

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela Iribe

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 11:24 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** I OPPOSE the vaccine mandates/passports. It is not only a violation of our constitutional rights but businesses/economy will continue to suffer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Wiltfong  
**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 04:18 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0878  
**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), please find attached out letter highlighting some concerns and potential amendments to the vaccine mandate. Thank you!

October 4, 2021

Honorable Nury Martinez  
President, Los Angeles City Council

Via email

**Re: Council file: 21-0878 - vaccination checks at business entry points]**

Honorable Nury Martinez:

We are contacting you on behalf of BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation, an alliance of over 200 business organizations who represent over 400,000 employers in Los Angeles County. We are writing to provide some concerns in response to council file 12-0878, which would require vaccination checks at the point of entry at many private businesses.

First, we would like to reiterate that BizFed and our members are **strong** supporters of the COVID-19 vaccinations and were some of the first to work with the County and City to help with the vaccination rollout - offering our services, facilities, expertise, and marketing lists to get the vaccine out as safe and effectively as possible. We certainly share concerns with the increased spread of the Delta Variant and alarmed at the number of people who are not yet vaccinated.

As we reflect on the ordinance requiring vaccination checks at business entry points, we have some concerns we would like clarified prior to the adoption of any ordinance.

1. **Lack of sunset date.** The ordinance is tied to the emergency order, which can last years. We believe a sunset date tied to clear metrics should be issued.

Specifically, we believe this sunset should be added: "This article shall sunset upon four (4) consecutive weeks of decline of the cases per 100K (7-day average) in LA County as reported by the State of California Department of Public Health."

2. **Lack of alignment with county mandate and other cities.** The city is imposing a much stricter ordinance than the County and different implementation guidelines than other jurisdictions like W. Hollywood. This creates confusion among patrons and businesses alike. It also places businesses at LA City at a competitive disadvantage to other neighboring areas.

3. By the city staff's own admission, **LA City does not have the staff to properly implement the ordinance.** This means that violations will likely result from patron complaints which are difficult to verify. There is also no mechanism for businesses to fight an accused violation. Proper protections should be in place for businesses to fight against false accusations.

4. **The violation fees are excessive.** Although it includes right of correction for the first violation, the remaining violations are between \$1,000 - \$5,000. For small businesses, like restaurants, hair salons and nails salons who are just trying to recover from the pandemic - these violations need to be lowered.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. If you have any questions, please contact [sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org](mailto:sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org).

Sincerely,



Donna Duperron  
BizFed Chair  
Torrance Area Chamber



David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair



Tracy Hernandez  
BizFed Founding CEO  
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# BizFed Association Members

7-Eleven Franchise Owners Association of Southern California  
Action Apartment Association  
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce  
American Beverage Association  
American Institute of Architects - Los Angeles  
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities, Inc.  
Arcadia Association of Realtors  
AREAA North Los Angeles SFV SCV  
Armenian Trade and Labor Association  
Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. Southern California Chapter  
Association of Club Executives  
Association of Independent Commercial Producers  
Azusa Chamber of Commerce  
Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce  
Beverly Hills Bar Association  
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce  
Black Business Association  
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Bowling Centers of Southern California  
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Building Industry Association - Baldyview  
Building Industry Association - LA/Ventura Counties  
Building Industry Association - Southern California  
Building Owners & Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Burbank Association of REALTORS  
Burbank Chamber of Commerce  
Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness  
Business Resource Group  
CA Natural Resources Producers Assoc  
CalAsian Chamber  
Calabasas Chamber of Commerce  
California Apartment Association- Los Angeles  
California Asphalt Pavement Association  
California Bankers Association  
California Business Properties Association  
California Business Roundtable  
California Cannabis Industry Association  
California Cleaners Association  
California Construction Industry and Materials Association  
California Contract Cities Association  
California Fashion Association  
California Gaming Association  
California Grocers Association  
California Hispanic Chamber  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA)  
California Independent Petroleum Association  
California Life Sciences Association  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
California Metals Coalition  
California Restaurant Association  
California Retailers Association  
California Small Business Alliance  
California Self Storage Association  
California Society of CPAs - Los Angeles Chapter  
California Trucking Association  
Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions  
Carson Chamber of Commerce  
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance  
CDC Small Business Finance  
Central City Association  
Century City Chamber of Commerce  
Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce  
Citrus Valley Association of Realtors  
Claremont Chamber of Commerce  
Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas  
Coalition for Small Rental Property Owners  
Commercial Industrial Council/Chamber of Commerce  
Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition  
Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality

