

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Adair, Cynthia <Cynthia.Adair@dignitymemorial.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:30 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Regarding Item #48 on the June 23rd board agenda

I support the mask order.

While I agree opening is inevitable and necessary to keep our country moving. But it should be done through reasoned, measured guidance from the scientific and healthcare communities, this includes the continued wearing of face coverings and maintaining social distance.

Thank you,

Cynthia Adair
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From: Wally Rick Rodriguez <wallyrick77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:10 AM
To: COB_Response; Wally Rick Rodriguez
Subject: Wally Rick Rodriguez - Reference Item #48 on the June 23rd board agenda - Mandatory Mask Requirement

I believe masks should still be required in OC. Disease transmission continues at an alarming rate. People shopping in stores should be required to wear mask to protect the less vulnerable health wise. There are many people at high risk who should not feel threatened to go into stores. If everyone wore a mask at least while shopping I believe it could make a difference from spreading the covid virus.

Mask should NOT be required if you are in the open air outside or beach, although I highly recommend we enforce this when inside stores. I would consider stores as: any store, market, mall, drug store, restaurant as we wait, doctors offices, and any other location you think if acceptable.

*****Reference Item #48 on the June 23rd board agenda - Mandatory Mask Requirement*****

Thank you

In Appreciation,

Wally Rick Rodriguez

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Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Tricia Homrighausen <triciaanne@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:14 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: #48

Keep OC safe.
Keep the masks!

Tricia and Art Homrighausen

Sent from my iPhone

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Julie Cheng <cinnamon926@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:40 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for upcoming Board meetings

Dear Board of supervisors,

I was disappointed to see that you have changed the mandatory mask order. I don't think it's enough to strongly recommend masks because it is most effective if everyone wears it to protect one another. If we are to give the message of "Do whatever you want, at your own risk," instead of "We are in this together," we are never going to be able to contain Covid-19 in our community. Even the World Health Organization has changed its guidance of wearing face coverings on June 5 to if there is widespread community spread, and especially in settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained, governments should encourage the general public to wear a fabric mask. The US Navy's Bureau of Medicine and CDC found that servicemen who wore face coverings had lower rate of infection versus those who did not wear face coverings on the ship. Dr. Birx was very clear on her statement of the role of face coverings in curbing the spread of COVID-19 because people are more contagious when they are presymptomatic. I believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. As the numbers of new cases go up in our county and as more businesses are open, it is even more important to mandate the safest preventive practices to slow the rate of infection. In my opinion, people look to you, our community leaders, to make rules to make sure our county continues to be the safest place to live. As a doctor, I would like more support from the board to slow the rate of Covid-19 infections by mandating face coverings in indoor businesses and places where people cannot always maintain 6 feet physical distance, in addition to washing hands, respiratory hygiene, and social distancing. With the exception of children under 2 years, people who can't remove their own masks and people with respiratory diseases that prevent them from wearing masks, I do not think it's too imposing to ask people to put on a mask. I also would like to see an intense public health education campaign on how to properly wear face covering in public.

Sincerely,

Julie Cheng, MD, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Sherry Kallab <sherrykallab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:07 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for item #48 on the June 23rd board agenda

Board Members of the Orange County Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my concern of the change from mandatory to recommend for masks in public. I agree everyone has their rights but when another person's right to refuse to wear a mask can have a serious and negative effect on other people, businesses and our economy it is no longer their right.

When does my right not to wear a mask infringe on the rights of others?

Your right not to wear a mask infringes on the rights of others when it substantially interferes with another person's physical or mental health, when it threatens or intimidates another person.

The wearing of masks to aid in slowing the spread of Covid 19 has been proven in many studies:

1) COVID-19 Update--6/14/20

The Opening Experiment—Gambling With Your Life Jenn Greenhall MD., PhD

"More than fifty countries now require face masks in public. According to a British modeling study released Wednesday, population-wide face mask use could reduce COVID-19 transmission to manageable levels even without lockdowns in some cases (2). These analyses help to explain why some countries with ~100% public facemask use have experienced significantly lower rates of infection and deaths. A recent WHO study further supports these conclusions (3). A different study estimates that between April and May, public facemask mandates alone were associated with 78,000 fewer infections in Italy and 66,000 fewer in New York City though this study is receiving significant criticism for their methods (4). Regardless, multiple lines of evidence suggest that mitigation strategies like social distancing in the U.S. will not adequately protect the public without mandated face coverings."

