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Melissa Azita Lazarevic < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:14 AM COB_mail Call to the public

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am urging you to please make masks mandatory in K-12 schools immediately.

These schools have the highest concentration of unvaccinated and unprotected innocent kids. Let some misguided adults who, for some political reasons, do not want to wear masks, exercise their rights. But at least use common sense and do not put at risk the lives and future of kids who do not have a say in this issue.

Sincerely,

Joe and Melissa Lazarevic, parents of two unvaccinated children ages 10 and 6

(Joe's cell) (Melissa's cell)

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To Pima County Board of Supervisors,

In 2020, my son ended his Kindergarten year in front of a computer, learning remotely. Like almost every other family, it was a huge strain on us, but we understood. We continued learning remotely for first grade. It's no longer possible for him to be homeschooled, as I am a single parent and am not able to forego work anymore.

Over the summer, as I was seeking new options for school, I learned of a private school in Tucson (the International School of Tucson) that stayed open every day last year during the pandemic. They had zero outbreaks and did NOT have to force their students into remote learning, because they required masks. PBS did a feature about it. They stayed open every day last year because their mask mandate WORKED. If the masks don't work, how did they mitigate spread of COVID-19 at this school?

Ducey ended pandemic federal aid benefits early to encourage people to go back to work. He also ordered a BAN on mask mandates. If there are outbreaks of covid in schools and schools have to shut down because Ducey ALSO ordered a BAN on mask mandates, what are single parents who cannot work remotely from home supposed to do? Do we want to keep schools open and parents working? If Ducey wants parents working, then we have to keep our children in school. We all want this time to end. We are all sick of it. It has been tedious and stressful on everyone. I am tired of masks, but I will do my part to keep everyone safe, even the BULLIES who refuse to participate in public safety. I do not wish this virus on them or their families, regardless of our vast differences.

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one, something I remember learning in my Junior year American History. A great leader puts the needs of the many above the needs of the few or the one. The needs of the many, this time, include staying safe from a deadly virus, while participating in society. Let the parents who are concerned about their child's discomfort wearing a mask stay home this time. Let them be the ones to stop working and teach from home. They have to concede something. We can't have it both ways. Our children deserve to be safe. Thank you.

-Deirdre O'Leary

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Claudia Esparza Monday, August 9, 2021 9:16 AM COB_mail Mask mandate for schools

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Hello,

As a mental health professional, I have seen the impact of the past 18 months on the well-being of our community. I am awed by our resilience and capacity to adapt to difficult circumstances. In our schools, we have the responsibility to protect everyone within a safe learning environment. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Esparza

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Rachel Slick **American State** Monday, August 9, 2021 9:18 AM COB_mail Masks in school

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Please support our children and belief in science by requiring masks, at minimum for children under 12 who do not have access to a vaccine.

It is unconscionable to put our children at risk to follow the rules made by a governor who clearly does not have their best interests in mind.

Every single year I am required to provide immunization status as a condition of access to public school. Suddenly this year, not only is it not required, but taboo to even defend against it?

Masking and pandemics are a public health issue. Merely because they are being twisted by a contingent of fools is no reason to follow along.

PLEASE Require masking. Require vaccination for the safety of the community, just like EVERY OTHER YEAR PREVIOUSLY.

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Wendy Falco < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:21 AM COB_mail Please institute a mask mandate

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I am writing to implore you to institute a mask mandate for everyone on our school grounds. I am a resident in the Catalina foothills school district. I am a caregiver for two students- one is in elementary school (and cannot yet be vaccinated) and one is a vaccinated middle school student. I am also a cancer survivor with a weakened immune system The law that prohibits mask mandates is reckless beyond belief. Wearing a mask is effective and cheap and a demonstration that Americans still care for each other. Please do what is right! Institute a mask mandate for our schools.

Thank you,

Wendy Falco

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From: Sent: To: Subject: fshadman < Montan Monday, August 9, 2021 9:23 AM COB_mail Make Masks Mandatory in K-12 Schools Immediately

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Sincerely,

Farah Shadman, grandparent of two unvaccinated children ages 10 and 6

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Douglas Meredith < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:24 AM COB mail K-12 masking support

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the resolution being introduced that would require the use of face covering in all K-12 schools in Pima County.

I am a parent of two. This past year has been very difficult for them. They both studied remotely all of last year, which was by no means ideal, but was the best decision for us. With the introduction of vaccines, it finally felt that our community would get a handle on this pandemic, and that my children would be able to attend in person school safely this academic year. However, here we are in yet another surge. We don't have a high vaccination rate. That, combined with the removal of mask mandates, and now a more transmissible variant, has led to the situation that we find ourselves in. It would be safest for my children to stay remote. But as their mental health is already being affected, that is not going to be possible.

I implore you to vote in favor of this resolution. We know that masks work great when everyone is masking up, not just some. Our children need not only their peers, but also their teachers and school staff to be masked, so that they can be protected. Let us not forget that not all children are eligible for the vaccine yet. Politicians should have never politicized a public health crisis and should have never sacrificed our children's health for that end. Please make the right decision now to protect our children RECOLUMIZZZ

Thank you.

Sincerely, **Douglas Meredith**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Christine Cobb < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:29 AM COB_mail K-12 Covid-19 Mask Mandate

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My name is Christine Cobb. I have two sons attending schools in the TUSD school district. For a year and a half our family has taken all the steps we can to keep us from contracting COVID-19, a virus that would be both physically and financially devastating to our family. We wear masks, we are all vaccinated and we continue to keep any gatherings small and with those we know are also vaccinated. Across the board scientists and health organizations have warned of the danger of the Delta variant and what we can do to slow the spread and protect our community.

Unfortunately, Governor Ducey has chosen to ignore the CDC and his very own health department when it comes to how to control this virus. It is time that our local government take the same brave steps that were taken by TUSD last Wednesday. From the beginning TUSD has listened to the experts and done everything they can to protect our students, teachers and staff at their schools. It is your job to protect our community from the devastating impact this virus has on individuals and families.

I implore you to vote to require all K-12 school children, teachers, staff and volunteers to wear a mask while any school property in Pima County.

Sincerely, Christine Cobb

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nicole schalk < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:33 AM COB_mail Masking in schools

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I am writing this letter as a concerned parent and physician. It is extremely evident that a mandatory masking policy is required in K -12 grades secondary to our rising community cases of COVID and especially the Delta variant. I realize that this issue has become a political issue instead of a health issue. We really need to be following CDC guidelines and protect our students and teachers. Making masking voluntary is problematic on many levels. Firstly, masking is a mostly a measure to protect others not ourselves. (Masks really work most effectively if both the person transmitting the virus and the recipient are masked. Masking the person transmitting the virus is the more important variable of these two.). Secondly, this policy creates an unnecessary social division in the children. (maskers vs non maskers). Thirdly, it falsely promotes an idea that this virus is not important and the current risk in our community is low.

I also do not feel like we should be putting the health of our teachers at risk. Being indoor for a large period of time 5 days a week with a room full of unvaccinated (with possibly minimal symptoms if they are infectious) children is too risky.

I realize that all parents are not as likeminded. However, not masking your own child is not just about your child. I would understand somewhat if masks were solely protecting the individual wearing it (like the vaccine). Sending your child unmasked is putting other people at risk.

We need to listen to science. We need to update and make decisions based on what is currently happening in our community. Our community is on the rise and we need to make intelligent decisions. Our children and our teachers do not need to be a science experiment. Frankly, those experiments have already been done in parts of Arizona and areas, of our country. We all know what will happen. Masking is not perfect but besides the vaccine (which most of our kids, are not able to get yet), it is all we have.

Sincerely, Nicole Hook MD (mother of Ella Hook, 4th grader at Sunrise Drive Elementary) Sent from my iPad

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Becca Anderson < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:38 AM COB mail Mask Mandate Comments

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors.

I am a Pima County parent of two children, ages 5 and 8. They started school last week in the Amphitheater School District. Last year (2020-2021), I homeschooled my children because of COVID-19. I re-enrolled them in their public school for the 2021-2022 school year when all of the public health safety precautions were in place. Knowing the students and staff would be wearing masks made me feel comfortable with the risk of sending my children to school. Unfortunately, the Arizona state leaders have decided not only to not make decisions for the safety of our children, but also to tie the hands of those who want to make these decisions. I applaud you for considering a mask mandate for K-12 schools in Pima County and I ask all the Supervisors to vote in support of a mask mandate. As we know, the Delta variant can be spread by both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Fortunately, it seems the vaccine is still preventing serious illness in those who have received it. The biggest concern I have now is that neither of my children have an option to be vaccinated. Arizona state leaders talk about people having a choice to get vaccinated and that this is the way Arizona is managing COVID. They forget that my two daughters, and every other child in Arizona under 12 do NOT have a choice. Masks are the only way to protect our children until a vaccine is available. Please do the brave, a choice. Masks are the only way to protect our children until a vaccine is available. Please do the brave, responsible, and right thing and vote in support of mandatory masks for all students, staff, and visitors on K-12 school campuses. Thank you, Rebecca Anderson Pima County Parent and Resident Address to verify Pima County Residency. Please do not read aloud with my above comments:

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Amy Hernandez **de Service de Serv**

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I understand you will be voting for a mask mandate for students on Tuesday. I write to let you know of my strong opposition to such a mandate. The governor of our State, via the legislature, has determined that there will be no such mandate. As you are well aware, state law trumps local when they are in direct conflict just as federal trumps state. Your proclamation that the law may be unconstitutional is not appropriate. It is highly editorialized and emotional. The rule of law is not emotional or editorialized. I find it such hypocrisy that you are attempting to do what has been repeatedly criticized that prior administrations or other parties have done—taken or used power they simply do not have. Yet you are doing the same under your umbrella of power. That is why I cannot take any of you seriously. You are teaching our children that the rule of law does not matter; if you don't agree just do what you want. Also as you know, there is a legal way to challenge laws you believe is not constitutional. You challenge such a law in the courts as you as a Board are not the judge and juries of such inquiries. Yet you are not doing so. Follow the law. That is what you are expected to do.

