

From: Khoat Nguyen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Remote Public Comments

Dear Mayor Rickman and City council,

My name is Alex and I am a registered voter in Tracy, CA. I am writing to you today to ask what you are doing, as the mayor and city council, to ensure that your officers are not abusing their power and are held accountable for their actions.

After witnessing the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, I am left feeling outraged, frustrated, and hurt. The system has failed yet another black man and we are anxiously waiting to see if the officers responsible for his death will face consequences.

As a resident of Tracy, I want to make sure that my local police department is taking the necessary preventative measures to ensure that incidents like this will not occur in the future. So I ask:

- Are the police officers in the Tracy Police Department being trained to de-escalate altercations by using peaceful conflict resolution strategies?
- Are the police officers in the TPD forbidden from using carotid restraints (chokeholds, strangleholds, etc.) and hog-tying methods? Furthermore, are they forbidden from transporting civilians in uncomfortable positions, such as face down in a vehicle?
- Are the police officers in the TPD required to intervene if they witness another officer using excessive force? Will officers be reprimanded if they fail to intervene?
- Are the police officers in the TPD forbidden from shooting at moving vehicles?

- Is there a clear and enforced use-of-force continuum that details what weapons and force are acceptable in a wide variety of civilian-police interactions?
- Are the officers in the TPD required to exhaust every other possible option before using excessive force?
- Are the officers in the TPD required to give a verbal warning to civilians before drawing their weapon or using excessive force?
- Are the officers in the TPD required to report each time they threaten to or use force on civilians?
- Are the officers in the TPD thoroughly vetted to ensure that they do not have a history with abuse, racism, xenophobia, homophobia / transphobia, or discrimination?
- Are the officers in the TPD trained to perform and seek necessary medical action after using excessive force?
- Is there an early intervention system enforced to correct officers who use excessive force? Additionally, how many complaints does an officer have to receive before they are reprimanded? Before they are terminated? More than three complaints are unacceptable.

Statistics have indicated that by enforcing these policies, there is a significant decrease in civilian complaints and injury due to excessive force. If any of the policies are not currently in place, then what is being done to ensure that they are going to be enforced in the near future? What can I do, as a concerned citizen, to set these policies in motion?

I also want to increase the level of trust between the police department and the community. To establish trust, there has to be transparency. I would like to see the Tracy Police Department collect and report data on civilian deaths that occurred in custody and as a result of an officer's use of excessive force. The data should be broken down by demographics and should showcase the race, gender, sexuality,

and religion of the civilians. Allowing the public access to this information will show us where we, as a community, fall short.

Thank you for your time and I hope that we can work together to protect the Tracy community.

Sincerely,
Alex D

From: Martha Villarreal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>; Rhodesia Ransom
<rhodesia.ransom@cityoftracy.org>; Sekou Millington <sekou.millington@TracyPD.com>
Subject: Public Comment: Items from the Audience/Comment for Non-Agendized Item

Dear Mayor Rickman and City Council members,

I applaud the Council members who attended the peaceful protest organized by our Tracy youth on Sunday, May 30, 2020. In particular, I thank City Council member Rhodesia Ransom and Chief Millington for their leadership. You are role models for other cities, state, and national leaders. I am proud to live in this city where the citizens are allowed to exercise their First Amendment right to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. I am proud to live in a city where police, and the citizens they serve, can share a moment of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Villarreal

[REDACTED]

Tracy, CA. 95376

From: Aaron Burg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3E - Masks in Businesses

Dear City Council,

I would like to express my support for requiring the wearing of face coverings at businesses and the Farmers Market in Tracy.

While there is lots of chatter online about the efficacy of wearing a mask, the science shows that reducing the spread of aerosols and droplets has been proven to combat the asymptomatic spread of COVID-19.

To quote from the an article published 27 May 2020 on [sciencemag.org](https://science.sciencemag.org) (link below/PDF attached):

Infectious aerosol particles can be released during breathing and speaking by asymptomatic infected individuals. No masking maximizes exposure, whereas universal masking results in the least exposure.

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2020/05/27/science.abc6197>

I encourage the counsel to review this article and use fact-based science to make their decision. It would be unfortunate if we were forced to shut back to this fall when (not if) a second wave if infections hit. Many of the Asian countries have proven that masks have cut transmission rates while letting them keep their economies open.

Letting everyone decide on their own sounds nice, except it does nothing to protect us from asymptomatic spreaders. As a society

and republic, we agree to give up some personal liberties for the common health. This includes wearing shoes and shirts in food establishments, not allowing non-service animals into the market or restaurants, and requiring food safety procedures.

*Assuming SARS-CoV-2 virions are contained in submicron aerosols, as is the case for influenza virus, a good comparison is exhaled cigarette smoke, which also contains submicron particles and will likely follow comparable flows and dilution patterns. **The distance from a smoker at which one smells cigarette smoke indicates the distance in those surroundings at which one could inhale infectious aerosols.***

Note that even when someone is smoking outside, at least we can smell it and move away. COVID-19 doesn't afford us that luxury before it makes us sick.

Sincerely,
Aaron Burg
Tracy, CA

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Reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2

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Masks and testing are necessary to combat asymptomatic spread in aerosols and droplets

Respiratory infections occur through the transmission of virus-containing droplets (>5 to $10\ \mu\text{m}$) and aerosols ($\leq 5\ \mu\text{m}$) exhaled from infected individuals during breathing, speaking, coughing, and sneezing. Traditional respiratory disease control measures are designed to reduce transmission by droplets produced in the sneezes and coughs of infected individuals. However, a large proportion of the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) appears to be occurring through airborne transmission of aerosols produced by asymptomatic individuals during breathing and speaking (1–3). Aerosols can accumulate, remain infectious in indoor air for hours, and be easily inhaled deep into the lungs. For society to resume, measures designed to reduce aerosol transmission must be implemented, including universal masking and regular, widespread testing to identify and isolate infected asymptomatic individuals.

Humans produce respiratory droplets ranging from 0.1 to $1000\ \mu\text{m}$. A competition between droplet size, inertia, gravity, and evaporation determines how far emitted droplets and aerosols will travel in air (4, 5). Respiratory droplets will undergo gravitational settling faster than they evaporate, contaminating surfaces and leading to contact transmission. Smaller aerosols ($\leq 5\ \mu\text{m}$) will evaporate faster than they can settle, are buoyant, and thus can be affected by air currents, which can transport them over longer distances. Thus, there are two major respiratory virus transmission pathways: contact (direct or indirect between people and with contaminated surfaces) and airborne inhalation.

In addition to contributing to the extent of dispersal and mode of transmission, respiratory droplet size has been shown to affect the severity of disease. For example, influenza virus is more commonly contained in aerosols with sizes below $1\ \mu\text{m}$ (submicron), which lead to more severe infection (4). In the case of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), it is possible that submicron virus-containing aerosols are being transferred deep into the alveolar region of the lungs, where immune responses seem to be temporarily bypassed. SARS-CoV-2 has been shown to replicate three times faster than SARS-CoV-1 and thus can rapidly spread to the pharynx from which it can be shed before the innate immune response becomes activated and produces symptoms (6). By the time symptoms occur,

the patient has transmitted the virus without knowing.

Identifying infected individuals to curb SARS-CoV-2 transmission is more challenging compared to SARS and other respiratory viruses because infected individuals can be highly contagious for several days, peaking on or before symptoms occur (2, 7). These “silent shedders” could be critical drivers of the enhanced spread of SARS-CoV-2. In Wuhan, China, it has been estimated that undiagnosed cases of COVID-19 infection, who were presumably asymptomatic, were responsible for up to 79% of viral infections (3). Therefore, regular, widespread testing is essential to identify and isolate infected asymptomatic individuals.