2) Science Daily:

Date: June 12, 2020

Source:

Texas A&M University

Summary:

A study has found that not wearing a face mask dramatically increases a person's chances of being infected by the COVID-19 virus.

3) Mayo Clinic

Can face masks help prevent the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19? Yes, face masks combined with other preventive measures, such as frequent hand-washing and social distancing, help slow the spread of the virus.

So why weren't face masks recommended at the start of the pandemic? At that time, experts didn't yet know the extent to which people with COVID-19 could spread the virus before symptoms appeared. Nor was it known that some people have COVID-19 but don't have any symptoms. Both groups can unknowingly spread the virus to others.

These discoveries led the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to do an about-face on face masks. The CDC updated its guidance to recommend widespread use of simple cloth face coverings to help prevent transmission of the virus by people who have COVID-19 but don't know it.

All members of the public should be free to go to essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, doctors, hospitals, auto repair, etc without fear of other people not taking a simple precaution to avoid spreading the virus to them. Without the mandatory requirement I have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people not masking in some of these businesses.

In addition, removal of the mask mandatory policy is just the first victory step from a group determined to take away all precautionary measures for Covid 19 such as contact tracing, vaccine, etc.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration in this matter.

Sherry Kallab
Concerned Orange County Resident

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Marilyn Elliott <fauxelliott@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:45 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Item #48 6-23 board agenda

I wholeheartedly believe masks should still be required in Orange County. COVID19 cases are on the rise in Orange County and with the reopening of some businesses, masks are needed more than ever!

Thank you,
Marilyn Elliott
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Sent from my iPhone

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Jonathan Beer <jon.beer@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:35 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: June 23 - Item 48

- Orange County cases of COVID-19 have been increasing steadily throughout this past week. Lifting the face mask order only endangers more people as our county reopens.
- It is **irresponsible** to remove the order mandating face masks when **Orange County has the 4th highest number of cases among California's fifty eight counties.**
- A universal mask policy protects everyone in our community including the most vulnerable. The only way our community can safely reopen is with a universal mask policy. Please order the Orange County Public health officer to **REINSTATE** the universal mask policy.

Sent from my iPhone

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Brianna Marie Finnell <bfinnell@uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:27 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: june 23 meeting #48

Hello

My name is Brianna Finnell. I am 30 years old and live in Orange County.

I have asthma, lung polyps and chronic bronchitis which puts me in the at risk category if I contract covid 19.

I am writing because I would like to express the need to keep the local emergency order and keep continuing healthy practices in Orange County especially in regards to mask policies.

There is plenty of scientific evidence that is currently being released that proves the effective nature of masks in reducing the spread of covid 19 and other diseases.

This is a recent study released by Texas A&M

<https://today.tamu.edu/2020/06/12/texas-am-study-face-masks-critical-in-preventing-spread-of-covid-19/>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-fluid-mechanics/article/flow-physics-of-covid19/476E32549012B3620D2452F30F2567F1>

I hope that you reconsider implementing the mask order to protect younger vulnerable people who could die like myself.

Thank you

Brianna Finnell

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: LawRoc55@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:38 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: June 23rd Meeting, Item #48

Dear Supervisors:

Please reinstate your mandatory mask order. I ask you to refer to recent U.S. published studies which prove the effectiveness of masks in preventing the spread of Covid-19. (see June 13, 2020 study <https://www.forbes.com/sites/alicegwalton/2020/06/13/face-masks-may-be-the-key-determinant-of-the-covid-19-curve-study-suggests/>, June 1, 2020 study [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31183-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31183-1/fulltext), and <https://academic.oup.com/jtm/article/27/3/taaa056/5822103>).

Furthermore, scientists at Cambridge University published a new study on June 10, 2020 proving the effectiveness of masks. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-masks-study-idUSKBN23G37V>

Additionally, European doctors at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.13553> and Asian doctors at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.07353> all have concluded the same, i.e. that wearing cloth masks will protect others from micro-droplets expelled by the wearer, which is accomplished by humidity forming inside the mask which weighs down the droplets. Said studies predict that if 80% of the population wore masks then a second wave and thousands of deaths may be avoided.

These published medical studies represent the standard of care that masks best protect your constituents. New infections and hospitalizations are the highest to date in Orange County, and we must be more vigilant than ever. Please make masks mandatory when in public.

Sincerely,
Wendy L Fund, Coto de Caza

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Karen McRae <kdawg00@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:36 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Re: Item #48 for 6/23 Agenda

Board of Supervisors:

As a resident of Westminster, I am writing to demand that you reinstate the mandatory mask-wearing order in Orange County.