My student had COVID, without issue. The risk of COVID killing children is way lower than them dying in car accidents or suicide. Yet you are not passing any law about those things. If others want their children to wear a mask, I am all for it. If the "science" holds, it should protect that student also. This is a virus that will continue to spread and will continue to have variants. We cannot put lives on hold indefinitely. You are killing public schools; you think people do not have choice but you are incorrect. I have already contemplated pulling my student as have many others. And if there is ever a time when vouchers will pass in Arizona, it is now. Parents are fed up.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Yoselin Peralta < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:53 AM COB_mail Mask mandate K-12

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Good morning. I write this email to ask you all to please consider placing a mask mandate for K-12 schools in Arizona. As a mother to 2 children ages 6 and 10 who both attended public schools in Tucson, I am very concerned for their health and safety during this pandemic. I ask that you please consider the fact that they are not of age to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and that masks are their only protection at this time. Teachers, school faculty, and all students should all be required to wear masks in efforts to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your time.

Yoselin Peralta

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Hector < Monday, August 9, 2021 9:56 AM COB_mail Mask mandate k-12

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Good Morning,

I would like my email regarding mask mandates for k-12 to go on the record as being <u>In Favor of mask</u> mandates for k-12. As a father of two children, both under 12 years of age who do not qualify for a Covid Vaccine, i worry about them contracting the virus. Science has proven that mask mandates are effective in stopping the spread. Please impose mask mandates on all K-12 schools in pima county.

Thanks Hector Peralta

Sent from Hector's iPhone

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Alisha Vasquez Monday, August 9, 2021 9:56 AM COB_mail Please, VOTE YES to a Mask Mandate!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please have the courage to stand up for community safety. Because my husband and I have a 2-year-old daughter and our primary purpose as parents is to look out for her best interests, I have been a stay-at-home mom since the pandemic's start in order to care for her. She has not had the opportunity to be around other children her age, has missed out on normal milestones that include interacting with people outside of our household, and has not been around family. Now that we have a single-family income, the long-term financial stability of our family is at risk. It is completely out of the question for us to send her to daycare given that she cannot keep a mask on for a full-day of daycare. Without a mask mandate, especially for our K-12 students, educators, and staff, the likelihood of a swift, holistic recovery from Covid and it's short and long-term negative effects on the community's well-being is increasing. We need bold action by our elected officials to enforce a culture of care that protects ALL individuals in our community, including children, the eldery, and immune compromised people.

Sincerely, Alisha Vasquez AROFZIMIZZFCCKUFII) Munic

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Mark Tronziger <mtronziger@peoplesmortgage.com> Monday, August 9, 2021 9:57 AM COB mail Consideration of Mask Mandate in Pima County

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To whom it may concern,

I implore the Pima County Board of Supervisors to consider standing in unity with the thousands of concerned parents as we collectively challenge the executive order signed by Gov Ducey that jeopardizes the health and well being of our children. Since when did following science and advise from actual health experts become a political issue and WHY? Why is my governor, who doesn't have a medical degree or even any credible evidence or certification of a related field, telling me that he will not require masks to be worn in our school system? If what he is asserting is that we have a fundamental right as citizens to free choice in deciding what works best for us, I agree with him. The exception here is that we have a credible, national health emergency where the government's role in protecting the health and safety of the majority trumps individual liberty. This has already been argued before the Supreme Court and the court has made it clear that this is the case. See Jacobson vs Massachusetts for a review of the high court's opinion. My fear is that we have politicians, with no medical expertise, using the COVID 19 health crisis as political strategery without any concern for the dire implication on the well being of their electorate.

I write to you as a vaccinated person against COVID 19 who doesn't particularly like wearing a mask. But I wear it because I am doing my part in preventing the spread of the virus. I also wear it as protection for myself against those who might have it and are spreading it. The different variants of COVID are the results of individuals not getting vaccinated and allowing the virus to mutate. This has already been argued and established not only by the CDC but 50 leading scientists and doctors at the World Health Organization. These variants pose a particularly substantial risk to öur REGENERATION children as we are seeing more and more young people being affected now than with the original COVID virus.

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I have two Children in the Sunnyside District. One is in first grade at Gallego Primary. His first year there, for kindergarten we decided to keep home in the remote option. My daughter is a fifth grader at Gallego Intermediate, she too was in remote last school year. I wondered, why didn't Sunnyside offer hybrid or remote again? I didn't feel comfortable putting my child in SOSA no students, no teacher. My children did well in remote with a teacher and some students. Having those other options definitely feels much more safe. They're using masks everyday, but I have concerns about how they will isolate the classroom or hallway especially in the middle school setting when the kids have to get out of one class to go to the next if a student gets sick? Why doesn't Sunnyside district have a covid tracking like other schools? We all want our children to be safe. Keep the masks, offer hybrid or remote as covid numbers keep going up. I hope we can get some answers. Thank you for your time.

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Steve Moraff < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:04 AM COB_mail "K-12 Schools Within Pima County Mask Mandate"

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Comment from Steven Moraff, 6301 N Camino De Santa Valera, Tucson, AZ 85718

As a resident of Pima County and the parent to two children enrolled in Catalina Foothills School District, I want to argue in favor of a mask mandate.

I am in the process of organizing a home schooling alternative in case the schools become a Covid disaster. If we have to go that route, this could cause a loss of tens of thousands of dollars to our local school district, compounding the disaster.

I call upon the Pima County board to stand up for science, our schools, and our children, and against a politics that sacrifices our schools and our children's health out of fealty to a new dystopian fantasy world.

Anti-mask zealots say that those of us who want masks are welcome to wear them as a matter of personal choice. If person A shoots person B with a gun, is that a personal choice? Person B is welcome to not pull the trigger if they are so inclined. Don't step on person A's freedom, right?

inclined. Don't step on person A's freedom, right? If public health departments can't enforce rules to prevent one person from killing others with a virus, there is really not purpose in having public health departments. By the way, I hate wearing masks. But I'm even less fond of killing people.

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Sincerely, Steve Moraff

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jaimie Galayda 🗸 Monday, August 9, 2021 10:19 AM COB mail Eric Galayda Supporting the resolution for masks in K-12 schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of two TUSD students to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

Arizona is currently experiencing another COVID-19 surge, with cases having tripled over the past month, coinciding with the arrival of the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 delta variant in the state. States all over the country are seeing an increase in cases among the unvaccinated, and this includes a drastic increase in child hospitalizations, many of whom are not yet eligible for vaccination. The Academy of Pediatrics recently reported that cases among US children and teens jumped 84% in a week. According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19,

according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Schools began welcoming back students to campus late last month and are already experiencing outbreaks across the state. Many are being forced back to online learning because they are not able to use simple mitigation tools like universal masking. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.[1]

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional.[2] doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health,

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Jaimie Galayda

[1] Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools

7/16/2021 Arizona Medical Association's Statement on Upholding Public Health Policies in K-12 Schools

7/19/2021 American Academy of Pediatrics

7/26/2021 Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Position on School Reopening

7/27/2021 CDC

7/27/2021 ADHS

8/2021 Arizona Academy of Family Physicians

[2] The Network for Public Health, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-Subject Rule" JULY 28, 2021 see, <u>https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ec8d2562cd9413e14c0019/t/6101c007b3c13f3dee9e2bd6/16275046477</u> <u>17/Western+Region+Memo+-+COVID+AZ+Mask+Ban.pdf</u>

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ashleigh Cunningham Monday, August 9, 2021 10:24 AM COB_mail Pima County Board of Supervisors Mask Mandate Meeting 08/10

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Hello,

I am writing to give my opinion for the Pima County School Mask Mandate. I currently have 4 children who attend Amphi schools and all 4 have had a very hard time emotionally and academically with how last year's school year was handled. While I understand the districts as a whole all tried to do the best they could, we also need to understand that these children need to be able to grow up with some normalcy back in their lives or it could cause long lasting damage, more damage than COVID is doing them (per scientific studies and reports). I am writing to state my complete disapproval of any mandatory mask mandate for our children. At this point it seems like a complete control thing, as well as showing our children it's ok to disobey the law if they chose to disagree with it. Not a great thing to be teaching our children at such a young age. If parents want their children to wear a mask then I think they should have that option, if they don't want their children to wear a mask then they should have that option as well. Requiring students to wear a mask again will only hurt out students and in turn hurt the districts, as countless parents will unenroll their children again. I personally will be unenrolling all 4 of my children if masks are required, and I know countless other families planning to do the same. One question I have is.... How can you require students to wear a mask if on the actual boxes of masks it specifically states in bold "this mask will not protect you against a virus." If that is the case, then why are we forcing then on our children? The mask box literally states it is not protecting our children, so why do you keep trying to force them on our children? Our children need to see faces, they need to be able to see smiles.

Lastly, If a mask mandate is put into place for Pima County schools, against Governor Doug Ducey's executive order and law that has been passed, I will personally along with 14 other parents (that I know of at this time) hiring lawyers to sue the Pima County school board and the school districts for the injustice against our children and their right to learn in school without being required to wear a mask. Please put the politics and control aside and do what's right for our children. NO MASK MANDATES!!!!!!

Kindly, Ashleigh Cunningham

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sandy Hawkins Monday, August 9, 2021 10:34 AM COB_mail Mask mandate

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Requiring school children to wear masks during school hours is detrimental to their wellbeing. It forces them to somewhat give up their identity. It also causes health issues as they are constantly breathing their own carbon dioxide.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Dalton Riggs Monday, August 9, 2021 10:35 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Please don't go against state law or the will of the people. Please do not vote for mask mandates or vaccine mandates. Every individual has the right to mask or not, to get vaccinated or not.

Sincerely,

Dalton Riggs

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jack Tirrell < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:38 AM COB_mail District1 Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Dear Supervisors,

My wife and I are registering our opposition to the BOS voting to require mask wearing and compulsory COVID vaccination. These requirements violate Arizona state law.

Sincerely,

John A. & Helga R. Tirrell 1205 E. Deer Canyon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85718

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From: Sent: To: Subject: dhuchteman < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:39 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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If you can make me wear a mask, punish me for refusing to take an experimental shot then this is a new NAZI regime and America is dead. Now we know elections are fake, total fraud or you would support audits, how do we stop you?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Lori Coan Monday, August 9, 2021 10:44 AM COB_mail Mask Mandate Comment

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Dear School Board Members and Superintendent Kamerzell:

As the parent of three CFSD students I write to strongly urge you to follow TUSD and other school districts around the state in Imposing a mask mandate for students, staff, and visitors. The delta variant is too contaglous not to use every weapon in the arsenal to stop its spread. With the original virus, a high risk close contact was 15 minutes. With delta, it is one second. There is also great uncertainty about delta's severity and risk to children, with a raft of new studies reporting that delta may pose twice the risk of hospitalization and death as previous strains.