Airborne transmission was determined to play a role during the SARS outbreak in 2003 (1, 4). However, many countries have not yet acknowledged airborne transmission as a possible pathway for SARS-CoV-2 (1). Recent studies have shown that in addition to droplets, SARS-CoV-2 may also be transmitted through aerosols. A study in hospitals in Wuhan, China, found SARS-CoV-2 in aerosols further than 6 ft from patients with higher concentrations detected in more crowded areas (8). Estimates using an average sputum viral load for SARS-CoV-2 indicate that 1 min of loud speaking could generate >1000 virion-containing aerosols (9). Assuming viral titers for infected super-emitters (with 100-fold higher viral load than average) yields an increase to more than 100,000 virions in emitted droplets per minute of speaking.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for social distancing of 6 ft and hand washing to reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 are based on studies of respiratory droplets carried out in the 1930s. These studies showed that large, $\sim 100\ \mu\text{m}$ droplets produced in coughs and sneezes quickly underwent gravitational settling (1). However, when these studies were conducted, the technology did not exist for detecting submicron aerosols. As a comparison, calculations predict that in still air, a $100\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ droplet will settle to the ground from 8 ft in 4.6 s whereas a $1\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ aerosol particle will take 12.4 hours (4). Measurements now show that intense coughs and sneezes that propel larger droplets more than 20 ft can also create thousands of aerosols that can travel even further (1). Increasing evidence for SARS-CoV-2 suggests the 6 ft WHO recommendation is

likely not enough under many indoor conditions where aerosols can remain airborne for hours, accumulate over time, and follow air flows over distances further than 6 ft (5, 10).

In outdoor environments, numerous factors will determine the concentrations and distance traveled, and whether respiratory viruses remain infectious in aerosols. Breezes and winds often occur and can transport infectious droplets and aerosols long distances. Asymptomatic individuals who are speaking while exercising can release infectious aerosols that can be picked up by air streams (10). Viral concentrations will be more rapidly diluted outdoors, but few studies have been carried out on outdoor transmission of SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, SARS-CoV-2 can be inactivated by ultraviolet radiation in sunlight, and it is likely sensitive to ambient temperature and relative humidity, as well as the presence of atmospheric aerosols that occur in highly polluted areas. Viruses can attach to other particles such as dust and pollution, which can modify the aerodynamic characteristics and increase dispersion. Moreover, people living in areas with higher concentrations of air pollution have been shown to have higher severity of COVID-19 (11). Because respiratory viruses can remain airborne for prolonged periods before being inhaled by a potential host, studies are needed to characterize the factors leading to loss of infectivity over time in a variety of outdoor environments over a range of conditions.

Given how little is known about the production and airborne behavior of infectious respiratory droplets, it is difficult to define a safe distance for social distancing. Assuming SARS-CoV-2 virions are contained in submicron aerosols, as is the case for influenza virus, a good comparison is exhaled cigarette smoke, which also contains submicron particles and will likely follow comparable flows and dilution patterns. The distance from a smoker at which one smells cigarette smoke indicates the distance in those surroundings at which one could inhale infectious aerosols. In an enclosed room with asymptomatic individuals, infectious aerosol concentrations can increase over time. Overall, the probability of becoming infected indoors will depend on the total amount of SARS-CoV-2 inhaled. Ultimately, the amount of ventilation, number of people, how long one visits an indoor facility, and activities that affect air flow will all modulate viral transmission pathways and exposure (10). For these reasons, it is important to wear properly fitted masks indoors even when 6 ft apart. Airborne transmission could account, in part, for the high secondary transmission rates to medical staff, as well as major outbreaks in nursing facilities. The minimum dose of SARS-CoV-2 that leads to infection is unknown, but airborne transmission through aerosols has been documented for other respiratory viruses including measles, SARS, and chickenpox (4).

Airborne spread from undiagnosed infections will con-

tinuously undermine the effectiveness of even the most vigorous testing, tracing, and social distancing programs. After evidence revealed that airborne transmission by asymptomatic individuals might be a key driver in the global spread of COVID-19, the WHO recommended universal use of face masks. Masks provide a critical barrier, reducing the number of infectious viruses in exhaled breath, especially of asymptomatic people and those with mild symptoms (12) (see the figure). Surgical mask material reduces the likelihood and severity of COVID-19 by substantially reducing airborne viral concentrations (13). Masks also protect uninfected individuals from SARS-CoV-2 aerosols (12, 13). Thus, it is particularly important to wear masks in locations with conditions that can accumulate high concentrations of viruses, such as health care settings, airplanes, restaurants, and other crowded places with reduced ventilation. The aerosol filtering efficiency of different materials, thicknesses, and layers used in properly fitted homemade masks was recently found to be similar to that of the medical masks that were tested (14). Thus, the option of universal masking is no longer held back by shortages.

From epidemiological data, countries that have been most effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 have implemented universal masking, including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea. In the battle against COVID-19, Taiwan (population 24 million, first COVID-19 case 21 January 2020) did not implement a lockdown during the pandemic, yet maintained a low incidence of 441 cases and 7 deaths (as of 21 May 2020). By contrast, the state of New York (population ~20 million, first COVID case 1 March 2020), had a higher number of cases (353,000) and deaths (24,000). By quickly activating its epidemic response plan that was established after the SARS outbreak, the Taiwanese government enacted a set of proactive measures that successfully prevented the spread of SARS-CoV-2, including setting up a central epidemic command center in January, using technologies to detect and track infected patients and their close contacts, and perhaps most importantly, requesting people to wear masks in public places. The government also ensured the availability of medical masks by banning mask manufacturers from exporting them, implementing a system to ensure that every citizen could acquire masks at reasonable prices, and increasing the production of masks. In other countries, there have been widespread shortages of masks, resulting in most residents not having access to any form of medical mask (15). This striking difference in the availability and widespread adoption of wearing masks likely influenced the low number of COVID-19 cases.

Aerosol transmission of viruses must be acknowledged as a key factor leading to the spread of infectious respiratory diseases. Evidence suggests that SARS-CoV-2 is silently spreading in aerosols exhaled by highly contagious infected

individuals with no symptoms. Owing to their smaller size, aerosols may lead to higher severity of COVID-19 because virus-containing aerosols penetrate more deeply into the lungs (10). It is essential that control measures be introduced to reduce aerosol transmission. A multidisciplinary approach is needed to address a wide range of factors that lead to the production and airborne transmission of respiratory viruses, including the minimum virus titer required to cause COVID-19; viral load emitted as a function of droplet size before, during, and after infection; viability of the virus indoors and outdoors; mechanisms of transmission; airborne concentrations; and spatial patterns. More studies of the filtering efficiency of different types of masks are also needed. COVID-19 has inspired research that is already leading to a better understanding of the importance of airborne transmission of respiratory disease.

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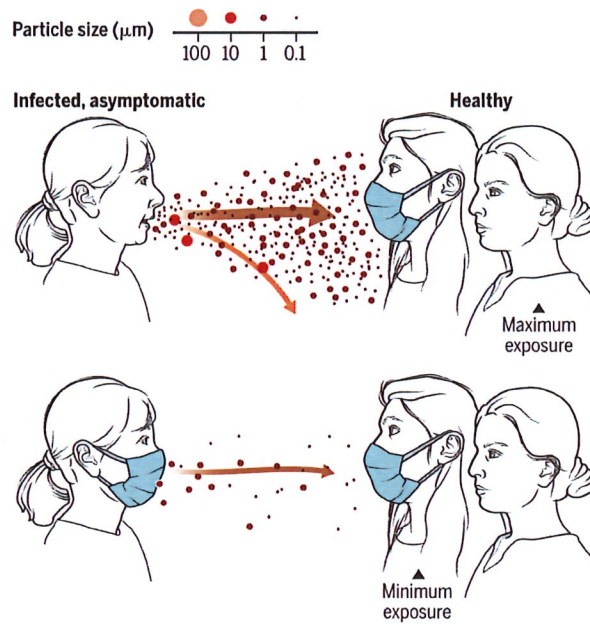
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Masks reduce airborne transmission

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From: Anne Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:27:55 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: masks

Hello,

I am asking that you do not force our community to wear masks. It is working well now as we are each given a choice to wear one if our personal situation warrants it. I have friends who have been coming to Tracy from Livermore to shop for groceries mask free. Personally, I have done so much research and have tried to find a reason for myself to wear a mask and I cannot. Plus I find the mask causes me anxiety. I appreciate a community where we are respected to make our own decisions.

Thank you,

Anne T

From: Brandi Marotta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item 3e

Council Members,

In regards to Agenda item 3e, Adoption of Facemasks, please vote no.

Recently, on May 28th, the World Health Organization recommended healthy people, including those who don't exhibit Covid-19 symptoms, only wear masks when taking care of someone infected with the contagion.

It should be up to each individual to choose if they want to wear a face mask, not forcefully mandated.