Council on Trade and Investment for Filipino Americans  
Covina Chamber  
Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Culver City Chamber of Commerce  
Downey Association of REALTORS  
Downey Chamber of Commerce  
Downtown Center Business Improvement District  
Downtown Long Beach Alliance  
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber  
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce  
Employers Group  
Encino Chamber of Commerce  
Engineering Contractor's Association  
EXP  
F.A.S.T.- Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic FilmLA  
Friends of Hollywood Central Park  
FuturePorts  
Gardena Valley Chamber  
Gateway to LA  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
Glendale Chamber  
Glendora Chamber  
Greater Antelope Valley AOR  
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Leimert Park Village Crenshaw Corridor Business Improvement District  
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles Association of REALTORS  
Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association  
Greater San Fernando Valley Regional Chamber  
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce  
Harbor Trucking Association  
Historic Core BID of Downtown Los Angeles  
Hollywood Chamber  
Hong Kong Trade Development Council  
Hospital Association of Southern California  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce  
Independent Cities Association  
Industrial Environmental Association  
Industry Business Council  
Inland Empire Economic Partnership  
International Cannabis Business Women Association  
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce  
La Cañada Flintridge Chamber  
LA Fashion District BID  
LA South Chamber of Commerce  
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce  
Larchmont Boulevard Association  
Latin Business Association  
Latino Food Industry Association  
Latino Restaurant Association  
LAX Coastal Area Chamber  
League of California Cities  
Long Beach Area Chamber  
Long Beach Economic Partnership  
Los Angeles Area Chamber  
Los Angeles County Board of Real Estate  
Los Angeles County Waste Management Association  
Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Latino Chamber  
Los Angeles Parking Association  
MADIA Tech Launch  
Malibu Chamber of Commerce  
Marketplace Industry Association  
Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.  
MoveLA  
Multicultural Business Alliance  
NAIOP Southern California Chapter  
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National Association of Tobacco Outlets  
National Association of Waterfront Employers  
National Association of Women Business Owners - CA  
National Association of Women Business

Owners - LA  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Hookah Community Association  
National Latina Business Women's Association  
Orange County Business Council  
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
Pacific Palisades Chamber  
Panorama City Chamber of Commerce  
Paramount Chamber of Commerce  
Pasadena Chamber  
Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors  
PhRMA  
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California  
Pomona Chamber  
Propel LA  
Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors  
ReadyNation California  
Recording Industry Association of America  
Regional Black Chamber-San Fernando Valley  
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Regional San Gabriel Valley Chamber  
Rosemead Chamber  
San Dimas Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
San Pedro Peninsula Chamber  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber  
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.  
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce  
Sherman Oaks Chamber  
South Bay Association of Chambers  
South Bay Association of Realtors  
South Gate Chamber of Commerce  
Southern California Contractors Association  
Southern California Golf Association  
Southern California Grantmakers  
Southern California Leadership Council  
Southern California Minority Suppliers Development Council Inc.  
Southern California Water Coalition  
Southland Regional Association of Realtors  
Sunland/Tujunga Chamber  
Sunset Strip Business Improvement District  
Torrance Area Chamber  
Town Hall Los Angeles  
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors  
United Cannabis Business Association  
United Chambers - San Fernando Valley & Region  
United States-Mexico Chamber  
Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle Systems Association  
US Green Building Council  
US Resiliency Council  
Valley Economic Alliance, The  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation  
Vernon Chamber  
Veterans in Business Network  
Vietnamese American Chamber  
Warner Center Association  
West Hollywood Chamber  
West Hollywood Design District  
West Los Angeles Chamber  
West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors  
West Valley/Warner Center Chamber  
Western Electrical Contractors Association  
Western Manufactured Housing Association  
Western States Petroleum Association  
Westside Council of Chambers  
Whittier Chamber of Commerce  
Wilmington Chamber  
World Trade Center

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phil

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 04:43 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers: Years ago, I was told by a very respected person: "Don't believe everything you think." I mention this because it appears that many if not all of you think this mandate policy is a good idea. It's not. Beware of unintended consequences, as they will happen. This mandate that is being voted upon is bad for the city and for the populous. This mandate segregates and pits people against each other. Why do that? There is way too much hysteria with Covid. Everybody that gets sick from this, or any other illness doesn't die. Give people some credit for taking care of themselves. It would be shocking to me if not one of you is willing to make a stand against this. The people in Los Angeles do not want to be New York or San Francisco. We are Angelenos. Somebody please step up and do the right thing. Don't believe everything you think. I urge you to oppose this terrible policy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Topor

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 04:56 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** In regards to the new Vaccine Mandate: Please do NOT pass this senseless measure. According to the latest news, the number of cases is dropping - not only in California, but all over the U.S. Moreover, in L.A. County specifically - cases are decreasing substantially (which is very good news!) - therefore, implementing new & tough mandates would be senseless and would serve no purpose. Please note: Imposing such mandates would be a gross violation of the U.S. Constitution, The California Constitution and the Unruh Civil Rights Act, as well as the California Civil Code 51 and the Nuremberg Code. Also, As publicly informed by the CDC, fully vaccinated individuals are contracting the virus as well -- this includes hundreds of thousands of people!! - Which just further proves that this vaccine ultimately does not add protection, and would only harm healthy people and businesses. All in all, mandating vaccines (that do cause serious side effects) is unethical, immoral, and illegal. Please do the right thing -- and Vote \*NO\* on this proposed totalitarian mandate. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** United Chambers of Commerce

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** Untied Chambers of Commerce opposes 21-0878 for the following reasons detailed in attached letter; Questionable necessity of ordinance, Added costs to businesses, Levied fines and enforcement, Loss of business to neighboring cities, Exemption needed, Lack of quantifiable statistics to sunset ordinance

Los Angeles Councilmembers;  
October 4, 2021  
RE: CF 21-0878

Safety is vitally important to everyone in the City and public health is definitely part of that safety factor. People and businesses are complying with policies currently in place, vaccination rates are rising and hospitalizations are down or leveled off. This proposed ordinance is an unnecessary overreach that will negatively impact businesses and be an inconvenient obstacle to freedom of movement and association. For these reasons, the United Chambers of Commerce **opposes CF 21-0878**.

