle class just so businesses can make their rent. If OC would have properly closed businesses with some payroll protection plan or small business loan forgiveness program instead of ONLY WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BOTTOM LINE, we would be able to join the rest of the developed nations in reopening and getting back to the NEW NORMAL - but y'all want to hold on to the old ways and not accept the PROGRESS WE NEED.

Keila Villegas
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Guillen, Dora

From: Liliana Mora <lm002013@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:41 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public statement on agenda item 17

Good evening,

My name is Liliana Mora, I am a resident of Santa Ana emailing about agenda item 17. From the start I have been opposed to the opening of OC. We never got the rate of COVID cases to drop, or even plateau - it seems unbelievable that we are opening amidst a drastic surge in cases. I understand not everyone faces serious health risks, but it shows deep selfishness if we aren't prioritizing the wellbeing of those that do.

Maybe if OC would have properly closed businesses with some payroll protection plan or small business loan forgiveness program instead of only worrying about your bottom line, we would be able to join the rest of the developed nations in reopening and getting back to the new normal - but y'all want to hold on to the old ways and not accept the PROGRESS WE NEED.

Guillen, Dora

From: Alyza Gutierrez <allisonalyza@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:26 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public statement on agenda item 17

Hi, my name is Alyza Gutierrez and I am a resident of Anaheim, Ca mailing about agenda item 17. The Board members want to REOPEN the OC despite a second wave on covid cases - this will DISPROPORTIONATELY put back to in harms way the lower middle class just so businesses can make their rent. If OC would have properly closed businesses with some payroll protection plan or small business loan forgiveness program instead of ONLY WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BOTTOM LINE, we would be able to join the rest of the developed nations in reopening and getting back to the NEW NORMAL - but y'all want to hold on to the old ways and not accept the PROGRESS WE NEED.

This will also affect small business as they will have to worry about their inventory while they restock and then have to gamble with the potential of closing the economy over and over again. You are protecting chain restaurants, big corporations and people outside of OC when you choose to put their revenue over small local OC family businesses.

Do not reopen until COVID is manageable. Every day we are breaking new records for positive COVID tests.

Regards,

Alyza Gutierrez

Sent from my iPhone

Guillen, Dora

From: Lauren Paz Soldan <laurenpazsoldan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:54 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 17

Good evening,
My name is Lauren Paz Soldan and I am a resident of Irvine emailing about agenda item 17. The Board members want to REOPEN the OC despite a second wave on covid cases - this will DISPROPORTIONATELY put back to in harms way the lower middle class just so businesses can make their rent. If OC would have properly closed businesses with some payroll protection plan or small business loan forgiveness program instead of ONLY WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BOTTOM LINE, we would be able to join the rest of the developed nations in reopening and getting back to the NEW NORMAL - but y'all want to hold on to the old ways and not accept the PROGRESS WE NEED.

Do better Board of Supervisors, we the people are looking to you for guidance during this time and so far you have failed us.

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Guillen, Dora

From: My Vo Luong <mvoluong@saddleback.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:34 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Public statement on agenda item 17

Hi, my name is mY Vo and I am a resident of santa ana, CA emailing about agenda item 17. The Board members want to REOPEN the OC despite a second wave on covid cases - this will DISPROPORTIONATELY put back to in harms way the lower middle class just so businesses can make their rent. If OC would have properly closed businesses with some payroll protection plan or small business loan forgiveness program instead of ONLY WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BOTTOM LINE, we would be able to join the rest of the developed nations in reopening and getting back to the NEW NORMAL - but y'all want to hold on to the old ways and not accept the PROGRESS WE NEED.

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Guillen, Dora

From: Suzanne Lane <msuzlane@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:49 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for upcoming Board meetings

Hi. Please recognize that there is no valid science that proves wearing a face covering protects anyone against Covid-19. Not the wearer or those within 6 feet. It does not exist! The CDC referenced studies are all inconclusive, and require more studies. Plus, We have no idea if they even helped prevent the spread at all! To know if it worked we would need a control group doing the exact opposite! We may have even made things worse by causing people to stay home and wear masks. Immune systems diminish when one is not out and about, interacting and living life. And the virus is so tiny that it flows right through the face coverings. The vulnerable should go ahead and self quarantine. The rest of society needs to get back to living life as free citizens! Our Constitutional rights are NEVER suspended!
final thought, when the 8,000 prisoners are released into our communities, won't it be convenient for them to steel, kill and destroy while hiding their identity with a pair of sunglasses and Face covering? Isnthatnwhatnyiunarwnwilking to allow on your watch? We need to unmask now!