As you know, the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Arizona's own Director of Public Health all say that all students, teachers, and staff should wear masks. This goes double for elementary schools, where none of the students are yet eligible for vaccination. I and other parents are entrusting our precious children to your care. Please take this simple step to protect their health and safety--perhaps their very lives.

In addition to mask mandates, I strongly urge the school board to explore the feasibility of offering high-quality masks free to students and free at-home testing for all students. Together, these could make the district's current mitigation strategies far more powerful.

I recognize that there is a state law banning mask mandates. But as you know, that law--including its retroactivity provisions--does not go into effect until September 29. By that time, it is possible that the FDA will have authorized a vaccine for 5-11 year olds, as the American Pediatrics Association has urged it to do. It is also possible that the state legislature will change its mind. Even if there is some legal ambiguity, this is too urgent an issue not to act now, as TUSD and other districts have done.

My son Ezra is only six. He cannot be vaccinated. He is counting on you.

Thank you, Lori Coan

Best, Lori Coan

Etsy Shop: CoanCreative Instagram: mud_and_monsters Facebook: Lori Coan, Artist



From: Sent: To: Subject: Eric Galayda Monday, August 9, 2021 10:45 AM COB_mail In support of the resolution for masks in K-12 schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of two TUSD students to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

Arizona is currently experiencing another COVID-19 surge, with cases having tripled over the past month, coinciding with the arrival of the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 delta variant in the state. States all over the country are seeing an increase in cases among the unvaccinated, and this includes a drastic increase in child hospitalizations, many of whom are not yet eligible for vaccination. The Academy of Pediatrics recently reported that cases among US children and teens jumped 84% in a week. According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Schools began welcoming back students to campus late last month and are already experiencing outbreaks across the state. Many are being forced back to online learning because they are not able to use simple mitigation tools like universal masking. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.[1]

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state. banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional, [2] doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and most importantly, poses a serious risk to life and health.

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom

by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Eric Galayda

[1] Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools

7/16/2021 Arizona Medical Association's Statement on Upholding Public Health Policies in K-12 Schools

7/19/2021 American Academy of Pediatrics

7/26/2021 Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Position on School Reopening

7/27/2021 CDC

7/27/2021 ADHS

8/2021 Arizona Academy of Family Physicians

 [2] The Network for Public Health, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-Subject Rule" JULY 28,
 2021 see, <u>https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ec8d2562cd9413e14c0019/t/6101c007b3c13f3dee9e2bd6/16</u> 27504647717/Western+Region+Memo+-+COVID+AZ+Mask+Ban.pdf

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Erin Lopez Monday, August 9, 2021 10:45 AM COB_mail Support for mask resolution in schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to thank you for adding <u>Resolution of the Pima County Board of</u> <u>Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective</u> <u>Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately</u> to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

My children attend tanque verde elementary school and the school board's plan appears to be "pretend covid doesn't exist." We have been open 2 days and already have 3 cases. There is no mask mandate, the classes are no longer operating in pods. There is no way to know if my sons have been exposed to someone with covid and no mitigation to prevent the spread. I am so anxious that our class room will be closed without any notice with no back up plan in place for learning.

no back up plan in place for learning. Our numbers state wide right now are as bad as they were at the beginning of February 2021, when I kept my children home from school. I am terrified that they will catch this horrible illness because of a lack of planning has taken place.

Please adopt the proposed resolution and provide stability for our communities.

Sincerely, Erin Lopez

From: Sent: To: Subject: Allison Ewoldt < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:46 AM COB_mail Mask mandate in schools

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It it time to pay heed to some old adages:

"Better safe than sorry!"

Requiring that students, staff, and visitors in schools wear masks except while eating will cause no harm and can minimize the spread of a potentially deadly virus. NOT requiring masks can expose unvaccinated children and adults to said virus that is running rampant here in Pima County and around the globe.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Protecting students from harm should be our first priority in any educational setting. Putting children in jeopardy in order to teach them academics is counter intuitive.

Please require masks in schools during this critical time of increasing infections in our community .

Allison Ewoldt Tucson, AZ



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Monday, August 9, 2021 10:46 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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I am a citizen of Pima County who has children and grandchildren who either work or attend school in the Vail School District. Masking last year was difficult and all of the students in our family said they would rather have school at home than to wear a mask and be distanced all day.

IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM!

When given a choice this year, most students are not wearing masks because of the discomfort and frankly the sincere belief that this is all baloney! People wear masks under their chins, under their noses, or hanging over one ear.

IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM!

The hypocrisy seen from culture icons and political leaders illustrate clearly that they are NOT afraid of covid--not enough to wear masks unless they think someone can see them. We, and I include school age students as well as adults, are able to see that this is a game of some kind. The purpose can be debated, but we don't want to play.

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I resent that any of you think you have the right to tell us what to do and don't give me the "Matt is a doctor" crap. I don't respect him for myriad reasons.

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Masks are not banned at the schools, they are optional. We can do and think for ourselves. We can access and understand the research (or lack thereof) on the effectiveness of masks and we can think for ourselves.

IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM!

For me, this is not about masks. This is about FREEDOM. Go ahead and wear a mask, Dr. Heinz. I want my LIBERTY! Our family wants their LIBERTY!

Peggy Gibson, representing 17 Pima County family members Vail, AZ 85641

From: Sent: To: Attachments: Francisca Varela Monday, August 9, 2021 10:46 AM COB mail Office of Kathy Hoffman.jpg; AZ Book of Parental Rights Search.jpg

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm opposed to the mask mandate for K-12. I ask that you review my attached documents and that you remove the masks from all schools. You are all in violation of our parental rights under ARS 1-601 and 1-602. Take a stand against child abuse.

ARS 8-201, establishes the legal definition of "abuse" in state law. It reads;

"Abuse" means the infliction or allowing of physical injury, IMPAIRMENT OF BODILY FUNCTION or disfigurement or the infliction of or allowing another person to CAUSE SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist and is caused by the acts or omissions of an individual who has the care, custody and control of a child.

School districts across Arizona are being permitted to violate state statute and abuse our children with impunity. Unlike violations of the parents rights statutes, there are real and serious consequences for committing the crime 66 of child abuse. 占

ARS 13-3623

. . Under circumstances other than those likely to produce death or serious physical injury to a child, any person who causes a child to suffer physical injury or ABUSE or, having the care or custody of a child, who causes or permits the person or health of the child to be injured or who causes or permits a child to be placed in a situation where the person or health of the child is endangered is guilty of an offense as follows:
1. If done intentionally or knowingly, the offense is a class 4 felony.
2. If done recklessly, the offense is a class 5 felony.
3. If done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class 6 felony.

"Abuse", when used in reference to a child, means abuse as defined in section 8-201.

FYI: BREATHING IS A BODILY FUNCTION AND MASKS COVERING THE NOSE AND MOUTH IMPAIRS IT

Officials in our state have turned a blind eye to this and allowed our children to literally be abused in the name of "protecting others." We cannot continue to allow children to be sacrificed to provide a false sense of security to adults that refuse to accept scientific data and evidence. Abusing children so that some people can "feel better" is not acceptable... EVER. Not even in a "pandemic".

The school district governing board members that vote to continue mask requirement policies and district staff that enforce mask wearing by children must be charged accordingly, TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW. We need immediate action on this as there are districts making decisions about masks for the remainder of the school year and the upcoming summer school session now.

This is to inform you of this statute because your knowledge of it increases your penalty from a class 4 felony to a class 6 felony.

I also request that you face us in person and not hide behind virtual meetings! We have a right to meet and be heard!

Arizona Department of Education Office of Kathy Hoffman Superintendent of Public Instruction

Arizona Department of Education Parental Rights Handbook Public Charter Schools Last Updated: September 10, 2020

Background

In the 2020 Arizona Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1061 (Laws 2020, Chapter 64) which the Governor signed on June 5, 2020, SB 1061 established ARS § 15-249.16 which requires the Arizona Department of Education (Department) to establish and post a statutory handbook of parental rights. Additionally, each school district and charter school must prominently post a link to the statutory handbook of parental rights on a publicly accessible portion of their website. Per A.R.S. § 15-249.16, the handbook of parental rights for parents and families of public charter schools must contain the following statutes:

- Title 1, Chapter 6
 - o <u>Section 1-601</u>
 - o <u>Section 1-602</u>
- Title 15, Chapter 1
 - o <u>Section 15-110</u>
 - Section 15-113
 Section 15-117
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This document contains the required statutes per SB 1061 and fulfills the Department's role in developing and posting the parental rights handbook pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-249.16. In addition to posting on the Department's website, this document will be distributed to each public school for posting.

Statutory Language

A.R.S. § 1-601 - Parents' rights protected

A. The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.

B. This state, any political subdivision of this state or any other governmental entity shall not infringe on these rights without demonstrating that the compelling governmental interest as applied to the child involved is of the highest order, is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means.

Additionally, each school district and charter school must prominently post a link to the statutory handbook of **parental rights** on a publicly accessible portion of their website.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Susan Kelly < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:48 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Please do not teach our children to violate the laws. There is no technical or scientific reason to mask our children or our adults - vaccinated or not.

- 1. Vaccines should be a choice

Vaccines should be a choice
Masks should be a choice
Children are at extremely low risk of dying due to COVID-15., yet you didn't mandate masks previous to 2020.
This has never been about cases, it's about deaths and hospital use. And, even in Pima County, deatus and so is hospital use.
It is against the law to impose masks on our children. Let the parents make the choice.
If it's okay for President Obama to have a mask-less party, it's okay for our children to go to school maskless.
If it's okay for AOC to sit on public steps with a crowd, maskless, it's okay for our children to go to school maskless.
I could go on and on, but you understand. I hope. The Government's role in this pandemic is done. Now please neople (and motivate them) to get vaccinated.

Susan Kelly 7220 W Secret Bluff Pass Marana, AZ 85658

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Sam DeVore < Montana Monday, August 9, 2021 10:49 AM COB_mail On the issue of Mask Mandates and vaccination policies in school

Please support the instituting a public health emergency and also to discuss mask mandates and a mandatory vaccination policy for teachers/staff of schools. Considering that local health professionals are urging this proactive step, that we have a large at risk population, that the impact on our community if numbers of kids or staff get sick and schools are forced to close or reduce numbers. You have the power to protect our families, our friends and our neighbors. You must put public heath ahead of politics and do the right thing

Samuel DeVore 4043 N Harrison Rd Tucson, 85749

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From: Sent: To: Subject: David McKibben < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:50 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Hello Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Please DO NOT mandate masks or vaccinations on our community! This is a private decision and should not be forced upon people. Masks have been proven ineffective at protecting from Covid-19. It is a violation of State law to mandate masks or vaccines. Let the people make the decision for themselves.