Vote no.

Brandi Marotta

From: Brett MacManus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: 3E

Dear Council Members:

It has come to my attention that you all are considering an emergency order to make it mandatory to wear masks while in essential businesses and the farmers market. One of the things that makes America great is we have freedom of choice. We have the freedom to wear a mask, we have the freedom to not wear a mask. It's our choice and we should have the freedom to live our lives how we see fit.

To give an example of why wearing a mask is just plain stupid, I have seen on several occasions where a mask wearer had to sneeze and guess what? They lifted off their mask to sneeze. Why? Because they don't want to have snot pressed against their face for an extended period of time. By lifting the mask, that totally defeats the purpose correct? Another example is a personal one. I went into the UPS store where I didn't know they had a mask policy and they wouldn't let me send a package. Ok, well that is their choice so I pulled my t-shirt up over my nose and that was apparently ok. If I had coughed or sneezed or anything, that t-shirt wouldn't have done anything to stop it, but the perception that I had a face covering on was sufficient and made everyone feel better I guess. It's called a placebo effect. Months into a pandemic isn't the time to all of the sudden say "hey, we should all start wearing masks now". The numbers are not rising in Tracy anything remotely considerable so not sure where this is coming from other than a few people who are scared and want to see this enacted. Just say no.

People need fresh air and they need to breathe freely. Leave it up to the businesses on whether or not they want their patrons to wear a mask... Costco did and seems to be working for them.

Please don't pass this and make masks mandatory.

Best,

Brett MacManus

Account Executive - West Region

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From: Evans, Dan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: 3E Facemask Requirement

I vote NO.

This should not be a requirement. We've all done what we were told, in good faith. This issue is quickly becoming a government overreach concern. Do the right thing for the citizens of Tracy. Allow people FREEDOME OF CHOICE.

Thank you,

Dan Evans, PMP

-----Original Message-----

From: Danette Powell

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:49 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: The use of medical masks in the community may create a false sense of security

There is limited evidence that wearing a medical mask by healthy individuals in the households or among contacts of a sick patient, or among attendees of mass gatherings may be beneficial as a preventive measure. However, there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.

Medical masks should be reserved for health care workers.

The use of medical masks in the community may create a false sense of security, with neglect of other essential measures, such as hand hygiene practices and physical distancing, and may lead to touching the face under the masks and under the eyes.

Danette Powell

Tracy Ca

From: David Mercurio [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: MASKS

City Council,

I am not in favor of wearing a mask. Please let the individual make the decision for themselves. I don't believe we need anymore government intrusion.

Thank you,

David Mercurio

From: Debbie Jensen Pehle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:42:41 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Order Requiring Facial Masks.

Dear City of Tracy

I am writing in regards to the order you are voting on Tuesday Evening Requiring Masks in Essential Business's and Farmers Market.

I would like to encourage you to please vote No at this time and re address the situation once there has been more time to see where the Covid 19 number of cases are at? If they are In fact going down, why can't individuals practice mask wearing on their own without the City mandating it? I personally am wearing a mask because I feel more comfortable doing so at this present time, however, I fully support others right to choose.

In addition, if it's only for essential business and farmers market how will that be helpful as other non essential businesses and restaurants open and masks are not required there? It seems like it defeats the purpose so why make this a mandate.

I believe encouraging the people of City of Tracy to wear masks is a good idea and many people are doing so.

If this was truly necessary at any time, it should of been done at the very beginning of the pandemic and was not! If that had happened, the requirement would likely be lifting due to declining numbers happening now.

If the numbers increase in the future then it would make sense to revisit the mandate.

Thank you for your time!

Debra Jensen
28 year Tracy Resident

From: dselestial <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Mandatory Masks

Under NO circumstances should you vote to make these mandatory! Honor our Constitution and the Freedom of our country! Mask wearing needs to be a personal choice!

In addition, the numbers surrounding the fatality rate of contracting Covid-19 is simply NOT there for you to try to force this on the people of Tracy.

Plus, how would you remotely hope to enforce this? Wasting precious law enforcement resources!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

----- Original message -----

From: Dwayne Koski [REDACTED]

Date: 6/1/20 2:44 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: publiccommeny@cityoftracy.org

Subject: Making mask mandatory

I feel it should be my choice whether to wear a mask or not.

Thanks

From: EP EP <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Do not allow masks issue to be approved

Hello, I am writing to express my thoughts on masks having to be worn at all times in our city of Tracy. I oppose this strongly. I have noticed since I opened my store back up only about twenty percent of my customers have masks on. At this point I feel it should be up to the individual person to wear a mask or not. Should not be directed from our city council. I feel our residents that do not want to wear one would even go to Stanislaus County to shop and avoid all of this. Which would take money away from our great town of Tracy. The residents have been through enough, let me them make their own decision.

Thank you!

Elaine Pombo

Co/owner of Elaines Boutique

Proud resident of Tracy

From: HunterCookJames . [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Requirement of face masks in public spaces

No

From: james clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Mask

To who it may concern: Regarding mask, to make someone wear a mask all times It's not necessary

PLEASE do your research: We are Americans where we have choice if you take that right away from us we just become a Communist country.

Thank
you.

Sincerely
James Clark
address [REDACTED]

From: Janessa Koski [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:52:03 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Face Masks

I believe it should be my choice if I wear a face mask. It should not be mandatory.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennica Lacey <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:19 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: No on mask obligation

Hello,

I do not think wearing masks should be mandatory. I believe we should have the freedom to choose to wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Jennica Lacey

-----Original Message-----

From: Jerod And Melissa Lea [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:16 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Mandatory Masks

Good Evening,

This email is in regards to making masks mandatory for places of business. Personally, I will not frequent any business where masks are not worn by workers and where masks are not mandatory for customers. I believe we should adopt a mandatory mask policy. Patrons of restaurants would be the only exclusion, as eating and drinking with a mask is impossible. People wearing masks cuts the transmission rate of Covid significantly. Masks are safe for most people. I hope the council will consider adopting this policy.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathy Breeden [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Mandatory Masks

I do not believe masks should be mandatory in Public!! This is a personal decision for each person. If a retailer asks me to wear a mask, I am happy to oblige them. But the city is stepping over its boundaries by requiring everyone to wear masks. They haven't even been proven to be useful and when you are in the open they are useless.

They shouldn't even be worn while exercising.

This is a ridiculous idea.

Please do not vote yes on this.

Kathleen Breeden

-----Original Message-----

From: Marcus Medina [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:26 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Subject =Idem3.E.

Good evening council members. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. My name is Marcus Medina. I've been a mobile food vendor at the Downtown Tracy Farmer's Market for 2 seasons. We love being at the Farmer's Market and have considered it our home the last 2 years. After hearing about this agenda item I decided to have a voice. I truly feel like you as a council should think hard about the risk that you are putting people in by requiring masks. Not only a requirement but punishable by law with a misdemeanor. As leaders you should not be asking others to do what you would not do. The Farmer's Market is not in air conditioned space and often times reaches extremely hot temperatures. Behind my oven in particular I bake in the sun and it can reach over 140 degrees where I stand to turn pizzas. I think we may agree that in my case, a mask would or could do more harm to me than good. I should be able to recognize my own risks and take precautions for myself based off of the situation. I am concerned about my team and the situation that they will be put in requiring them to have a mask on in the summer heat for 5 hours. I'm concerned for the other vendors that you are asking to wear a mask in the summer heat potentially creating a new health hazard by requiring them to wear masks. I'm concerned about my customers health and safety who also should have the opportunity to make a health decision for themselves. You as a council are setting us up for failure if this passes. You do not have the insight that each individual business owner has, or each person has. Yet you want to bring new law in that has the potential to cause more harm than good. It's also confusing and conflicts with other recommendations that have been made.