Many businesses are struggling to bring back business to their location after being shut down for a period of time and having had to shoulder the costs of retrofitting areas to be partially open. Staffing has become a problem for several reasons, one being that some employees are receiving funds from multiple programs that exceed their working wages and prefer not to return to their jobs. This requires training new employees and asking current employees to do more.

This ordinance will require more work and expense for the business owner to comply with written records of their methods for enforcing the law and additional administrative staff. It is not reasonable or practical for a business to post a "bouncer" at the entrance of their business to check 2 forms of "show me your papers" before allowing the customer in. What about facilities that have multiple entrances that have several people at a time wanting to walk in. Will each store within a mall also be required to verify the vaccination status of each shopper? There are numerous instances where altercations have arisen over the requirement of masking, this ordinance will heighten the possibility of more similar problems.

There is an ordinance section, 200.125 on compliance but nothing defined for enforcement. Who will be responsible or have the authority to write the Administrative Citation if there is a violation? Is there a belief that each bouncer will have the training to identify a fake vaccine card? Will there be reliance on other patrons to turn in a violation? Is it not true that anyone who has the authority to give a citation has to personally witness the violation? A business should not be fined for lack of failure to enforce the law. Will the City accept responsibility for failure to enforce shoplifting laws and pay a fine to the business owner?

The City of Los Angeles is one of 88 cities in the County. All except 2 are under the authority of the County Health Department. This mandate will put LA businesses at a disadvantage with neighboring cities that do not have a similar ordinance in place.

There should be an exemption for people that have been previously infected and now have the immunity without a vaccine. This is per Jeffery D. Klausner MD MPH who noted 10 studies from 6 different countries in over 9 million people found a protective effect of 90% of prior infection against repeat infection. He also noted a study of the SARS-COV-1 people have evidence of immunity after 17 years.

The ordinance states a sunset clause when the Mayor decides that the public health emergency is over. If this is a public health ordinance, it should end when the public health needs are no longer justified and that should be detailed with quantifiable statistics in the ordinance itself.

For these stated reasons, the United Chambers of Commerce opposes CF-21-0878, the vaccine mandate.

Richard Fisk,  
Chair of Government Affairs Committee



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 09:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is ABSOLUTELY wrong. We should NEVER discriminate against people for making a choice about THEIR BODY. Your vaccine doesn't protect anyone... FACT it doesn't prevent a person from contacting the virus and it doesn't stop a vaxxed person from spreading the virus. People with NATURAL immunity truly have the GOLD standard of protection from a virus that has a 99.98+% survival. Stop the madness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 09:33 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Vaccine passports are discriminatory! They allow the population to be divided just like blacks and white were in the sixties. It literally goes against the constitution based on medical and religious freedom. In Nazi Germany people were asked for their papers for control over the population based on bias.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 09:40 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Mandating a vaccine passport is in violation of the Nuremberg Code. Point #1 of the code states, "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision". This passport mandate is a prime example of coercion and overreach by government. Do not make this mistake.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Olivier Schreiber

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 09:51 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** Follow the science. I says the vaccines are useless, if not risky. If they were useful, people would not need a mandate to get it unless they want to leave their body intact. Please cleanup the city if you have people's health in mind.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mario Barillas

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 10:28 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am respectfully requesting to not push the vaccine passports. Half of our population is not vaccinated and not willing to be vaccinated. Businesses are already struggling and will bankrupt them once they loose half more of their clientele. The vaccine passports are horrible idea and will cause more division within our country, state, county and city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Kegel

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 11:39 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** I was struck by Dr. Payam Saadat's August 11 comment in support of the motion. He said "I work at a hospital. The COVID-19 floor is full again. And guess what? Every single COVID-19 patient at the hospital was NOT vaccinated. Vaccines work! ... We need [this motion] to help protect each other." In the two months since then, cases have fallen, but not enough to be safe from another wave triggered by winter gatherings or a new variant. Experts say we need a vaccination rate of 85%-90% to prevent this - but LA's only at 61.4%, going up 0.4% a week. At that rate, it'd take us a year just to reach 80%. We need to move faster. This motion won't solve the whole problem, but it will reduce the size of future outbreaks, and help the city get back to normal. I agree with Dr. Saadat. Please pass the motion. It strikes a good balance between citizens being able to live their lives as normal, only requiring vaccination for higher risk, non-essential activities, with appropriate religious and medical exemptions.