Thank you,

David McKibben 547 S Vermilion Cliffs Ave, Tucson, AZ 85748

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From: Sent: To: Subject: A. Sostarich < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:56 AM COB_mail mask resolution and vaccine policy

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Greetings:

Re-imposing mask mandates or imposing any vaccine mandates is a violation of State Law and will not stand.

For those capable of reading a chart, Arizona is doing well with COVID as far as hospitalizations and deaths are concerned. we may have more "positive tests," but that is NOT translating into increased mortality. daily deaths are only SLIGHTLY higher than they were 2 months ago.

Masking and mandatory vaccinations are not only illegal but counterproductive. Masking has statistically done NOTHING to reduce transmission. And if these vaccines are so great, wouldn't they sell themselves without any need to force them on people?

NO mask mandates and no vaccine mandates!!

Annette Sostarich 13350 N Flintlock Rd Marana, AZ 85653 rigoszimizoarcakor ID **mar-**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Paulina Monday, August 9, 2021 10:58 AM COB_mail Mask Mandate

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Pima County and mother of two kids, I would like to say that I want to keep our freedom to choose when/where or if to wear face coverings. I truly hope you will not try to go against Arizona Law in that regard and mandate it for schools. There are numerous studies showing extremely low risk of transmissions from kids, and there are studies showing negative effects of face coverings on health and emotional development of children.

Everyone should be free to choose prevention methods and medications that influence their health.

Best Regards, Paulina Garcia

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From: Sent: To: Subject: frank pisut < Monday, August 9, 2021 10:59 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Vote no on mask and vaccine mandates! I decide my health, not government! This push is about control, not health! These mandates are unconstitutional and I will oppose them! Frank Pisut

Sent from my iPhone

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<u>Melissa Manriquez</u>

From: Sent: To: Subject: Iris Sapovits < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:01 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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NO, we have been punished enough. You asked us to get vaxed. We did. That should be enough. Any business in Pima CO that forces me to wear a mask will not be patronized. We are adults and capable of making our own decisions. We are not sheep following the Shepard.

In addition, asking health related questions is a violation of HIPPA laws.

Iris Sapovits Green Valley

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Kelly Gondek < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:04 AM COB_mail Mask mandate please!

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To whom it may concern,

I really hope you all pass the mask mandate for all staff and students in Pima County. As a mother and Social Worker the need for community to come together to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 is imperative. As responsible adults it is our obligation to protect our children. This is a public health crisis that continues partly due to politicians thinking they know more than scientists, doctors and wise minded professionals who I will continue to trust regarding this pandemic. I will continue to mask up and hope this mandate will be passed for all to do the right thing for the health of our community.

Kelly Gondek

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Rochelle Monday, August 9, 2021 11:06 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Personal freedom is a choice that every American has.

Mandatory vaccines and mandatory masking take away our personal freedom and is in VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. There are those who feel this is the appropriate way to protect themselves and their families, and the Pima County Republican Party agrees with their right to do so!! However, there are those who feel that NOT wearing a mask and NOT receiving the vaccine is the most appropriate way to protect themselves and their families. These families have the right to protect their families, too!

Rochelle Thompson 10033 N Sand Sage Trail <u>Marana, AZ 85</u>653

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From: Sent: To: Subject:

Hu, Xiaogian - (xiaogianhu) <xiaogianhu@arizona.edu> Monday, August 9, 2021 11:14 AM COB_mail Comments for Tuesday's Meeting on Mask Mandate

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My children come from a family with a long cancer history. My grandmother died of lung cancer before I was born. 10 years ago, my father died of lung cancer before my children were born. Now, my sister, a wonderful women only in her 40s, is fighting lung cancer. I'm extremely grateful that I am healthy, but I have only four fifths of lungs that other people have due to a genetic deformity. With this pandemic, I fear for the life of myself and my children.

Those who oppose a mask mandate think that whether to wear a mask is nobody's business but their own. I value freedom and privacy, and I so wish these people are right, but reality cruelly disagrees. COVID is CONTAGIOUS, and it causes LONG-LASTING damage to the lungs. Some people may contact COVID and emerge victorious with no noticeable long-long injuries, but they will also transmit COVID to people who are more vulnerable, people like me and my children. And WE will suffer severe long-term injuries and might even die young of diseases like lung cancer. The situation is worse now than a year before because the delta variant is so much more contagious than the original strand, and there will be more contagious new variants if people continue to not wear a mask and, in this way, provide a laboratory for the virus to improve its ability to infect and kill.

B A mask mandate is the least we can and should do to for our children and for their parents, uncles and aunts, and grandparents. Schools and local officials feel legally bound to follow the State's no mask mandate law. But this is short sighted and dangerous. History is filled with examples of evil "laws" that hurt and kill people. Following such "laws" not only is irresponsible and immoral but amounts to murder and will be punished either in a legal tribunal or in the moral tribunal of the humanity. The State's no mask mandate law should be struck down. It will be struck down. It will be struck down. Xiaoqian Hu
Associate Professor of Law
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INGRID JACOBS < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:14 AM COB_mail mask requirement in schools

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a VERY concerned resident of Pima County and as a retired teacher.

The health of our school staff and students is as stake. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is overwhelming our state and healthcare system. My friends, who are healthcare workers across the country, are exhausted and frustrated that our state is not stepping up to being a part of the solution. This is NOT about individual freedoms, this is about helping our fellow citizens avoid a horrible disease. It's not about me; we ALL need to be a part of doing what is right for everyone. Arizona is to date averaging 2,334 new cases per day. Last year, 2020, Arizona was averaging 1,435 new cases per day. That's guite the increase. The unvaccinated pose the highest risk - that only makes sense. 63

Children will pretty much do what they are told to do and believe what we tell them. If we tell we work together and explain that we need to wear masks and get vaccinated when we can, then our children will follow our lead. If we panic; they will panic. I saw that demonstrated regularly & over my 47 years of teaching. If I reacted reasonably and calmly, my students did the same. 160 M W We have to be honest and support our children.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE CDC GUIDELINES. The lives of our people depend on it.

Sincerely, **Ingrid Jacobs**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Katie Frischenmeyer Monday, August 9, 2021 11:17 AM COB_mail Mask mandate statement

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent with a child in the CFSD school district. I am asking the board of supervisors to please require masks within our schools. As the school year starts, I should be worried about how much homework my first grader is going to have but instead I'm worried about this new variant and the alarming statistics of the impact it has on children. To top it off, our legislature has taken away one of the tools to help keep our children safe.

Masks are most successful when everyone wears them. While I can have my child wear a mask, if the parents of his peers choose otherwise, they are not only putting their child's life at risk they are putting mine at risk as well. Children, under the age of 12 will not be eligible to receive the vaccine until winter at the earliest. Presently, ICU's are filling up in other states of young children with COVID. Both the CDC and APA have indicated masks are necessary indoors, particularly for those who are unvaccinated.

I implore the board to help keep our children safe and make masks mandatory within our schools. I understand that the law says masks are to be a choice but history has shown that laws are not always in the best interest of the citizens and there are times when it is necessary to participate in "good trouble". Now is one of those times.

Thank you for your time.

Katharine Frischenmeyer Parent

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Monday, August 9, 2021 11:18 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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No! No! You don't get to choose for us. We get to choose what is right for us. Americans are free and used to having our freedom. Stop it! You have no right to impede on my healthcare. My doctor and I will make the decision of what is best for me and my family! Do not mandate anything you don't have the right to do so. We will not quietly comply. We will stand and be heard! We have rights and we know we do! We will not comply with your mandates we are sick of the government thinking they have the right to control us. We can make our own decisions about our health. You make yours for you and we will make our own by doing research and thinking for ourselves. It's a hard pass on the masks and poison for me. The vax is not even FDA approved! Since when in America have you ever pushed this hard for something not even proven to help us??? Something smells funny here and it appears to be you guys pushing so hard for a vax that is not even backed by years of trials or facts that can tell us in two years it won't hurt us. Stop and think about that for a minute. You can tell parents none of this will kill their children in two years? Would you risk your child?

Thank you for listening and thank you for considering my thoughts on this before you decide on this issue.

Best regards,

Anna Evilsizor 9742 N Texas Ebony Lane Marana AZ 85653

Sent from myMail for iOS

From: Sent: To: Subject: Farrar, Chelsea Jane - (cjfarrar) <cjfarrar@arizona.edu> Monday, August 9, 2021 11:20 AM COB_mail Mask Mandate for K-12 school in Pima County

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To whom it concerns,

I am a parent of two children who are in public school classroom this fall in Tucson. We are lucky that one child can be vaccinated. The youngest is still unable. We know that with the new Delta strain, even children who are vaccinated are at risk. Yet alone our youngest who can not be. We know that evidence is showing children can get very sick with this new strain. Our children missed a year and a half of in person education- they NEED to be with their teachers and with their peers. We can not give up another year because people refuse to get vaccinated, war a mask or do anything minimal to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We ask that the Department of Health in the county listen to the recent and evolving literature on the matter and require all children in the county to wear masks. We can prevent this spread in our community and keep those at most risk from getting sick by asking people to do very little- wear a mask.

Thank you, Chelsea

Chelsea J. Farrar Pronouns: she, her, hers Curator of Community Engagement, University of Arizona Museum of Art Co-Director, Racial Justice Studio <u>cjfarrar@arizona.edu</u> 1520-621-9504 | <u>http://www.artmuseum.arizona.edu/</u>

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We acknowledge our presence on Tohono O'odham ancestral lands. S-maːc 'ac mac 'an Tohono O'odham ha-jewedga daːm oyopo.