Before any of you vote yes on this agenda item I would like to personally invite you to work an event with me at the Farmer's Market and ask you to wear your mask the entire time you are outside baking in the sun. And when you get hot and decide that you've had enough I will remind you that you still have 4.5 hours to go. Again asking others to do something you would not do is not leadership. If I can't wear a mask, I can't ask others to do it. I hope that you all can become the leaders you think that you can be and that you were elected to be. Leaders that we all know that you are. Please allow us to make health decisions for ourselves.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Casasanta [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:29 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Idem3.E. Wearing masks I public

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mary Casasanta, I am a Registered Nurse of 34 years. This COVID-19 has sent a lot of people into panic mode. The virus has been around since probably November and now someone thinks we should be wearing masks in public. What is the point 7 months later. 90% of the people who wear masks are not wearing them correctly, what is the point. I have seen a lot of people wearing gloves out in public. This concerns me because they are spreading more germs than if they just washed their hands or used hand sanitizer. The only people who should be wearing gloves are healthcare workers caring for patients and people preparing food for the public. I have seen so many people wearing gloves in their cars then coming in to a grocery store or gas station store touching everything then touching their masks with their gloves on. One lady even lit a cigarette to her mouth with those same gloves on. Disgusting and again what is the point.

We are now allowed to be out in public and if you are eating and drinking you can't wear masks. If you are out walking or jogging or other activities for exercise you shouldn't be wearing a mask because now you are breathing in CO2 and that can kill you. If you are social distancing then you don't need masks. If you are alone then you don't need masks. I am tired of going places and being told to put on a mask by people who aren't even wearing them correctly, WHAT IS THE POINT!

If someone wants to wear a mask then fine. But if you don't want to wear a mask then you shouldn't be forced to. If someone

doesn't like it then they can stay home or stay away from the person or persons not wearing a mask.

We have NEVER been made to wear masks during any flu season before. Some people don't get vaccinated and yet have never been made to wear a mask unless you work in healthcare then you have to, but not out in public. H1N1 infected 22 million Americans and we were never made to wear masks then. Nor for the huge SARS outbreak. Why all of the sudden, 7 months later are we being made to wear masks in public. WHAT IS THE POINT!

Thank you for your time, Mary Casasanta RN Sent from my iPhone

From: Melanie Juran [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Required face coverings

I would like to request that this not be required for the city of Tracy. It is too late in the game. We have done very well without it. Most people wear them. I can not because of asthma and my son can't because of his adhd.

We are socially distancing and most people in our community are being smart and Respectful.

We have restaurants opening. Daycares open and people at stores/on walks by each other and we still do not have a ton of cases. I certainly do not see this as a need for a requirement.

If healthy people wear face coverings it is not good for them. And it only protects the healthy. 6%. It should not be a requirement.

We should have say about our health choices. These are our family choices about health and freedom.

Just as people who choose to wear them.

We need to respect our community and not put more restrictions where it's not necessary. There are bigger fish to fry at the moment

We have navigated these waters well but can't be the new normal for healthy people. There are some people who simply can't wear a mask. So a Requirement does not Seem necessary. It should be a personal choice.

Thank you
Melanie Juran

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michele Smith, M.S. Ed ECE [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:04 PM

To: Robert Rickman <Robert.Rickman@cityoftracy.org>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Public

Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: June 2 Agenda Item 3. E

Dear Tracy City Council,

In review of the proposed mandate to require wearing masks in essential business, I would like your consideration to exclude teaching staff of CA licensed child care center and home based providers serving children. The State of CA has already provided rigid regulations including social distancing, and to include the wearing of face masks in the care of children can potentially cause short and long term mental health implications.

Parents are already aware of the policies and regulations in place, and have signed admissions agreements for their children to be present in the care of a teacher without a mask.

I believe the ordinance is specific to public locations where the general public are entering and exiting locations. Child care centers are the same people entering daily, and exclude parents from entering at this time, and require the same teacher to the same children daily.

I hope these points are considered, and the council members reject the ordinance, or include the exclusion of teachers in licensed child care settings following Title 22 regulations from Health and Human Services.

Respectfully,
Michele Smith, M.S. Ed ECE
West Valley Christian Preschool Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick McDonald [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:04 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Idem3.E

I am against the mandatory mask rule I vote NO!

From: Renee Saenz [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:24 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: June 2nd meeting Item 3E

Please do Not make mask mandatory!

It should be left up to the individual if he or she chooses to wear a mask.

Please don't make that decision for me.

Sincerely,

Renee Saenz, Realtor
Keller Williams Realty
[REDACTED]

Br# 01357353

From: Rhonda Messerer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Re: Mask wearing

Please hear my voice. I am very concerned about the city mvmt to mandate mask wearing. I am a Tracy citizen. I am a RN of 25yrs. I absolutely do not believe mask should be mandatory! I understand how Covid19 is transmitted. The majority of public I observe do not practice PPE safely....wearing and rewearing contaminated(if) over and over again. As a first line worker I KNOW I will never die from Covid19. It is washing hands freq as appropriate, stay home if sick, don't stick fingers in mouth, nares or eyes, social distancing. People should wear mask if they choose to for age, immune compromised or for own comfort, and those that choose not to as they are not in vulnerable grp or fearful should not be forced. Costco has lost my business, other businesses in Tracy will lose my business if they force masks!
Thank you, Rhonda Jacobson

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Clever [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 12:22 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Idem3.E

To whom it may concern,

We have had a small business in this community for the last 15 years, and just open another restaurant a year ago in downtown. We were born and raised in Tracy we take pride in this community. We are just now starting to get back on our feet since we can be open with our employees getting back to work and our customers allowed back in with Restrictions. As we take COVID-19 very serious we fill having to wear a mask all the time will hurt our businesses and our customers would probably prefer to go to a different county where they can have a choice to wear a mask or not. Please take all business small and big into consideration
Thank you!

Rusty & Stephanie Clever

From: Scott Jacobson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Comment on agenda Item 3E for June 2nd council meeting

I am a 20 year resident of Tracy.

As I understand it, item 3E is up for consideration on the June 2nd agenda with the City Council. I believe in being safe during this pandemic outbreak, but I believe that requiring masks to be worn is unnecessary and likely accelerate the spread of the disease as people do not follow proper sterilization guidelines regarding mask sterilization and disposal and thus re-use contaminated masks. Use of contaminated masks puts all of us at a higher risk.

My opinion is that item 3E should not be passed or enforced.

Thanks,

Scott Jacobson

From: Scott Jacobson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3E on June 2nd council agenda

I am a 20 year resident of Tracy.

I am writing to express my opinion on item 3E of the upcoming June 2nd council meeting agenda.

I believe it is not necessary to require face masks for all essential business and the farmers market. I do believe that we all need to practice safe procedures during this pandemic, but I believe that masks can have the opposite effect. Most of the people that I know that always wear masks violate the sterilization procedures necessary to make mask use safe and effective. Most of them never discard their masks and do not follow proper cleaning and sterilization procedures for mask use, thus wearing contaminated masks and actually increasing the danger to themselves and others.

The pandemic numbers are reported to be on the decline and I believe that proper social distancing measures are much more safe and effective than improper mask use.

Sincerely,

Scott Jacobson

-----Original Message-----

From: Shona Mercurio [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:06 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Face Masks

To the City of Tracy,

I have heard that you are considering making face masks mandatory in the City of Tracy. I am opposed to the idea.

There are medical reasons why some people are not able to breathe well when wearing a mask. My husband, a Veteran has year round allergies and asthma. He uses a prescribed inhaler. He finds it especially hard to breathe when wearing a mask.

I predict that less people will want to shop or to dine locally if a mask is required. Our local small businesses will suffer further. My husband, due to reasons previously mentioned, will not shop at Costco due to their making a mask a requirement to enter the store.

The people are finally feeling some relief from the Shelter in Place order. Isn't it time that we continue loosening the reigns, not tightening them? Masks should be voluntary. Let us make the decision for ourselves.

Please do NOT make wearing a mask mandatory in the city of Tracy!

Thank you.

Shona Mercurio
Sent from my iPhone

From: Steve Nicolaou [REDACTED]
Date: 5/29/20 6:11 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Jenny Haruyama <Jenny.Haruyama@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Face Mask Ordinance

Hi Jenny, hope all is well.

I've gotten calls today from business people concerned about the face mask ordinance you guys are trying to implement. The concerns range from "what will I do if a customer refuses to wear a mask- I don't want a scene at my place of business and I don't want the City coming after me" to "how long will this law be on the books". You guys might want to consider a few things.