Wearing a mask has been proven to slow the spread of the virus. Experts in the field have stated as much time and again. Why, then, with cases still on the rise, would you **not** make it mandatory for the public? Wearing a mask is in the best interest of EVERYONE, even those who feel burdened by having to do so. A recently recorded case demonstrated the efficacy of masks when COVID-positive hair dressers DID NOT INFECT any of their 70 clients because both they and their clients wore masks.

States that have not required mask-wearing are seeing a steep increase in their COVID cases; in Arizona cases have increased by 77% in the past few weeks!!

Requiring people to wear a mask in public is your duty because this is a matter of public safety. It's ludicrous that you would willingly choose to ignore scientific data and let outspoken antagonists, concerned with their own comfort, endanger the community at large!

Wearing a mask does not infringe on any personal rights, nor does it inhibit the wearers from being able to go about their business. Plus, by lawfully requiring the public to wear masks, you are supporting and lending credibility to the businesses who are doing the same.

Masks slow the spread of the virus, period. Since this falls into your hands, it is your duty to protect our community and require the wearing of masks.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Karen McRae
Westminster, CA

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Mickey Shaw <mickeyshaw32@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 5:20 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Re item #48

The wearing of a mask, is not "anarchist or communist." It is a science-based solution to curbing the spread of the virus. There are numerous research studies as well as examples, worldwide, that show its effectiveness. South Korea, Hong Kong, and New Zealand have successfully stopped the spread using masks, social distancing and hand washing.

Wearing a mask is respectful for the other people around you. It is responsible and considerate of other people's health and wellbeing, especially essential workers, first responders and healthcare providers.

If the spread of the virus is slowed, then the economy can recover. But if the virus gets worse, then the economy will not recover and, worse case, we will need to go back to lockdown.

Marilyn Shaw, M.P.H.

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Jon Griffin <jxgriffi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:00 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: 6/23 Meeting Agenda Item 48 - Face Coverings

In reference to Agenda item 48 on June 23rd (FACE COVERINGS)

I would like to voice my opinion that face coverings should be REQUIRED in Orange County. Based on CDC recommendations.

Face coverings, while for some can be uncomfortable, is NOT an infringement on people's liberties. They do not limit anything people can actually do.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-feet social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Thank you for your consideration
Jon Griffin
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Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Barbara Schilling - GMAIL <harper0117@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:53 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: re: Item #48 on the June 23rd board agenda

After seeing the horrible way Dr. Quick was treated by the board of supervisors and many of the speakers, I am appalled. I can not believe you did not defend her when she was doxed at a BOS meeting. She was doing her job. Instead, you followed the mob.

There is a very vocal minority complaining about wearing masks. The majority of us feel it's necessary. Since we know there is still reason to be extremely careful since OC has not reached its peak.

Reopening the cities and counties without following strict requirements like social distancing and mask makes me feel less safe and less likely to go out.

Orange County cases and hospitalizations keep going up. We haven't peaked yet. There is no good reason to relax the mask requirement. How many people have to die or become seriously ill before you get your priorities straight?

Barbara Ellen

"Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination,
and life to everything."
~ Plato ~

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Aharonit Elior <aharoniteliior@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:30 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for upcoming Board meetings

Dear Board Members,

The priority for our budget should be to invest in supplies for our healthcare workers to help fight against the current pandemic with number of cases steadily rising every day, and towards education and social services to make the community a better and safer place.

It shows a real lack of understanding or care about the current climate to maintain or increase spending on the sheriffs department over these other much-needed services.

Please address in todays meeting how you plan to re-allocate resources from the bloated police budget to health, social, and educational departments.

Thank you,
Aharonit Elior, concerned citizen of Orange

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Marcia Mack <marcia@marciamack.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:08 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Comments for upcoming Board meetings

Importance: High

Supervisors:

In case you haven't been following the numbers, Orange County cases of COVID-19 have been increasing steadily throughout this past week. Lifting the face mask order will significantly endanger more people as our county attempts to reopen.

It is irresponsible to remove the order mandating face masks when Orange County has the 4th highest number of cases among California's fifty eight counties.

YOU MUST order the Orange County Public health officer to REINSTATE the universal mask policy. It is the board of supervisors sworn responsibility to protect everyone in our community -- including the most vulnerable. It is not a question of personal freedom, it is about public health, social responsibility and caring for all in our community. Business can reopen *and* comply with safety protocols to protect the people of Orange County.

Sincerely,
Marcia Mack
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