From: Sent: To: Subject: Angela < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:28 AM COB_mail URGENT: STOP THE MANDATES

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Hello Julie,

I am writing to you to send an urgent message to all Pima county board members regarding tomorrow/s meeting:

My name is Angela and I have been a nurse for 12 years in the community, 7 of which have been as an ER nurse. I am emailing you to notify you that the healthcare community has been made aware of what Matt Heinz has added to be on the agenda regarding mandating the Covid Vaccine for ALL healthcare workers in Pima County. There is a large group of us that is growing that will continue to fight this as it is a complete violation of our constitutional rights. I want to caution you not to vote for this, as many healthcare workers are prepared to leave their jobs if that's what it comes down to. We are already grossly understaffed in all aspects of healthcare across Pima county, especially the hospitals. By pushing this mandate, you will be likely forcing many healthcare professionals to make the impossible decision of having to leave their jobs (or being fired). There is a large percentage of healthcare workers who have yet to receive the vaccine. If even a percentage of these healthcare workers leave there will not be nearly enough of us to staff the hospitals and it will be detrimental to our health care system. We are moving into the busiest season come November for our hospitals and if you continue to push this mandate through I will be sure the community is aware you are to blame when we are over capacity within the hospitals due to lack of staff. IF you care about the safety of our patients like you say, you will not continue with this mandate.

Our voices WILL be heard. We will NOT back down, we will NOT be threatened, and we will NOT be intimidated. You have been cautioned on the effect of this mandate and I encourage you to take head to it. This will not be the last time you hear of us.

Sincerely,

Angela RN, BSN and advocate for medical freedom and rights of the people to have the freedom to choose what does and does not go into our bodies

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jill Westenborg < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:30 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Dear Pima Country Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jill D'Aniello. There are those who feel that getting the vaccine and masking is an appropriate way to protect themselves and their families. There are those who feel that NOT wearing a mask and NOT receiving the vaccine is the most appropriate way to protect themselves and their families. These families have the right to protect their families, too! Please do not pass another lock down or requirement to wear masks. Please do not force vaccine passports and let everyone make the choice that is best for them.

Jill D'Aniello

2010 e River rd #103 Tucson AZ 85718 Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Bobbie Jo King < Monthage Monday, August 9, 2021 11:33 AM COB_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District5 Mask Resolution and Vaccine Mandate

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There are those who feel wearing a mask and receiving the vaccine are the appropriate ways to protect themselves and their families, and I agree with their right to do sol! **HOWEVER**, there are those who feel that NOT wearing a mask and NOT receiving the vaccine is the most appropriate way to protect themselves and their families. These families have the right to protect their families, too! It didn't work the first time; it certainly isn't going to work this time. This **power grab 2.0** is in VIOLATION OF STATE LAW as well.

Stop directing the safety of families in this county. Parents have the right to direct the health care of their children.

Thank you.

Bobbie Jo King 10426 E Ravenswood St Tucson AZ 85747



From: Sent: To: Subject: Lucille Webb < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:41 AM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Our names are Earl and Lucille Webb and we live in Pima County. We do not want to see another mask mandate in Pima County. We hope you will rule against this as so many children and adults alike are opposed to this mandate -- especially those of us who have been vaccinated. So many qualified health professionals have said masks don't work anyway so why would we do this in the first place? Please stop the politics and be smart as this has gone on long enough.

Earl and Lucille Webb

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From: Sent: To: Subject:

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I've just read the county's intention to break state law.

This is of great concern to many of us parents! If parents want the mask on their children no one is telling them they can't. If parents don't want the mask they need the same parental rights and freedom to make those choices for their children.

After a school year of forced and rigid adherence to masking in our child with pulmonary complications and underlying conditions we watched very real, physical, and MEASURABLE harm occur in our child. After many years of working hard to achieve normal pulmonary function, just one partial school year of spending 6+ hours a day in a mask drastically eroded all that progress and dropped pulmonary function down to below normal levels. If we'd been allowed the choice, we should have always had, to do what we knew was best and healthiest for our child this measurable harm could have been prevented. This physical measurable harm was caused by YOUR narrow sighted rigid mandates!! It is squarely Pima County Board's fault.

harm could have been prevented. This physical measurable harm was caused by YOUR narrow sighted rigid mandates!! It is squarely Pima County Board's fault. We have other children with invisible disabilities that were greatly exaserbated last year by the rigid, forced, masking. You didn't even allow for doctor provided medical exemptions to be honored! I'm sure you can see all the ways that's in the wrong.

Your Dr Garcia the Gynocologist is NOT an Epidemiologist; NOT a virologist; NOT a disability specialist; and DEFINITELY NOT a Child Development specialist!! You publicly admitted at the Amphi Board meeting you were not education experts and would no longer be making educational recommendations. Was that a blatant lie?!? Time for the whole lot of you to make good on it and get out of education! The newly elected Rex Scott included. You can't call him any kind of educational authority after the way he ruined Tortolita Middle School that sat on an F rating for his entire tenure!! It's disgusting what he did to that formerly great school.

You are damaging the health of children when you refuse to recognize state law allowing parents to make the best medical decisions for their children. You are breaking Federal law by ignoring ADA and pretending we no longer protect the rights of the disabled. You break more Federal laws by mandating rigid adherence to your myopic ideas and force schools to discard FAPE and IDEA!! Why do you hate disabled students and their caregivers?!?

Please leave this decision up to parents and the medical specialists caring for their children. Mask, sheild, or nothing. All should be options on the table and allowed according to what parents, and their chosen medical specialists, feel is best for their children.

In addition, teaching our children to break any law they disagree with is immoral and setting a terrible precident. You all know better. It's time to do better and leave our children alone!!!

Thank you.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Darsi Aldrich < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:44 AM COB_mail Masks in schools

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Despite what our Governor and state legislature have decided about mask wearing.. I hope you will reconsider and require masks in our schools and require school staff to be vaccinated. Cases for school age children have doubled in two weeks. There is no shame in changing a mandate when children's lives are at stake

Darsi Aldrich

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Omar Garcia < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:46 AM COB_mail No to Mask Mandates at schools

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As a parent and resident of Pima County I strongly object to mandating masks in K-12 schools. It is against AZ law and the will of many parents.

Whoever chooses to wear a mask is always welcome to do so. Forcing unwilling residents is not the way to go, especially that science is not supporting this.

Best Regards, Omar Garcia

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From: Sent: To: Subject: powers_janelle < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:46 AM COB_mail Mask mandate

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm opposed to the mask mandate for K-12. I ask that you review my attached documents and that you remove the masks from all schools. You are all in violation of our parental rights under ARS 1-601 and 1-602.

Take a stand against child abuse.

ARS 8-201, establishes the legal definition of "abuse" in state law. It reads;

"Abuse" means the infliction or allowing of physical injury, IMPAIRMENT OF BODILY FUNCTION or disfigurement or the infliction of or allowing another person to CAUSE SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist and is caused by the acts or omissions of an individual who has the care, custody and control of a child.

School districts across Arizona are being permitted to violate state statute and abuse our children with impunity

Unlike violations of the parents rights statutes, there are real and serious consequences for committing the crime of child abuse.

ARS 13-3623

Under circumstances other than those likely to produce death or serious physical injury to a child, any person who causes a child to suffer physical injury or ABUSE or, having the care or custody of a child, who causes or permits the person or health of the child to be injured or who causes or permits a child to be placed in a situation where the person or health of the child is endangered is guilty of an offense as follows:

1. If done intentionally or knowingly, the offense is a class 4 felony.

2. If done recklessly, the offense is a class 5 felony.

3. If done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class 6 felony.

It goes on to state that,

"Abuse", when used in reference to a child, means abuse as defined in section 8-201.

FYI: BREATHING IS A BODILY FUNCTION AND MASKS COVERING THE NOSE AND MOUTH IMPAIRS IT

Officials in our state have turned a blind eye to this and allowed our children to literally be abused in the name of "protecting others." We cannot continue to allow children to be sacrificed to provide a false sense of security to adults that refuse to accept scientific data and evidence. Abusing children so that some people can "feel better" is not acceptable... EVER. Not even in a "pandemic".

The school district governing board members that vote to continue mask requirement policies and district staff that enforce mask wearing by children must be charged accordingly, TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW. We need immediate action on this as there are districts making decisions about masks for the remainder of the school year and the upcoming summer school session now.

This is to inform you of this statute because your knowledge of it increases your penalty from a class 4 felony to a class 6 felony.

I also request that you face us in person and not hide behind virtual meetings! We have a right to meet and be heard!

Sincerely, Janelle Anctil 4560 E Madera Vista Rd Green Valley, AZ 85614

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Jamie Brady < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:55 AM COB_mail School Mask Mandate Consideration

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Good morning,

Please include my below message to the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

Greetings,

My name is Jamie Brady and I am a native Tucsonan and current resident of Pima County. I just learned that the BOS will be discussing implementing another mask mandate for schools on Wednesday. I read Mr. Heinz' proposed resolution and it caused me great concern. I wanted to share my concerns with you prior to the meeting in hopes that you may take them into consideration as you are making your decision on this matter.

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My first concern is the conflict that this proposed resolution would cause with the existing state law, HB 2898. Mr. Heinz states that the bill was "rammed through both houses of the Legislature on the final day of the legislative session - on a party line vote and with no time for public review or comment" and that because of this it MAY "violate the "single subject rule" of the Arizona Constitution and therefore MAY be unconstitutional." He goes on to say later in the document that the BOS MAY instruct the PCAO to investigate the possibility of filing a lawsuit against the state. Nowhere in this document does Mr. Heinz state that the law is in fact unconstitutional nor does he explain how it is currently not a valid law. He explains instead reasons why the validity is questionable, in his opinion, and a matter for the courts. If the validity and constitutionality of the law is questionable, why has Pima County not already filed this lawsuit? If Mr. Heinz was so offended by the way in which the law was enacted, why is he just now bringing it forward? Why did Pima County not file the lawsuit immediately after it was enacted on July 30? Why wait until school has started for many and is about to start for others? Second, what gives the BOS the right or authority to pass a resolution in direct contradiction to a current state law prior to going through the court system to determine its legality and constitutionality? Isn't that what the legislative and judicial process is for? Passing this resolution sends the message that it is appropriate and reasonable for us to pick and choose which laws we follow. That if we disagree with a particular law and think it's unconstitutional, we have the ability and right to simply disregard it while the court process plays out. Can you imagine what our society would be if everyone had this attitude? If when a police officer pulls you over, you don't stop because you don't think you don't think the traffic law is constitutional? Or if people continued to commit crimes because they felt the laws that prevent

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them were unconstitutional? It puts the children, parents, and districts in an impossible situation of having to choose which law/resolution they follow and which one they violate. It forces the districts to mandate that their students and parents violate the current state law. You can disagree with the law all you want but as of right now, it is still the law and as a civilized society we are obligated and REQUIRED to follow it.