1. Making it crystal clear that a business person will not face any liability vis-a-vis the City if a customer refuses to wear a mask as long as all the proper notices are posted.
2. Have the ordinance sunset in 90 days. If near the 90 day period COVID is still a big problem, folks will be more willing to go along with another 90 day extension.
3. Consider a health and safety exception to the mask rule. For example, I have had about 4 clients that own restaurants that are concerned about the health of their cooks in having to wear masks while working over a hot grill, broiler or deep fryer. Having worked in my family's restaurant in the kitchen, from when I was 12 until I went to law school at 23, wearing a mask in a very hot kitchen during a rush would have been asphyxiating. Perhaps

requiring wellness checks at the beginning of a shift including taking temperatures of employees and documenting it in lieu of masks for those kinds of situations? I have a form that I've developed that all of my restaurant clients are in the process of implementing for all employees, both front of the house (wait staff, buspersons, hosts and hostesses) and back of the house (kitchen staff and dishwashers). I will send it to you later tonight to give you an idea of how it works. It's simple and only one page. Very user friendly.

I'm just passing these suggestions along to you so Tuesday doesn't turn into a circus, both at the virtual dais and from the virtual podium.

Thanks and have a nice weekend.

Steve Nicolaou



From: Steve Nicolaou [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Jenny Haruyama <Jenny.Haruyama@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Additional Comments re Face Mask Ordinance

Hi Jenny.

I am not sure if you will have a chance to return the message that I left for you earlier today before tomorrow's meeting, but there is one more thing I wanted to bring to your attention on the proposed face mask ordinance.

In California, there is a statute, **Business & Professions Code Section 17200** ("B & P Section 17200"), which allows a third party to sue a person or business that engages in unfair or unlawful business practices. This statute has been broadly interpreted by California courts so that the violation of a federal, state, county or local law, rules, regulation, ordinance or order can form the basis of a lawsuit under B & P Section 17200. Under B & P Section 17200, a party is allowed to collect attorney's fees.

The concern my clients and I have are this: by passing the ordinance mandating face masks to be worn at all times within "essential businesses", such as a restaurant or auto repair shop, you can open a business up to liability for a B & P Code Section 17200 lawsuit if any of its patrons are not wearing a face mask, even if social distancing protocols are being followed. In the case of restaurants, where people go to eat and drink, people would have to take their masks off when seated. All you need is some one to snap a picture of that on their cell phone, even if social distancing protocols have been implemented and use it in conjunction with an unscrupulous attorney to file a lawsuit against that business as part of a shakedown. Just like you have unscrupulous attorneys that have filed countless of lawsuits under

the American with Disabilities Act ("ADA") for technical violations of the ADA, who then shake down businesses to settle for anywhere between \$3,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to drop their "drive by" ADA lawsuit, the face mask ordinance could expose businesses to similar "drive by" lawsuits by unscrupulous attorneys for technical violations of the ordinance to shakedown businesses that have already been dealt a severe blow by the COVID shelter-in-place orders by filing a B & P Section 17200 lawsuit against a business.

Although I understand the intent of the proposed face mask ordinance is well-placed, I would strongly suggest that the City slow down and really take a hard look in terms of how it is drafted. You do not want to be doing something that could be weaponized and used against businesses, which are already on the ropes financially and emotionally, in the form of a lawsuit by greedy and unscrupulous individuals.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thanks,
Steve

Steve Nicolaou
Attorney at Law
445 W. 11th Street, Suite C
Tracy, California 95376

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Fax: (209) 832-0085
[REDACTED]

From: Susan David [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item3E masks

Please, please do not approve this item and force us to wear masks in Tracy. We have lost so much. Don't take away more of our rights and freedoms. We do not know the long term effects on breathing that much co2 for long periods. Our town is healing the way it is. Let it continue to be a choice.

Susan David

From: Traci Thoming [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Against mandating face masks.

This is out of control. Ms. Ransom is trying to turn Tracy into the bay area. Face masks SHOULD be optional. Stop forcing your fear on the citizens of Tracy! There have only been 908 positive cases out of 762,148 people, with only 34 deaths in the entire county. That is .00004% of the county population. The virus is not what they projected, yet the city council of Tracy is trying to control the Governor's narrative. Stop trying to scare people. The numbers didn't add up. The models were all wrong. Our city, state and country are in turmoil and you are trying to enforce more restrictions on good, law abiding, citizens. You should be focusing on the turmoil in our city right now, not trying to force people against their will to follow useless new mandates. Enough is enough!

I, for one, will not spend any money in Tracy if this ridiculous mandate passes.

DO THE RIGHT THING CITY COUNCIL!!!

Traci Thoming

-----Original Message-----

From: Vivian C Nuich <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 2:23 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Masks

To whom it may concern: I think mask should be a personal preference I think mask should be worn If it is uncomfortable for your customers ...when requested . I don't think it should be mandatory.

From: Junk Geni <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Mask

To whom this may concern:

I am against the mandatory wearing of mask, we have been without mask for nearly 7 months people wore them if they wanted to and other did not. We have been going to the same store dealing with the same people day after day, many of which never wore a mask and we have not had an increase in people getting sick. Now after 7 months you want to make it mandatory to wear mask that is like trying to jump on the horse after it has already left. There is no scientific proof that mask have worked and 99.9% of mask are not effective, breathing in or out, they are too porous for a virus, Plus most the time they are not worn correctly, they don't seal to the face, people don't change them out or wash them regularly. I wear a mask for work sometimes and it creates an issue with getting enough oxygen. So it is in my opinion that we missed the moment that mask should have possibly been worn, I think this is more or less a reaction to pressure rather than a safety measure at this point.

It should be considered that if mask were such the savior of not contracting the virus they should have been worn from day one, and they should have been on the minimum N95 or better but that wasn't the case and hasn't been the case. Still there is no proper measure for a proper mask to be worn. Like I mentioned earlier a homemade mask or bandanna is useless and only provides mental security for which people will walk around spreading a virus if they have it thinking they are protected.

I am against mandatory mask wearing, I hope you will use logic in your decision.

Thank You,

Will Davis



-----Original Message-----

From: Benet [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:52 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Agenda item 3F

Masks should be mandatory.

Thanks for letting citizens have a voice.

From: Victorino, Christie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:47 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: ADOPTION OF FACE COVERINGS

I vote YES on ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND THE FARMERS MARKET IN THE CITY OF TRACY. People could be asymptomatic or had the virus but are still shedding. This helps us all protect one another and our families. Our numbers are going UP!!!!!! And this can't be ignored.

Christie Victorino

From: Eric Enterline [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: No on mandatory masks

Stop spreading fear. We the public know how to be safe. The numbers are extremely lower than anticipated, so why start now? Let's not be ruled in an election year for the purpose of destroying our freedoms and attempting yet again to assassinate our President's amazing work.

Take a stand for once city council. Show us you are not bought by the bay area. My last shot at hoping this is a city I want to live in.

Eric Enterline

-----Original Message-----

From: Erika Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:22 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: NO mandatory masks.

Respectfully, I am not sick and have seasonal, allergy related, asthma. Wearing a mask causes greater difficulty and distress in breathing for me.

I should think my rights matter too. Sick should be masked, the healthy should not. There are many other reasons to not mandate masks as well. The notion of liberty at the top of the list. As long as we are a FREE people, I am free to choose. That is what liberty is all about.

Not only that, I, and many like me will refuse to wear one. If you have police try and enforce it, you all of a sudden are putting them in a very precarious situation of turning good, hard working folks into criminals. Additionally you create that ethical dilemma for your officers where by they must decide to deprive folks of their liberty in direct violation of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights or choose their jobs.

How can you ask officers to protect some people's liberties and not all people's liberties?

We already flattened the curve and prevented the overwhelming of hospitals. Mission accomplished.

Mortality rate is exponentially lower than expected, being .005%. Yes it is that low. This is good.

No predictive models have proved accurate thus far.

Probably the best question is, IS THE CITY OF TRACY prepared to take on liability and litigation that might follow relating to forcibly require a mask that harms ones overall ability to breath, then enforcement of, further illustrating you are stealing our liberties. If you're going to enforce that, then you will have to also enforce 6' distancing everywhere, including at the protests, which you are not. If that happens, you are making officers choose between their jobs or violating people's civil liberties.

Do you think our cops really need it any harder than it already is at this point in time?

If you take away my freedom to choose... what goes next?

