

Communication from Public

Name: Rhonda Palacios

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:53 AM

Council File No: 21-0878

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on this vaccine/test requirement ! The public is on to the fact that even those that are vaccinated can catch and spread this virus! We the people are responsible for our own health and should be able to make these choices for ourselves and our families this is the USA we are a free country not a communist country so those of you trying to take our freedom away should stop and think about our constitutional rights, enough businesses have already suffered enough during this past 19 months many will never open again and this will make it worse !

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose the mandate

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Name: R. Lopez

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY OPPOSE vaccine mandates/passports. Not only are they a violation of our constitutional rights, but businesses/economy will continue to suffer.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 01:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm against the van mandate and this is a tyranny and unconstitutional. Our freedom of choice should be respected and not forced on anyone. Anyone can protect themselves the way they see it fit to them.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Miller

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a governing board member of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, I want to draw the City Council's attention to the attached letter adopted by our council in support of the pending motion.



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September 21, 2021

Barbara Ferrer, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles City Council
Re: Covid Restrictions

Until early 2021, there was no vaccine available, so that efforts to counteract the pandemic were centered primarily around social distancing and masking. Since earlier this year, vaccines became available, and, though not perfect, have become the primary and by far the most effective means to combat the pandemic along with wearing a mask.¹

The only way to bring the pandemic to an end is herd immunity. Any strategy that does not have as its endpoint herd immunity will fail. If everyone eligible for the vaccine had become vaccinated, we might well have reached herd immunity by now.² But our present approach is not working. Everyone has heard multiple times why it is important to get vaccinated, but to no avail. As long as the virus is allowed to fester and mutate in the unvaccinated, it cannot be defeated.³

Realistically we can probably expect more mutated strains, each potentially more virulent and/or contagious than the last.⁴ The vaccines appear to be still highly effective against the Delta mutation, but there is no guarantee that they

¹ https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7032e3.htm?s_cid=mm7032e3_w,
https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/09/10/moderna-most-effective-covid-vaccine-studies/?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=wp_news_alert_revere&location=alert&wpmk=1&wpisrc=al_news__alert-hse--alert-national&

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/03/health/covid-herd-immunity-vaccine.html>

³ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jemimamcevoy/2021/08/24/fauci-herd-immunity-unreachable-unless-vaccine-hesitant-get-the-jab-or-get-infected/?sh=65acac712605>

⁴ <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/a-new-strain-of-coronavirus-what-you-should-know>

will remain so against future mutations.⁵ With each increase in the contagiousness of the virus, the percentage of the population that needs to be vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity increases.

As a result, our policy is being driven, de facto, by the unvaccinated few, but the consequences are suffered by everyone. The virus does not dither. It is at work 24/7, spreading, killing, mutating.

Of the unvaccinated, the clear majority are better described as vaccine hesitant, as opposed to vaccine resistant. The hesitant present an opportunity, as there are probably enough of them that, if vaccinated, herd immunity could be achieved.

Other jurisdictions have recently adopted policies,^{6 7 8} such as the federal government, the city of San Francisco, and France and Italy, which seem to be working so far, and which curtail the ability of the unvaccinated to enter indoor facilities.^{9 10} The Los Angeles City Council has pending before it a similar motion, that should be adopted. Council File: 21-0878.¹¹

We therefore urge you to consider the steps outlined below. These should be taken as suggestions, not necessarily policies that Los Feliz Neighborhood Council endorses. Policies need to be evaluated in terms of their medical and scientific efficacy, as well as enforceability and legality. What the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council wants to emphasize is that we must take drastic new steps if we are to bring the pandemic to an end.

Tinkering with our present policies is not going to be enough.

Therefore, we urge both the City and the County to consider the following:

1. Certain indoor facilities, which are particularly likely to spread the virus, such as bars, restaurants, theaters, and the like, could be required to deny admittance to any person who cannot provide proof of their vaccination status, a la Council File: 21-0878.