My second concern is this. I fail to understand the need for another mask mandate given the lack of specific data to support it. Nowhere in this document does Mr. Heinz document the current number of serious illnesses requiring ventilators and more importantly deaths associated with Covid. He vaguely stated that hospitalizations have tripled in the past month, however, he gives no specifics on ICU beds or ventilators being utilized and nothing on deaths. Why are we all of a sudden focusing on different numbers? In the past the focus has been on deaths, ICU beds, and ventilator usage. Why are we now focusing on positive cases when we now know that the current test cannot differentiate between Covid and the flu and there is no test for the "delta variant?" As of yesterday there were 12 Covid deaths statewide, 12. Since July 20 that number has not been higher than 16 in one day as compared to 177 on January 18 which was the highest. Per the AZDHS dashboard, ventilator usage statewide is at 26% as opposed to 52% on December 22, 2020. As far as I can find, this information is not available for Pima County specifically and the statewide numbers do not support this draconian measure. More specifically to children, I am not aware of, nor can I find any evidence that children are becoming seriously ill or dying at a higher rate now than before. In fact, children remain the least likely to suffer serious illness or die from this virus yet they are the ones you keep targeting. I have no doubt that there is an increase in positive cases, however, there is no evidence that the increase is leading to high numbers of deaths and serious illness landing people in the ICU and on ventilators. If I am wrong about any of this, please share with me the numbers so I can be better informed.

Finally, the vaccine is now available to anyone aged 12 and over who wants it. Vaccinated individuals are much less likely to get seriously ill or die from Covid, however, they can still spread it...to unvaccinated individuals....who choose to remain unvaccinated. This tactic of mandating masks to protect people who don't want to get the vaccine seems more like an authoritarian power move to force more people to get vaccinated who simply do not feel it is in their best health interest to do so. That is their right and personal choice and the government, local or otherwise, has no right to force them to do anything different.

I implore you to leave the decision of masking children to the parents and districts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jamie Brady

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Georgia Taylor < Monday, August 9, 2021 11:55 AM COB_mail Comments for 8/10 Meeting

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ar Pima County Board am a Pima County employee (14 years), resident, 2 schools. Masking for everyone has proven effective for such be that Variant. Children are very adaptable when it comes to learning how he most effective way for children to learn, and most families cannot afford the option. nome to teach their children (and keep them out of school). Mask wearing has also decreased the option flu, RSV, and other common cold strains. Please consider what is best for our children and our community and require all K-12 students (and parents) the wear masks in school. The prime for time, and Pima County member & employee

Date: August 9, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent, community member, and constituent to thank you for adding <u>Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.</u>

<u>I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a</u> universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

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Thank you, Celia Marie Wilson

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ray Darragh < Monthead and American American Monday, August 9, 2021 12:02 PM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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My name is Ray Darragh and I live in Pima County.

I want the Pima County Board of Supervisors to know that I am <u>AGAINST</u> any mandates requiring citizens to wear masks and/or get the COVID vaccination. Requiring people to wear masks and get a vaccine that has no history of long term adverse affects is in VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. Some people may believe that masks and mandatory vaccinations are the appropriate way to protect themselves and their families and they have the right to do so. However, there are MANY others, including my entire family and network of friends, who feel that NOT wearing a mask and NOT receiving the vaccine is the most appropriate way to protect themselves and their families. These families have the right to protect their families too!

Ray Darragh 12266 N. Durham Wash Dr. Marana, AZ. 85658



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Rebecca Garelli **4** Monday, August 9, 2021 12:04 PM COB_mail Concerned Community Member, Please Read!

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Thank you,

Rebecca Garelli, M.Ed. Science Education Consultant Freelance Science Curriculum Writer K-12 Science & STEM Specialist

From: Sent: To: Subject: Michelle Valenti < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:02 PM COB_mail Support for Pima County's Resolution BOS Agenda

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Thank you,

Michelle Valenti

^[1] Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools 7/16/2021 Arizona Medical Association's Statement on Upholding Public Health Policies in K-12 Schools

7/19/2021 American Academy of Pediatrics

7/26/2021 Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Position on School Reopening

7/27/2021 CDC

7/27/2021 ADHS

8/2021 Arizona Academy of Family Physicians

[2] The Network for Public Health, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-

Subject Rule" JULY 28, 2021 see, https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ec8d2562cd9413e14c0019/t/6101c007b3c13f3dee9e2bd6/1627504647717/Western+Region+Memo+-+COVID+AZ+Mask+Ban.pdf

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Please know that as a registered voter in Pima County, I am in opposition to forcing citizens to wear masks and get vaccinations that have not been FDA approved. It is my understanding that it is actually against state law. Please take my input into consideration and DO NOT SUPPORT this mask/vaccine policy.

mask/vaccine policy. Although I received my vaccinations, it was MY choice and it is MY choice as to whether or not I choose to wear a mask. There has been far too much contradictory information from governmental agencies, as well as the media, for many of us to feel comfortable that we can believe anything we hear or read about it. This is a decision that should be made by each citizen, not the government.

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Again, I respectfully ask that you **not support this measure**, further eroding our liberties as Americans and Arizonans.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Carole Lindly 350 N. Harrison Rd, Tucson, 85748

From: Sent: To: Subject: Donald Spear < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:07 PM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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I am very much against requiring masking and vaccinations. Several studies have shown that the masks that are available to wear for average citizens, whether cloth or paper, do not stop the spread of corona viruses. They are microbe factories, that muffle my voice, hide my face and impede the flow of air into my lungs. At the age of 74, I need all the air I can get. It is also a way of forcing people to express themselves in ways that they don't want.

As for vaccine mandates, they are anti freedom. What happened to our bodies, our decision? The vaccine mandates, moreover, do not account for those people who have natural immunity because they had COVID 19 in the first place. If you have the antibodies, you are protected in two different ways. You have protection from getting the virus and if you do get the virus, the disease track is so attenuated that you are not under threat. My name is Donald Spear, 4242 E 5th St, Tucson, AZ 85711. My phone number is **Exercise** and my email is

Respectfully, Don Spear

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Ken Rineer < Montan August 9, 2021 12:06 PM COB_mail Agenda items #15 & 17, mandatory masks & vaccubatuibs

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Clerk of the Board,

I submit the following comment to be entered in to the record on mandatory masks and vaccinations as I do not have the technology to do online meetings:

I was shocked when I heard that the Board was going to discuss, and vote for, agenda items to require masks and mandatory vaccines as it is a violation of State law.

If you can violate State law, can I walk in to the Pima County Board of supervisors meeting, if you ever reopen them, armed with a pistol?

After all, you are either an elitists who feels you are exempt from State law or you are a law abiding individual.

Kenneth R. Rineer 7901 E. Manitoba St. Tucson, AZ 85730 District 2 voter ΩΩ0521#1226PC0.KGF BD *M*∕∕∕

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deepa patel < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:21 PM COB_mail Parents of 2nd Grader and Preschooler

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My kids are 6 and 2 years old so they are not vaccinated.

Kids are getting sick from Delta variants so it's different from earlier covid.

Till kids are not fully vaccinated, masks need to be mandatory.

It must be mandatory for school staff as well because there is not enough evidence that vaccines are good against delta variants.

We need to act faster before it reaches the time that schools have to completely shut down.

--Thanks, Deepa Patel

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Mandy DeMeritt < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:46 PM COB_mail URGENT: STOP THE MANDATES

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Hi

I am writing to you requesting you send an urgent message to the Pima County Board members regarding the meeting tomorrow.

My name is Mandy and I am a nurse practitioner. I have spent my entire nursing career in Tucson. I have been an RN for over 13 years. I want you to know that the community is aware that Matt Heinz wants to require the covid injection for ALL healthcare workers in Pima County. The group of healthcare workers that are against this is only getting bigger by the day. This is a MASSIVE violation of our constitutional rights. As you think about whether to vote for this, please be aware that this growing group of healthcare workers is prepared to WALK away from their jobs. The hospitals are already desperately understaffed and this will only make that worse. Your constituents are the ones who will be affected. The wait times for ER, urgent care and even getting in with their PCPs will only be longer than it is now. This will be detrimental to the healthcare system. The 🚎 percentage of healthcare workers who have chosen not to take this is already more than the ones who have inter . chosen to take it. We are entering into the busiest time of year with influenza, colds, snowbirds returning and will have scheduled procedures etc, and the healthcare system CANNOT handle losing staff during this time. you choose to mandate this, the community will know that YOU voted it in and that all of their gaps in healthcare are because of YOU. VOTE AGAINST THIS MANDATE! We are NOT going anywhere. We will NOT back down. Vote NO on this mandate. Thank you

Mandy DeMeritt FNP-C

Melissa Manriquez

From: Sent: To: Subject: Karina Murillo < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:26 PM COB_mail Masks

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To whom this may concern:

I think it is very important to have a mask mandate in Pima County schools due to the alarming increase in positive covid cases. Some of these students live with elderly or immune compromised family members. Studies are showing the transmisión rate is very high in younger kids. Please consider having a mask mandate in public schools.

Thank you, A concerned citizen

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Melissa Manriquez

From: Sent: To: Subject: BILL DUNAWAY Monday, August 9, 2021 12:23 PM COB mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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To all supervisors,

I understand that you will be voting on another mask /vaccine mandate tomorrow. I urge you to consider that this has already been decided by our governor and is currently a state law. Your vote to mandate masks would be in violation of state law and is ultimately useless. Please acknowledge the fact that masks are made in China and specifically states on the packaging that masks DO NOT protect anyone from the COVID virus as the droplet is smaller than the mask can protect, This mask issue has become a farce, as indicated by the mass of illegals walking across our boarders with NO testing or MASKS. This is no longer a public health issue but a political grab for control.

I am hopeful that you will all consider the long term consequences of the decisions you will make on behalf of ALL Tucson citizens.