From: Ralph Pombo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Public Masks

I am commenting regarding an item on the agenda for this evening's meeting. It has come to my attention that some want to institute the requirement of masks being worn outside in and about the City of Tracy. I have to say that I strongly disagree for the following reasons:

1. The efficacy of masks to stop the wearer from getting the Covid19 virus is currently unproven. For each study being done, another disproves the claims. Even Dr. Fauci has not made the same claims twice. He not only informed everyone that only N95 masks were of any use, but then went on 60 minutes and told everyone that no mask would help. Months later he spoke saying that cloth masks were fine. Science shows that the wearer is not protected from a virus with a common cloth mask or surgical hospital style mask.
2. It is up to an individual as to whether or not they choose to wear a mask. If a store or business decides to institute a mandatory mask wearing, then the store is responsible for turning away their own business and profits. That is their right. A city cannot be compared to a business location.
3. Today, this very moment, we are reeling from violence, looting, and business burning. Many experts believe that the shelter in place has people far more agitated than normal and that this is negatively contributing to the riots. Adding more restrictions to our daily life will only increase this agitation and further drive people into a rage.
4. The recent protests with tens of thousands of people in close proximity and many not wearing masks, have nullified most, if not all, of the gains made by sheltering in place and using

PPE. An action such as making masks a requirement, is far too late in the game to be of any use.

5. You are leaders of the community, but nothing more. You have no authority to require individuals wear a mask in open air locations within the city. This act in the name of "safety", is ridiculous.

COVID19 cases have stabilized in San Joaquin County and have begun to drop. This is far too late in the game to help in any way. Making this decision today is nothing more than "virtue signaling" and will divide our city even more. You do not want to add to the problem. Your goal should be to get the city back to a state of normalcy. I beg you to vote no on anything resembling this action.

Thank you,
Ralph Pombo

From: Sara Gomes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:08 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Re: Vote for Mandatory Masks

Dear City Council,

I am writing to you to about the matter of mask wearing in public places. Please consider all sides to this matter when it comes to the people of Tracy.

According to the latest polls from sjcphs.com, we have no new outbreaks of CV-19 this week. Our numbers are down and frankly, requiring masks in public at this late stage of the pandemic seems counterproductive.

Surgical masks or face coverings (seems anything can pass as long as the face is covered) have been stated by top medical professionals to be of little help. Even the WHO, just this last week, has stated masks should only be worn by those taking care of The suspected or actively infected and shouldn't be worn by an otherwise healthy person. <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>

My other point is the potential health risks that may arise for prolonged use of facial coverings that may include - carbon dioxide poisoning due to breathing own exhaled breath, anxiety, asthma attack, and cardiac dysrhythmias, to name a few.

I only ask that you give the people of Tracy the CHOICE and let them decide for themselves if they feel the need to wear a mask in public.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me.

Sincerely,

Sara Gomes, RN
Resident of Tracy

From: Tiffany <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Emergency Order Requiring Face Masks

Dear City Council,

I strongly oppose an order requiring masks in Essential Businesses in Tracy. I believe you should be allowed to move about our city taking precautions that are appropriate for each individual as they see fit, and businesses can do the same. We have learned a lot about this virus but we have yet to really prove the public wearing masks will slow the spread or not. Most citizens I see wearing masks are not using them correctly, wearing inadequate mask, and touching their mask and face more often. This in turn gives the mask wearer a false sense of security anyway. Please reject the Emergency Order requiring masks! Thanks you for your time,

Tiffany Evans [REDACTED] Tracy CA 95376

From: Thomas F Blaskey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Face Coverings Emergency Order

This email is public comment for the City Council meeting today at 7:00pm:

I understand that the city is considering an Emergency Order requiring the use of face coverings in Essential Businesses and the Farmer's Market. I urge the council to consider the ramifications for all essential businesses. While this action may be borne out of concern about retail and restaurant workers in light of the recent easing of restrictions, there are also many Essential Business with employees who are not working in air conditioning, who are not interacting with the public, who are not required to have close peer-to-peer contact in the workplace, such as ours. Face coverings in a manufacturing environment such as ours are a hindrance to safety when they fog up safety glasses as well as a nuisance for breathing when performing manual labor for 12 hours each day. Every Essential Business has taken precautions to protect workers per the County's COVID-19 orders. The addition of face coverings for manufacturing workers provide little added protection and should continue to be optional as an individual choice.

I urge the city council to consider narrowing the scope of this order to only retail business workers and food service workers – groups that interact with the public.

Tom Blaskey
General Manager
Tracy Container Plant
International Paper - North American Container

400 W. Valpico Road
Tracy, CA 95376

209.836.6194 office

From: wendy Tocchini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3E City Council Meeting

I would like to include a brief comment into the presentation of Regular items during the City Council Meeting this evening.

3E. Adoption of emergency order requiring the wearing of face covering in essential businesses & Farmers' Market in the City of Tracy:

I would like to recommend this item be passed as written. It's obvious that people have reduced their socially distancing recently. New cases of COVID19 have started to increase significantly in California. Alameda County has also incurred a sizeable increase in infection rate.

As you are aware, 2/3 of Tracy households have at least one family member that commutes over the hill to Alameda, SF or Santa Clara Counties. This potentially opens the City of Tracy to a sizeable increase of new cases over the next few weeks. Most experts now agree that if everyone wears a mask, individuals protect one another. This will certainly help reduce a possible increased infection rate over the next few months.

Please help minimize a new COVID19 surge in Tracy by adopting the requirement of face coverings.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Tracy, CA 95304

From: Sherry Luiz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 3E Regular Meeting Agenda - 6/2/2020

Honorable Council Members,

I would like to advocate that council members do not adopt agenda item 3E, requiring the wearing of face coverings as an "emergency order."

Our hospital, thankfully, has not become overloaded with patients. There remains a low hospitalization rate in our city and county. Thus, the emergency has not materialized at this point in our area.

Our citizens' efforts to self-shelter, self-distance, and self-mask have been successful.

I encourage the council to continue to trust in the self-preservation instincts and the community concern and protection actions that Tracy residents have already demonstrated.

Respectfully,

Sherry Luiz, resident since 1994

From: D&G Tavares [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Masks

Dear City Council of Tracy,

I'm emailing in regard to the mandating of masks. I willfully request that you DO NOT begin a mandate to wear. The time has come for individuals to make their own decisions on what is best for them. To mandate now would create needless anxiety, fear and frustration. It is time for people to choose for their own lives and I respectfully ask that you maintain our God-given freedom to do so.

Respectfully,
Ms. Tavares

From: James Pyke [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3e. Face Masks

I request that anyone proposing or considering a mandatory order for the wearing face masks please provide proof to the public that this measure is medically necessary or even helpful in a business setting, let alone in an outdoor environment, as well as the current data being used to justify this sudden need for masks (5 months after Northern California's exposure to the virus). I have personally found 13 peer reviewed studies that find very little benefit of protection for healthy individuals and the potential for a number of health issues made worse by the practice. What the requirement to wear masks does do is promote a continued sense of fear and anxiety among the population already suffering from the destruction of our economy and the class warfare now being experienced as a result of this extended quarantine. The wearing of masks only serves as a symbolic visual reminder for people to be afraid (or obedient) and the stress produced by this fear and it's effect on the immune system far out way any imagined benefit of protection. While the initial response to this novel virus was understandably cautious, all of the predictive models for what the effect would be, and even the recalculated models have been consistently over estimated by orders of magnitude. Even the issue of a continuing lock down are being seriously questioned as the costs of these draconian measures become clear. When even Dr. Fauci, the WHO and our own County Health Department advise against the use of masks, why is this issue even being discussed ?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Vote on wearing masks out in public in Tracy

I would like email to be anonymous and without my address being said I live at [REDACTED] in Tracy and I believe that everybody in Tracy when out in public should be wearing masks Within San Joaquin County between Wednesday and yesterday there were 66 new Covid 19 cases . Between yesterday and today there were 74 new cases. I didn't break down the number that were just in Tracy but it really doesn't matter because people in Tracy shop in other cities in San Joaquin County and people in other cities in San Joaquin shop in Tracy. As long as the virus is still prevalent in San Joaquin County it would behoove us here in Tracy to try to keep ourselves as safe as possible I did look at the San Joaquin County dashboard and I did notice that the two prevalent zip codes 95376 and 95377 show 124 cases between the two zip codes so again just to keep citizens safe we should continue to do social distancing and when in public in Tracy masks should be worn. Thanks for your consideration

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: 3E page 5 mandatory face masks

I am a 23 year resident of Tracy. I have lived all over California but settled in Tracy to raise my children and be close to family.

