

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Counselwoman Martinez, I write to you hear as it was the first was I found to contact you. I kindly ask you to reconsider your stance on a citywide vaccine mandate. While it seems you've been a part of many great things here in Los Angeles, I do not believe this is one of them. I understand your desire to protect the public health, but there are factors I would like to highlight which I believe you might like to consider. First of all, Los Angeles county already has a 71.9% vaccination rate, which indicates that current measures are leading people in the direction you wish to pursue. Secondly, despite this fact, the current case figures indicate that this rate is not stopping transmission of the virus. Various studies, including the CDC, have found that vaccinated people with breakthrough infections produce the same viral load as unvaccinated patients, and in the cases of being asymptomatic, could spread the virus even more than an unvaccinated person who would feel ill and be home in isolation. I will paste my sources below. Secondly, you must consider the many reasons people might not want to be vaccinated. Some can not. Others have already had covid. Others may feel alienated by and distrustful of the healthcare system and it's recommendations/mandates. Forcing the matter is only going to increase this distrust of the system and of politicians like yourself. I understand you are trying to do what you feel is best for the city. But I ask you to please consider minority rights along with majority rules. There are many health situations in which people's choices could affect their neighbors, including crime/homicide, drunk driving, drug and alcohol abuse, wreckless driving, general neglect in public spaces, just to name a few. Part of living in a free society is facing the fact that we can't put a law on everything, but rather rely on most people to try to do their best, and account for the ones that do not. Many people, particularly those in communities of color, work in industries and have beliefs where they may be faced with the choice between their own morality and their livelihoods, for a second time. I ask you to please be the leader who encourages people to do the right thing, but respects the rights of all people in a free society. Thank you and have a great day Brian