11800 E. Calle de Coronado

Tucson, AZ 85749

Melissa Manriquez

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sana Ali 🛛 Monday, August 9, 2021 12:46 PM COB_mail Please read at Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting

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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

We send this message as parents of three young, school-aged children in the K-12 system in Pima County. We also write as concerned medical professionals who have worked in clinics and hospitals through the pandemic in Tucson. The devastating past year had many results, including remote learning. While it served as a protection for some, distance learning was very difficult for young children, as we learned from our family and circle of friends. We were relieved to return to school in person, however, the surge of COVID cases began again, coinciding with the opening of schools. We continue to believe in-person learning is best if performed with as much mitigation as possible. My wife and I are both a testament to the importance of mask use and its ability to prevent the spread of disease. We have worked in environments where social distancing is not possible, pre-vaccination, and were able to prevent COVID outbreaks within our working environments. It should not be any different in the schools in the current state, especially amongst the young, unvaccinated population. It is our job as parents, educators, and health professionals to speak for those who do not have a let: voice. With the recent exponential increase in cases amongst young children, we should mandate masks in schools in order to prevent the devastation we all experienced last year due to COVID. We simply cannot wait schools in order to prevent the devastation we all experienced last year due to COVID. We simply cannot waiD to see what will happen. The science and data are clear. Masks work. We need to step up and keep the politics out of this ordeal. Please fight for our kids and do the right thing. We should mandate masks in schools K12. Respectfully, Shamudheen Mohammed Rafiyath, MD Sana Ali, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Pediatrics

Sana Ali, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Pediatrics

From: Sent: To: Merica Roddam < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:48 PM COB_mail

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to share my SUPPORT FOR the resolution which will be voted on next week. Right now the masks are encouraged but not required.

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It is the recommendation of the AAP, CDC, and my children's pediatrician that children wear their masks in school regardless of their vaccination status. It is also an CDC and AAP recommendation that all staff members and teachers of the schools wear their masks as well. This shouldn't be a political lightning rod. It should simply be a public health issue. Please do what is right for our children.

Sincerely,

Merica Franklin

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Jill and Bernie Kanavage < Monday, August 9, 2021 1:01 PM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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To All Supervisors,

This mask and vaccine resolution is simply a power grab that is IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. There is NO data backing up your claim that this resolution is required. I demand that a resolution to CLOSE THE BORDER be passed to end the flood of ILLEGAL ALIENS coming into our community and being distributed across the nation. If this fake concern of yours is true, then it is absolutely necessary that the border be sealed.

Bernard J. Kanavage 12730 East Chukut Trail, Tucson, Az., 85749

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Bob Henry < Montaneous Constant State Monday, August 9, 2021 1:03 PM COB_mail Mask Resolution and Vaccine Policy

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Dear board, you may request but you may not mandate that masks be worn and vaccinations be had. We elect you as our representatives, not as our kings and queens. The state law is clear. Acting as local sovereigns rather than common sense people that we voted for is a good way rile a whole bunch of citizens against you. We now know that masks are iffy protectors from the virus. And that they are separators and stigmatizers of people, not unifiers of people. Vaccinated people need not be bothered with masks.

Unvaccinated people know the risks they take. We now know that the CDC is dictating from a weak hand, with data as solid as quicksand. They and the tiresome changeability of Dr. Fauci should be the last ones anyone should take guidance from. Let's not do the ugly political act of declaring "we are following CDC guidelines" when its feebleness is well-known. I assume you want to protect the physical health of the Pima County citizens. Don't forget that aggravation is a negative health factor as are other aspects of mental health of those who are told to do something when it's not necessary for them to do so. Common sense resides not only with the board. And adults are adults, not babies.

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Allie Zeeb Sunday, August 8, 2021 8:56 PM COB_mail Mask Mandate in Public Schools

I am a new parent to the district and very concerned for the health and safety of our children as the year begins. I understand that Governor Ducey has placed our entire state's Districts, children and families at risk by passing his Law in July, and that it leaves schools in an unfair and difficult position. I also know that children are our most vulnerable population, as they cannot make their own decisions, or be vaccinated . I know that if this "law" was not in place almost every district would be mandating masks for this upcoming school year. As parents, teachers, and district leaders we must advocate for our children's health and safety by mandating CDC guidelines and AAP guidelines.

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I am also an active Registered Nurse. I have assisted and witnessed pediatric emergencies, intubations, and deaths. It is one of the most devastating, traumatic, & scary events a child or parent will ever experience. By leaving our children vulnerable, and maskless indoors, we are placing them in a very dangerous position. I also tend to be a rule follower, and can only imagine how uncomfortable breaking the "law" may feel, however, by showing our students and families that their health and safety is more important, that you are following science, you are setting the best example by protecting them.

I know that a decision to mandate masks will ultimately upset some parents and children. But I also know that when their child comes home with Covid-19, very sick, possibly needing to be hospitalized, intubated or die, they would be devastated. It may feel like a lose-lose situation, but saving lives until all children have the ability to be vaccinated seems like the logical choice to make.

How many children getting sick, having long term health complications, or dying will it take for our schools to stand up for our children?

Show our Governor how to properly follow science, and public health guidelines.

Thank you so much for your time,

Allison Beitler Sent from my iPhone NGOTINGESICOLKUT ID AG

From: Sent: To: Subject: Anita Coggshall Sunday, August 8, 2021 8:57 PM COB_mail K-12 mask mandate

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Mother of a kindergartner at Painted Sky here. My 5yo has NO problem wearing a mask to school indoors all day. It really isn't a huge issue. If he can do it to protect his own health and others, anyone can! I don't want to have to say no to his gramma visiting who can't get vaccinated due to health reasons because his school is a literal covid Petri dish!

Anita Coggshall

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Anastasia Tsatsakis Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:04 PM COB_mail District4 August 10 BOS meeting letter - @_D)

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are opposed to the mask mandate for K-12.

You are all in violation of our parental rights under ARS 1-601 and 1-602. Take a stand against child abuse!

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ARS 8-201:

This establishes the legal definition of "abuse" in state law. It reads:

"Abuse" means the infliction or allowing of physical injury, IMPAIRMENT OF BODILY FUNCTION or disfigurement or the infliction of or allowing another person to CAUSE SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist and is caused by the acts or omissions of an individual who has the care, custody and control of a child.

School districts and the Pima County Health Department in Arizona are violating state statute and abuse our children with impunity.

Unlike violations of the parents rights statutes, there are real and serious consequences for committing the crime of child abuse.

ARS 13-3623:

Under circumstances other than those likely to produce death or serious physical injury to a child, any person who causes a child to suffer physical injury or ABUSE or, having the care or custody of a child, who causes or permits the person or health of the child to be injured or who causes or permits a child to be placed in a situation where the person or health of the child is endangered is guilty of an offense as follows:

1. If done intentionally or knowingly, the offense is a class 4 felony.

2. If done recklessly, the offense is a class 5 felony.

3. If done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class 6 felony.

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It goes on to state that, "Abuse", when used in reference to a child, means abuse as defined in section 8-201.

FYI: BREATHING IS A CRITICAL BODILY FUNCTION AND MASKS COVERING THE NOSE AND MOUTH IMPAIRS IT!!

Officials in our state have turned a blind eye to this and allowed our children to literally be abused in the name of "protecting others." We cannot continue to allow children to be sacrificed to provide a false sense of security to adults that refuse to accept scientific data and evidence. Abusing children so that some people can "feel better" is not acceptable... EVER. Not even in a "pandemic".

The school district governing board members that vote to continue mask requirement policies and district staff that enforce mask wearing by children must be charged accordingly, TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW. As will you! We need immediate action on this as there are districts that have been making decisions about masks for the start and remainder of the school year.

This is to inform you of this statute because your knowledge of it increases your penalty from a class 4 felony to a class 6 felony.

Any supervisor who puts their name to pass this document will be dealt with!! You are hereby warned!

In addition, the vaccination locations at schools, permission slips blatantly being handed out at schools and the ongoing fear campaign to get kids injected is UNACCEPTABLE and GROSS and also in violation of HB- 2898 and again, *all who sign off on this will be dealt with TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW!!*

We also demand that you face us in person and not hide behind virtual meetings! You should have made arrangements as per Open Meeting Law of the State of Arizona to accommodate the public to face you IN PERSON at a different venue! You violated that as well!

We have a right to face you and be heard!

Regards,

Freedom Fighters of Southern Arizona

and

Vail Freedom Fighters

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Bonnie Neill Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:06 PM COB_mail Call to the public

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Hello,

I am writing to you to please ask that you do not mandate masks for all schools. Those who want to wear masks should absolutely be able to , but those of us that do not should not be forced. I am an elementary teacher and teaching last year with a mask on led to headaches, inability to hear my students as well as difficulty in them hearing me. My own children are in high school and absolutely do not need or want to wear masks. My son suffered from **Mathematical** last year from wearing a mask all day. Why is no one studying the effects of continued and prolonged mask wearing for children?? Please, please vote no on mask mandates for our school. This should be a personal choice. Thank you for your time, Bonnie Neill

3rd grade teacher

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jessica Sobel <jessicaso@susd12.org> Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:08 PM COB_mail Call to the public

Mask Mandate for K-12

Please help protect our children and community with a mask mandate in schools. I am a parent of a high risk kindergartener, a first grader, and a toddler. I am also a third grade teacher, and have no choice but to be inperson with my kids. I am scared. I am frustrated. I feel at a loss as the simplest protection cannot be enforced. I tell my students daily that wearing a mask protects you, and shows that you respect our community. My class understands, but my sons' classes don't and the parents don't. The illness spike and deaths should not be happening now. Please mandate the masks until we can get our kids vaccinated!!

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Thank you, Jessica S.

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Micha Raygada Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:10 PM COB_mail

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned community member and constituent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

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I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

Arizona is currently experiencing another COVID-19 surge, with cases having tripled over the past month, coinciding with the arrival of the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 delta variant in the state. States all over the country are seeing an increase in cases among the unvaccinated, and this includes a drastic increase in child hospitalizations, many of whom are not yet eligible for vaccination. The Academy of Pediatrics recently reported that cases among US children and teens jumped 84% in a week.

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Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional, doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Michelle Jahnke

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Odile Wolf < Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:13 PM COB_mail Mask mandate

Dear pima board of Supervisors

| My name is odile wolf | , I live and I vote in pima County. I am the parent of a tusd student. | |
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| I am fully vaccinated, | but my 2d shot was at the beginning of January, so my shot efficiency is waning. I | am at |
| risk due to | . My child is also vaccinated but she is also at risk due to | |
| I am relieved that tusd | is enforcing masks. | _ |

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At this point in time, I don't feel safe going to work, doing my groceries, or going anywhere because I am surrounded by people who don't understand exponential growth, not understand that we are in full expansion. Delta is serious.

Two families i know have with kids who were diagnosed with covid in the last week. In one of them, the mother, who is fully vaccinated, also got symptoms.

We need masks, we need a mask mandate and we need fines for people who don't wear them.