I am writing to express my concerns on item 3E - Mandatory Facemask's for the city of Tracy on the upcoming June 2nd council meeting agenda.

I personally believe that people wearing masks with no medical training in sterilization and cross contamination have no business wearing a mask. I have had that training in my past experience as a Veterinarian Assistant. I can see first hand the general public has no idea about the harm that they may be doing to themselves by cross contaminating themselves and their personal items.

I understand there was a recommendation to wear a face covering to stop the spread. But it was not ordered by the CDC or the president's COVID counsel. There is not enough evidence to prove wearing a mask that has already been contaminated can stop the spread. Especially if that same person never washes the mask or changes to a new mask every single time they left the house.

I am also an essential worker. I have not been locked in my home for duration of the SIP. I have actually been working every day and had a possible "exposure" at my place of employment. When this happened, it was a Friday. I was sent home to my loved ones and was told to wait it out for clarification and procedures. I did not wear masks or gloves but had been practicing sanitation and hand washing as many times as necessary. Later that night I received a call that essentially said I was past the incubation period and may go back to work on Monday.

I believe hand washing and social distancing is enough to stop the spread of COVID. But mandating and/or ordering everyone in this town to wear one now is too little too late.

Sincerely,

Dina Rafford

From: Gina Tavares <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:29:35 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Mandating of face masks

City Council,

I'm emailing in regard to the mandating of masks. I request that you do not begin a mandate to wear. With all that is going on in today's world this would be detrimental and cause too much stress and anxiety for many individuals. Let the people choose for themselves.

Sincerely,
Gina

From: Matt Scarlata <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:13:21 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Council Meeting 6-2-2020 Agenda Item 3.E

Matt Scarlata- Business Owner
[REDACTED]
Tracy, CA 95376

Good Evening Council Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request you do not impose an emergency order requiring the wearing of face coverings in essential businesses and the Farmer's Market in the City of Tracy.

I am a local business owner and have had many customers come in recently that ask if they need to wear a mask and I tell them if they choose to wear one. I keep a mask at the counter and always put it on if the customer prefers to wear a mask. The majority of our customers do not want to be told to wear a mask. They either choose not to wear one, wear one under certain circumstances they feel the necessity to wear one or they always wear one, but it is their choice.

I also have a booth at the Farmer's Market which is an outdoor venue. It gets very hot out there and the majority of people that have been required to wear their face coverings the past few weeks are pulling them down because it is so hot and hard for some to breathe. We are out there for over 6 hours which includes setting up and it is very difficult to keep the face covering on. In addition, there are people walking on both sides of the sidewalk who are just a few feet away and not inside the market walkway with out face coverings. How does that make sense?

I ask you to consider letting face coverings be a choice for people. I assure you if my customers are wearing a mask and want me to put one on for their protection, I am more than happy to do so, but it is their choice.

San Joaquin County has not imposed an order to face coverings, Tracy needs to let people determine for themselves if they want to wear them or not.

Thank You for your time.

From: Rosie Junqueiro <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:38:14 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3.E. Consider Adoption of an Emergency Order Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings in Essential Businesses and the Farmers' Market in the City of Tracy.

Good Evening Mayor Rickman and City Council Members.

I am opposed to the proposed Emergency Order Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings in Essential Businesses and the Farmers' Market.

For the past two and a half months, citizens have been ordered to "shelter in place," by our local officials, county officials, state officials and federal government officials. We all recognize this was the only way to limit the spread of COVID-19 and complied with these orders.

Today, we are able to move about a little more freely as businesses (other than those previously designated as "essential") have been able to open their doors to the public. Our customers have expressed their excitement many times that they are able to visit, shop and support our local businesses and have more choices other than the big box stores.

When I learned of this proposed emergency order, I began asking my customers what they thought of a mandate/order/requirement to wearing face coverings in the City of Tracy. Many, approximately 9 out of 10, were opposed indicating they would prefer to make their own choice. The minority indicated they desired to wear facial coverings because of their own health concerns or because they were taking care of an elderly parent or family member who was in that vulnerable category. Furthermore, many believed that as responsible adults, we should be allowed to make our own decisions about whether or not we wore face coverings and if forced to wear a face covering in Tracy, they would go to another county to shop, where face coverings were not required.

It is no secret that because of the pandemic, many small businesses have suffered financially as well as emotionally. Please do not add to the requirements and hardships that many businesses have already had to implement in order to open their doors. Implementing yet another mandate, may just send our customers to other counties. We need to continue to support our community and allow adults the freedom to make their own decisions and/or choices about whether they should wear a face covering. Many believe our freedom has been taken away by our government officials at all levels of government by the shelter in place orders, please do not make one more order yet again, limiting our freedom of choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

Sincerely,
Rosie Junqueiro, Owner
Mia Bella's Unique Home Décor and Gifts
61 W. 10th Street
Tracy, CA 95376
[REDACTED]

From: Jeff Brady [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item of Interest for 7PM PST Meeting on June 2, 2020 - AGENDA ITEM 3.E

As a citizen and voter, I am appalled at this infringement upon our rights.

Do NOT pass this please.

I will do what many will do, that maybe won't say it- I will speak with my WALLET and my vote.

Making this a part of our lives is unconstitutional and I will not spend my money in my own town if implemented.

As noted in the documents cited below- the City states that it is in deficit mode due to the Covid "virus" but also in Agenda Item 3.E; these people actually state there will be no economic impact to the city? I beg to differ.

Also, if you think wearing a mask in 100 degree outdoor Tracy heat for say, the Farmer's Market, will NOT impact the market, attendance and ultimately, end up causing issues between citizens... the city has to remove it's blinders.

Doing something for the false sense of security to a select group, at the sacrifice of the free will of the many; is never the right way to go.

AGENDA ITEM 3.E

REQUEST CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND THE FARMERS' MARKET IN THE CITY OF TRACY

FISCAL IMPACT There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the proposed order regulating requiring face coverings to be worn within the City. However, there will be staff costs associated with informing the public and businesses about the requirements of the order and enforcing the proposed order.

Your own report says the City HAS felt impact from the "pandemic." More will follow with this stupid and half-baked idea.

General Fund Budget Proposal Comparison May 19, 2020 Staff Report to June 2, 2020 Staff Report

This still is unconstitutional and when the "experts" do not agree... how do you base this knee jerk policy recommendation on it?

The California Emergency Services Act, as well as Tracy Municipal Code section 3.24.050, authorizes the City to generally adopt orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property in response to a declared emergency. These provisions provide the City Council with the authority to enact an order requiring face coverings to be worn as a regulation necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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Thanks!

Jeff Brady
Tracy Resident

From: JOHN GARZA [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item 3-E

Mayor Rickman and City Council Members,

I am in support of the City of Tracy adopting Agenda Item, 3E, the emergency order requiring the use of face coverings when citizens are visiting essential businesses and the Farmers Market.

Studies have credited wearing facemasks in public areas is an effective way of slowing the spread of the coronavirus. The [Washington Post](#) reported that there are: “34 scientific papers indicating basic masks can be effective in reducing virus transmission in public — and not a single paper that shows clear evidence that they cannot.”

It makes just plain sense to do all we can to stop the spread of the virus.

I personally would feel much more comfortable if people wear masks in public areas. I would be more willing to go shopping, frequent local restaurants, and visit the Farmers Market if we all took the proper precautions to keep everyone safe. Doing so would help boost the local economy and help speed up the recovery of our local businesses.

I strongly urge the City Council members to pass 3-E with a timeline as to when it begins and when it ends.

Thank you for your consideration.

J. John Garza
[REDACTED]
Tracy, California

From: Heather Smiddy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item, mask ordinance

In a time when businesses are already struggling and people are struggling in general to keep it together, I think adding a rule about mandatory masks in public is a terrible idea. I for one physically struggle with wearing a mask, and the idea of being forced to wear one makes me outraged. Its bad enough, I'm being forced to wear one inside the business I pay for in order to conduct business and keep my staff employed, much less be forced to wear one just to go grab a gallon of milk or fill my car up with gas and pay inside. I understand some don't feel comfortable being around people without a mask, but it has already been this way for over 2 mos. The numbers in the city have not shown a need for change. If you look at the numbers county wide, the counties where masks have been required since April do not have different/better numbers than we do here. I don't see any justification. Obviously, I am all about supporting local businesses since I am one myself, but if I'm forced to wear a mask I will take my business to a neighboring community. Thank you for taking time to hear my voice.

