

**Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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To whom it may concern,

I do not feel safe personally attending the Board of Supervisors meeting since the enforcement of mask wearing is NOT being enforced inside, or out, during the meetings, and no precautionary measures are being taken to sterilize doors or objects between speakers.

Therefore as a Homeless Advocate I would like my public comment read at this mornings OCBOS meeting under agenda item #25

HEALTH CARE AGENCY

25. Receive and file status report and approve continuance of local health emergency and local emergency related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and set review to determine need for continuing local emergency

Public comment:

Due to the on-going complications relative to COVID -19 outbreaks in local shelters aka Navigation Centers our volunteer street outreach and engagement network has found evidence that 'handfuls' of unhoused folks are foregoing the 'offer for shelters' by local Anaheim and Buena Park law enforcement as well as CityNet teams.

A choice for 'some' to avoid congregate living conditions with the probability of Covid exposure at this time is reasonable.

What is not reasonable is to find a shortage of OCHCA outreach and engagement teams out there offering more than a shelter, especially for those that are older (60 yrs plus) coupled with their substance use disorder.

I'm asking that more funding find it's way to OCHCA outreach & engagement teams along with CARES Act funding to temporarily open up a few motel/hotel rooms for 30-60-90 days while COVID numbers decrease and the weather warms up in the City of Buena Park and West Anaheim where we see a need.

Thank you for your time

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