⁵ <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/heres-how-well-covid-19-vaccines-work-against-the-delta-variant>

⁶ <https://www.yahoo.com/now/biden-adviser-calls-companies-impose-221600158.html>

⁷ <https://sfmayor.org/article/san-francisco-require-proof-vaccination-entry-certain-indoor-businesses-and-all-large-indoor>

⁸), <https://www.wsj.com/articles/france-italy-require-health-pass-restaurants-bars-11628587800>

⁹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/03/health/covid-herd-immunity-vaccine.html>,

¹⁰ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2021/08/27/press-briefing-by-white-house-covid-19-response-team-and-public-health-officials-52/>.

¹¹ . <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0878>

2. In order to encourage the unvaccinated to become vaccinated, it is important to limit unnecessary restrictions on the vaccinated. Certainly, it is far safer to be exposed to a vaccinated, unmasked, person, than a masked, unvaccinated one.
3. Any business may deny entrance to any person who cannot prove that they have been vaccinated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Deutsch", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Jon Deutsch, President
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

By: Jeffery Miller
LFNC Boardmember
Member, LFNC Public Health &
Safety Committee

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Name: Claire G.

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: No to vaccination mandates! Stop being segregationists & discriminatory. Who do you think you are? You're all disgusting.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on mandating COVID-19 vaccine verification to enter city buildings, events, business, or any other public or private establishment. This is unconstitutional according to US and California Constitutions, and removes personal, private health choice. DO NOT mandate! You are prayed for and accountable before God. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 08:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a LA County worker I am against requiring proof of vaccination to enter public spaces. This will create a second class of citizen, and businesses in New York that have implemented this have gone down tremendously. These mandates will hurt more businesses since people will refuse to go there if they require proof of vaccination. Why are you guys ok with taking away our rights for “health and safety” when countries like Sweden and Denmark got rid of their Covid restrictions and are doing better?? Please oppose any and all talk about vaccine passports, since this will also affect majority of minorities since they are not vaccinated.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 21-0878 Regarding to: ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to adding Article 10 to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require proof of full vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine to enter certain indoor public locations, large events, and City buildings. I strongly oppose to such ordinance or mandates is unlawful and illegal in the US.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/29/2021 10:52 AM

Council File No: 21-0878

Comments for Public Posting: Dear councilmembers: I am writing to oppose the adaption of the ordinance you are considering today September 29, 2021 to article 10 Chapter XX to require proof of COVIC-19 vaccination in indoor public locations. This mandate is a violation of the United states Constitution. Do you know just how detrimental this mandate and the associated penalties will cripple the economy even more and destroy business that have barely made it this far through the pandemic? I implore you to consider less restrictive measures that other cities around the country have taken to reduce COVID-19 exposure; cities whose infection rates have never been as high as Los Angeles. Our city has experiences some of the toughest mandates in the country, and yet infection rete are still higher than almost every other city in the country. Something isn't working here. Further, discrimination against unvaccinated individuals makes zero sense since so many fully vaccinated individuals are still contracting the virus at alarmingly high rates. This is not the answer. Thank you,

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 12:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please vote NO on the proposed vaccine passport mandates. I am fully vaccinated and believe in vaccines, however, vaccines should never be mandated. They are a personal medical decision. Mandates will only continue to breed anger and division. Again, please vote NO! Thank you.

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Name: Angela Espinoza

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 06:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE agenda/item (2) 21-0878. Not only is an lawful vaccine mandate, but businesses/economy will continue to suffer.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 08:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Will the general public be offered to provide a medical or a religious exemption to enter those buildings that have a city ordered vaccine mandate, and if so, where and how will they be able to obtain one? And if said exemptions will not be allowed, won't that be a form of discrimination? Is there any consideration given to the fact that some of the public may opt to do business in surrounding counties such as Orange County that do not have the mandate? Thank you for your time.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: OPPOSED TO VACCINE Mandate/passport

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Name: Meg B

Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 09:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you to the city council for considering the indoor mandate requiring vaccination or negative covid status. It's time to get past covid and vaccines will accomplish that. Those of us doing the right thing should no longer be restricted by those who are not.
Meg Bowen

Communication from Public

Name: Edgar
Date Submitted: 10/06/2021 09:44 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I say no to the vaccine mandate