Thanks you
Suzanne Lane

Sent from my iPhone

Guillen, Dora

From: Clint Spaeth <spaethc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:43 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Upcoming Board Meeting (Covid - Masks & Distancing)

Hello Board of Supervisors,

Before I start, I want to thank all the health care workers in Orange County, and nationwide, for the hard work they have put in during this pandemic. I hope we can at least agree on that point.

Now, put yourself in one of those health care workers shoes. We are in mid-July and are somehow still arguing about the very basic things us as human beings need to do to get past this pandemic. It has to be infuriating for them to come home after a long and grueling shift, to turn on the news or go online and see people cry about how wearing a mask "infringes on their rights as an American". It has to be even more infuriating to see their elected officials encourage such nonsense and in some cases to act like this is a hoax.

Fact is, if we want to make any real progress in getting back to any kind of normalcy, we all need to do two things - wear a mask or face covering, and social distance. If our essential workers can wear a mask for their entire shift, then we all can do so for brief grocery trips and other errands we have to do. If you find a mask uncomfortable, I get it, but I would recommend when you have downtime in your home to put one on for a little bit so you can get used to it. There are a wide variety of masks out there, so you can find a mask or covering that fits appropriately. And you know what's more uncomfortable than wearing a mask - getting covid and all the symptoms that can come with it.

I would like to end on this note. I'm sure in recent weeks, there are a lot of people in this county who have responded that "All Lives Matter" in light of the protests. If you truly think "All Lives Matter", then prove it. Wearing a mask isn't just for your own safety, it's so you can protect others from contracting covid-19 if you are an asymptomatic carrier. If you continue to not wear a mask, then you don't at all care about the well being of others, you just care about your own comfort.

So I'm asking every member of the board to stop politicizing a pandemic, and truly look out for the health of your fellow community members. Thank you for your time and have a good day.

Sincerely,

Clint Spaeth
Santa Ana, CA

Guillen, Dora

From: Lisa Sun <lisayangyang2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:42 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comment on Board Meeting

Public Comment from William Age 5 from Mission Viejo

There's less people going outside. The virus goes in the houses. Ask everybody to wear a mask. And like for example beach bathrooms. You need to use your own bathroom because the virus is in your poopoo. And peepee. And stay safe. Don't go to other places like museums and stuff because you'll get virus from it. Don't open schools until the virus is over.

Guillen, Dora

From: Lee Wilson <notjustanylee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:22 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Definition of "critical employee" under CODIV-19 guidelines

OC Board Members,

Please clarify the definition of critical employee. While "critical business" is well established by state guidelines, there is little specificity regarding what employee roles are considered "essential" or "critical" within any sector, but especially in office settings.

My organization and my role could be considered non-critical given the current guidelines. As such, I would like clarity on both the definition of a "critical in-office worker" as well as additional specificity regarding workers' rights.

In circumstances where an employee's roles can be successfully executed remotely:

1. What rights do employees have if their role is deemed "non-critical"?
2. How can employees assert those rights should our employers demand our presence in the office?
3. Are there, or will the board consider, protections for employees who choose not to return to the office against their company's wishes if their role meets your criteria of "non-critical"?
4. If an employee has the ability to work remotely, are employers obligated to let them do so instead of reporting to the office if the role is deemed "non-critical"?

Please provide clarity.