Heather Smiddy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tracy, ca 95376

From: Tais Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Tonight's City Council Meeting

In response to the proposed mandate wearing masks while in public in the City of Tracy.

It has been 5 months since the initial exposure of the population to the Corona Virus. Wearing a mask now is like asking a pregnant woman to use a condom while having sex with her husband.

Hope you get the point.

From: moria blea <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Hard No on moving to make masks mandatory in Tracy

Good afternoon Mayor Rickman and council members,

I found out 2 days ago that we would be voting on this measure for our entire city. I would first like to say thank you for serving us during this time. I am also going to try and remind you all that we do have very many health leaders and agencies working on your behalf to make your jobs easier please see the links below they should remind you that our State Public Health Officer Sonia Angell MD, MPH, is our California California Department of health Director and serves in a position much higher than you serve, and with medical credentials attached to her education level and in a practicing position of Health officer for our fellow Californian's. They have all made the following suggestions and done the same recommended but NOT required also our wonderful Mayor Robert Rickman has done the same, along with maintaining our 6 feet of social distancing we should practice the below items and allow our city continue to move forward through the stages so your local businesses suffer less, as we have had the devastating loss of more than a few.

I have had my own difficulties in misinformation from the Farmers Market that has newly opened downtown. The following is a brief summer of fact there has been posted since the second week of opening the following sign although it is the same and always followed up with the direct conversation "the city of Tracy is requiring masks at the farmers market" the gentleman at the door identifiable by me wears a hat and glasses and passed me Chris Dutra's card as he was the one I eventually spoke with about the statement from the door attendant whom also hands out tickets and filter traffic through the market. Chris and I spoke that weekend and he stated that after more than 5 minutes of conversation that it was TECA whom had makes the rules I had asked him and other vendors that I have known over the years and some said NO and some said yes and one (Matt Scarlata of Scarlata Farms Cellar) even said "THEY" all voted on it I then directly asked whom? Rhodesia Ransom? and Veronica Vargas? Once I named the council members and the Mayor Matt simply shrugged his shoulders as if not knowing I turned to Chris and said so it was the DTBIA he then said yes they are asking for it. I said then it should have been put on your operating permit. The following week Chris was not there my guess is because he lives in Texas which only leaves his door attendant to follow his or TECA or DTBIA orders, putting him in a very awkward position. I do not believe or I actually know it is illegal to ask anyone if they have a disability and it is very finable under ADA discrimination. I do know that the city may be stakeholders but lets just again stick to the facts there cannot be and should not be anyone at our farmers market passing themselves off to the general public as you the elected officials. I am attaching several photos of the farmers market. Please see attached images.

we can also pick our own fruit at the stores and not at the farmers market....The 3rd week the farmers market posted their permit it is also below so why the statement and the sign It feels like one person's personal over reach and yes DIno said it as well

although when pressed conceded and said it was TECA. I am familiar who sits on that board as well. it may have been why some believed it was again a REQUIREMENT it actually is not and I would like to also ask that you make them take down the following sign or spell out request instead of shortening the required for the word that reads below in the picture "REQ."

I request that anyone proposing or considering a mandatory order for the wearing face masks please provide proof to the public that this measure is necessary from our health leaders of California and SJC. In a business setting such as Fed Ex, Amazon or safe way imagine what the summer months would be like in a hot un air-conditioned most of the time warehouse. I have personally found many peer reviewed studies that find very little benefit of protection for healthy individuals and the potential for a number of health issues made worse by the practice. What the requirement to wear masks does do is promote a continued sense of fear and anxiety within our town already suffering from the destruction of our economy and the class warfare now being experienced as a result of this extended quarantine. The stress produced by fear and it's effect on the immune system is a scientific fight or flight syndrome and literally cuts some peoples ability to make good decisions.

On the matter of this being addressed tonight at our city council meeting at 7pm I want to know the full side I have heard that the City of Tracy will not only be seeking this order with no end date allocated, finable to the tune of \$1,000.00 yes one thousand dollars and filed as a misdemeanor.

That is a HARD NO for me! You should not be allowed to override our state and county health officers or directors. This is how we have made it to Stage 2.5

By no means do I mean any offense to council members who are also a NO on this matter. If you are offended, please hear this you are NOT a medical doctor and you have no right to act as such in part or in whole over this matter you should not be making medical decisions as you are not licensed to do so and that is illegal and punishable in the state of CA. Let's allow other leaders to make that decision as that is their job, and they are licensed to do so.

**Photos of Farmer's Market 3 in total
See attachments below**

Item 1

Please see link below information contained in section 1-4 :

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%205-7-2020.pdf>

Item 2

Please click the link below and jump to section "protecting others":

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#Protecting%20Others>

This statement was directly copied from the link below Face Coverings Guidance "Should I wear a mask?"

California's public health officials released guidance on April 1 on the use of cloth face coverings to protect against COVID-19 for Californians who must leave their homes to conduct essential activities. The guidance does not require people to wear face coverings – and is not a substitute for the state's current guidance regarding social distancing and hand washing. The state also does not recommend Californians use N-95 or surgical masks, which are needed for our health care workers and first responders who will be there for when our lives are at risk.

The use of cloth face coverings could reduce the transmission of COVID-19 by individuals who do not have symptoms and may reinforce physical distancing. Public health officials also caution that face coverings may increase risk if users reduce their use of strong defenses such as physical distancing and frequent hand washing"

Item 3

Please click the link below to see the state of California's face coverings guidance and considerations

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx>

Item 4

Please copy and past the following link to your browser the familiarize yourself with the health concerns below.

<https://www.dna-diligence.com/post/silent-hypoxia-mask-induced-pleurisy>

3 Attachments

From: Tony Leanos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Idem3.E (masks)

Tracy City Council. We are small business owners in Downtown Tracy. We are very concerned about your decision of this "Emergency Order", trying to mandate the wearing of facemasks in public. It is of great concern how a panel of 5 can decide for an entire City of what is and isn't acceptable. This is an extreme overreach of power and unacceptable behavior. I decision of this magnitude should be decided by the citizens of Tracy. Get it on a ballot and let us vote if you feel this is the will of the people. If individuals choose to SIP or wear masks that is their right. Forcing a mandate on us is completely unjust and un-American.

Respectfully concerned,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Dulkevich <[REDACTED]@t>

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:43 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Mask requirement: Item 3E :City of Tracy Council Meeting

I am asking you to NOT add a requirement to wear face masks at essential businesses and the farmers market. It is unreasonable to ask the residents of Tracy to be required to wear face masks, when it is not a requirement of our governor or our County. Tracy residents should be able to choose if they want to wear a mask or not.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Dulkevich

16 year Tracy Resident

From: steve nahm <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Face masks.

To whom it may concern,

Im told that the city is considering the mandatory use of face masks in public. I would like to go on record to voice my opposition.

The fact that all masks rated less than a FITTED N95 is inadequate in preventing the spreading of Covid 19 should be enough for the council to reconsider any idea to issue such a mandate. My claim is substantiated by professionals in the medical field and Dr Fauci himself. To consider such a mandate without the proper mask is a liability. Even if the public were able to obtain N95 masks, we are not trained in their use. Have you noticed the cross contamination by those people using masks? I am witnessing people continually adjusting them while they speak. They do so without consideration to what they were just touching with their hands. They also lead to more touching of the face. This is counter productive to what you are trying to achieve. Im surprised there hasn't been litigation over this mask issue.

I personally fall in the high risk category but breathing my own Co2 all day in this heat makes me feel more prone to thirst, chapped lips, light headedness and fatigue. How far down this rabbit hole must we go? There is no scientific evidence to support such an ordinance. Anything suggesting otherwise is anecdotal at best and only promotes a false sense of security.

I respectfully demand we use common sense in our approach to such a sensitive subject. The choice to wear a mask should be reserved to every individual's personal choice.

Thank you.
Steve Nahm
Tracy Resident

From: Kelly Cabral [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Face masks

I do not agree with the facemasks being required in essential businesses and the farmers market.
Resident of Tracy
Kelly Cabral