Thank you,
C. Wilson

Guillen, Dora

From: Maria Villegas <vdory123@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:03 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting July 14, 2020

Please for the love of God make Face Coverings Mandatory.
If you decide to reopen schools, which I am against, please make Masks wearing mandatory and to put in place physical distancing for the students and staff.
I am a tax payer. I am a voter. I am not okay with the "non-mask" wearing idiots to decide for me and my family what is best.
I have no idea if you will read this but please remember wear a mask.
Thank you,
Maria Villegas

Sent from my iPhone

Guillen, Dora

From: Justine Furton <jsliwka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:42 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comment for OC Board Meeting July 14, 2020

I am a resident of Orange County, and I want this board to start taking strong action to protect the citizenry and stop the community spread of Covid19. I want the County and it's sheriffs to enforce Governor's orders of March 19, 2020 and July 13, 2020, I want the board to endorse and support a requirement that The public and Orange County citizenry wear masks at all times not in their homes, I want the Boars to condemn the OC sheriff for any refusal to enforce the state laws and orders.

And I want the Board to approve and affirm All State Covid19 guidelines as requirements, and seek to impose fines and liability on any person or business which fails to follow the Governor's Covid19 order.

Enough is enough- stop putting our lives at risk with your politics and shenanigan and do the right thing for the people.

Sent from my iPhone. Apologies for any typos or correction making without regard for sense or sensibility.

Sent from my iPhone. Apologies for any typos or corrections that autocorrect insists on making without regard for sense or sensibility.

Guillen, Dora

From: Christine Laub <c_laub@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:39 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Please add to meeting public record

Please define what the definition of critical employee is. Many I know (including family members) are being forced to come into an indoor office environment for business that could be considered non-essential and certainly not critical. All have the ability to work from home and are scared to have to go into an office for non-critical type roles because even basic social distancing is not being implemented by the company, and the rules are unclear.

Please provide clarity!!!

Thank you,

Christine Laub

Guillen, Dora

From: Christine Laub <dclaub@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:33 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Supervisor Question for Board Meeting

Please define the definition of critical employee is. What qualifies an employee (not a business) as essential. And what rights do employees have to demand to again work from home when they have the ability to do so but their company is making them come into the office anyway?

Thank you,

Chris Laub

Guillen, Dora

From: Kelsey Sundman <kelsey.b.sundman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:06 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: OC Board Meeting Comments

Dear OC Board,

On schools:

What are you doing to protect your citizens? What are you doing to reduce the spread of the virus? How can you allow schools to reopen when the virus is more rampant than when they originally shut down? Will you give teachers and other educational staff hazard pay for putting their lives on the line? What will you do in a few years when it's proven that coronavirus causes brain, heart, and lung damage to all of these workers? Death isn't the only concern here.

What would you recommend schools send out when the first teacher dies from coronavirus complications? What about the first student? Children are not immune from this. There already are children and teenagers contracting this virus. Few have died, but isn't that a few too many? How many kids will have to live with permanent damage after this?

Allowing schools, even businesses, to open up without taking proper precautions is inane.

What happens when (not if) there is an outbreak at a school? That is another interruption to learning that was unplanned for. It is much easier for teachers to plan meaningful distance learning when they can plan ahead of time. No, this is not ideal and is difficult for many families. But what family would say a month or two of having their kid back at school is worth their child's life? Their spouse's life? Their own?

On masks:
A mask doesn't infringe on anyone's freedom any more than being required to wear a bra, or wear a seatbelt. We are all used to "no shirt, no shoes, no service". How is a mask any different? Study after study conducted by highly educated and trained scientists and doctor prove the benefit of masks in preventing the spread of airborne diseases, such as COVID-19. How can a government allow a swath of ignorant bullies to force them against the public

interest? The United States of America is supposed to "provide for the common defense, promote general welfare" as stated in the preamble of the constitution.

Step up and promote the welfare of your people.

Kelsey Sundman

Guillen, Dora

From: Leslie Harroun <leslie.meetup@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:25 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comment for Board Meeting

I tried unsuccessfully for a number of weeks to get tested for COVID in June and was turned away for 1) lack of available appointments and 2) lack of symptoms. While LA County had made testing available for all, I could find no such place in Orange County. Now, unfortunately, it seems there is also a shortage of tests in LA County. Is there any hope on the horizon for testing for asymptomatic people? It seems like expanded voluntary testing is necessary for re-opening.

Thank you,

Leslie Harroun
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Guillen, Dora

From: My Vo Luong <mvoluong@saddleback.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:19 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for upcoming Board meetings

Proper precautions need to be put in place if students are expected to be physically present

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