I want to live a normal life and until we are done with the pandemic, I can't.

My body, my choice is fine.

My body, my choice, your death is not.

If they don't want to wear masks and they don't want to get vaccinated, they can stay home.

Masks are not choices. They are not political statements, they are a safety measure, just like safety belts. Please create a mask mandate for pima County

Sincerely

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John Mccomb Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:13 PM COB_mail K-12 Mask Mandate

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Date: August 8, 2021

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Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools. Thank you,

John McComb Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dominguez, Violeta - Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:14 PM COB_mail Please pass the resolution mandating masks!!

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Please choose to be on the right side of history at this most critical time for our community!

Thank you, Violeta Dominguez

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Nina Jones Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:35 PM COB_mail Call to the public

Hello,

I am writing to you today as a concerned parent. All of our kids are ready to return to school in person. We owe it to our students to safely reopen schools and make sure they have the best opportunity for learning which we know is education in person. And yet, after 3 days of school this week I had to make the gut wrenching decision to pull my kids out and keep them home. There were less than 5% of students AND teachers wearing masks. No distancing, desks in a circle; everyone acting as if the pandemic is over.

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Why throw out all of the precautions we had all last year NOW? The Delta variant is raging, cases are rising exponentially in Pima County; we are at a high risk of transmission according to the CDC. Earlier in the pandemic at this rate of spread schools would have been CLOSED. None of us want that. The Governor's order preventing mask mandates in schools violates a Pima County ruling on the matter and undermines all children's right to a safe education. Everyone from the CDC, WHO and American Academy of Pediatrics recommend universal masking in schools at this time. It has been confirmed the Delta variant is as transmissible as chicken pox and children under the age of 12 can't even be vaccinated yet!

Not to mention schools having to close classrooms or quarantine children is a huge hassle for the schools, the parents and the community. We are kidding ourselves if we don't think this will lead to more community spread. At this point if I send my 11 year old to school there is really no way for him to avoid getting covid. I am being forced to choose between my childs mental health and his physical health. What an awful choice to have to make.

History will judge those who knowingly stood by and did nothing to protect our most vulnerable - our History will judge those who knowingly stood by and did nothing to protect our most vulnerable - our children. Please - I implore you to vote to keep our children safely back in school by voting to require masks in all K-12 schools in Pima County. It is the right thing to do by our children and our community.

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Rori Chacon Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:16 PM COB_mail Mask mandates in schools

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After nearly 2 years of this traumatic, disruptive of life—with much of the world implementing lockdowns and mandates, we have still seen the virus spread in mostly elderly, and often timesicker populations.

It's a blessing that we have the vaccine readily available for our over 12 populations. It's time to stop ignoring that mask mandates on young children are without consequences to their physical, social, emotional, and educational development.

Please continue encouraging eligible faculty and students to get vaccinated, consider smaller class sizes (pods), and/or virtual options for those who prefer it. Allow masks to be optional, but not mandatory.

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Dear Supervisors,

Just one week into their school year, Mariana Unified School District has 56 active Covid cases.

Three weeks into their school year, Vail School District has 82 active cases, and several classes have been forced to shut down due to Covid outbreaks.

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Most other school districts are just getting started, but by the time you meet this Tuesday, every public school district in the county, along with most private and charter schools, will be in session, and Covid will be beginning to spread, unchecked, in every single one of those schools.

With every single child under 12 ineligible to be vaccinated, with breakthrough infections on the rise even among those who are vaccinated, and with state laws scaring many schools away from requiring masks in the classroom, things are only set to get worse. Children will get sick, a handful might die, and a far larger number will be saddled with potentially debilitating long-haul Covid symptoms.

I commend Supervisor Heinz for putting addendum item number 6, mandating face coverings in all county K-12 schools, on the agenda. I urge every supervisor here to support this resolution.

If you're hesitant to challenge state law, I remind you that in the recent past, the county's right to pass its own public health measures has been upheld, even when those measures, too, were at odds with state law.

Further, with the health of our children—and our community, as Covid spreads beyond the classroom—on the line, the Board's moral and public health obligations are clear. Last year, mask requirements kept classroom Covid cases relatively low. This year, in the absence of such a requirement, cases are already increasing at an alarming rate, and we're on a swift course for a catastrophic public health crisis—unless the board acts now.

The science is clear. Masks work, but not if they're only worn by a handful of students. Please act now to mandate face coverings in all our K through 12 schools—and to avoid a looming public health disaster that will ultimately affect us all.

Thank you.

Janni Simner Tucson

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Daniel McFatter Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:23 PM COB_mail Anti Mandate overreach

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The highly contagious Delta Variant and rising COVID-19 cases among people ages 19 and younger pose a serious public health and safety threat. Mask-wearing has been proven to be an effective and low-cost measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Forbidding schools to make their own decisions on mask-wearing based on the health and safety needs of their students, teachers, and parents is an overreach of state power. Threatening withdrawal of funding for public and charter schools if they mandate mask-wearing constitutes an abuse of state power and might even be illegal. A mask mandate in K-12 schools will save lives and could prevent another school shutdown. As parents of unvaccinated children, we strongly support a mask mandate.

Dan McFatter

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Lacey Peebles Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:24 PM COB_mail Mask Requirement in K-12 Schools

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Date: August 8, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

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Schools began welcoming back students to campus late last month and are already experiencing outbreaks across the state. Many are being forced back to online learning because they are not able to use simple mitigation tools like universal masking. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.^[1]

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,^[2] doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Lacey Peebles

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ION: This message and sender come from outside Pima County (if you did not expect this message, pro the sender sidentify before performing any action, such as clicking on a link or opening an attachmen I'd like to submit these comments for the record on the 8/10 meeting regarding a mask mandate:

To the Board members. I am writing this message first and foremost as a concerned citizen. I grew up in Tucson and was educated through the Catalina Foothills district. I now am proud to have two nieces attending elementary school in that same district. Needless to say, the last year and a half have been trying. As a physician, I have dealt firsthand with covid-19 with very limited medical tools at my disposal. We've all worked tirelessly in the hospitals to save lives, through surge after surge, knowing that most of the treatments we offer have unknown efficacy and ultimately a patient's outcome will often be preordained. We haven't had the luxury of isolating at home.

We now have vaccines for those over the age of 12. Highly effective but remember that 1 of 20 vaccinated people who get infected will still end up hospitalized or die. Masking certainly isn't a perfect too either, highly dependent on the type of mask and how it's used.

For our youngest and most innocent community members, they understand little about the pain watching someone suffocate to death on the hospital and not be able to help. They aren't able to choose to get a vaccine to help their odds or not. They aren't able to choose whether to isolate at home and stay virtual or not. Their district has mandated they come to school and accept the risk.

...but this risk is based on the decisions of OTHERS (whether to vaccinate, socially distance, etc), not their decision. They deserve the same rights. So until EVERY child is given the ability to choose remote schooling or in-person, then no one should be forced to accept the risks of attending school with unmasked individuals.

We don't give people the right to choose if they stop at a red light. We don't give child molesters the right to open a daycare center. We don't allow patients with contagious airborne diseases (like TB) to roam freely around town if they choose.

This is a PUBLIC health problem. Please follow the guidance of the CDC, numerous professional medical societies, countless other states. Let not allow Pima County to be known on the national news for facilitating harm to its most vulnerable.

Please mandate masks in all our public spaces, particularly our schools. Please support the frontline healthcare workers in mitigating future harm to our pediatric community.

Thank you, Ramin Shadman, MD

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Stacey Hamblin Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:27 PM COB_mail School year and masks



Hello!

I just wanted to write and say how glad me and my family are that school is back in session and having a more "normal" school year. My son is thriving and is SO beyond happy to be back at school and also without wearing a mask.

While I know covid is still an active virus (like any other virus ie. flu, colds, strep throat, norovirus) we are incredibly grateful for the freedoms we have and that we are able to choose if we would like our children to wear masks to school or not. It is the most amazing thing to see how happy he is to not wear a mask, be able to see others' smiling faces, and also be able to see his teacher's mouth to help him as he learns.

As it had been stated many times before, I would like to reiterate that children (especially under 12 years) rarely pass around the virus, and will more than likely (99%) recover from covid, just like most other illnesses they get.

While I understand that covid is a real virus (again, like many others), I hope and pray that you will continue to let parents make the choices for their children rather than the government. As parents we NEED choices and my kids NEED choices. Please continue to abide by the law and science and let mask wearing be a choice.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stacey Hamblin

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Nicole C Manual Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:37 PM COB_mail Comments in Favor of Mask Mandate for Pima County K-12 Students



To Whom it May Concern:

As an MPH, I've followed the science, peer reviewed literature and recommendations associated with Covid-19 for over a year. Like so many others, we protected the vulnerable in our family by separating from grandparents, cousins and friends until all adults could be vaccinated. Our daughter remained remote through nearly all of the last school year, unhappily spending first grade in front of a computer screen, even after almost all of her classmates returned to in-person hybrid instruction. Staying home in near complete isolation from her peers was detrimental to her social growth, mental health, and her spirit. So, we made the difficult decision to send her back to the classroom on August 5th despite the alarming rise in positive Covid cases in Pima County.

I falsely assumed that the Amphi district would employ some of the mitigation strategies that we saw in April and May: spaced classroom desks, social distancing when possible, constant hand washing, limiting visitors on campus, and strongly encouraging the use of masks inside the classroom. I was horrified at our "greet the teacher" event to walk into a packed room of 30+ unmasked adults with only three students wearing masks. I was disgusted to see signs all over campus with masked and unmasked happy face emojis giving a "thumbs up" to personal choice - when scientific evidence, pediatriclans, public health officials and scientists all cite the importance of face coverings when indoors and in close contact to others. Your personal choice to wear a mask directly impacts my child's health, so not masking does not warrant a "thumbs up."

I was further disappointed in Amphi after hearing about the Catalina Foothills districts encouragement of masking, and to learn about how many parents and students were masked up at their meet the teacher events - or to speak with a teacher at TUSD and hear about the air purifier that runs in her classroom of masked sludents. Meanwhile my child sits as one of four masked children in a class of 25 with mediocre ventilation and then goes to aftercare where twice as many students sit unmasked in a small room.

It only makes sense to return to the same mitigation strategies utilized when we had less community transmission of this virus. I implore you to follow the lead of so many other communities and mandate masks for all K-12 students in Pima County. Parental choice is important in some cases, but public health MUST override parental choice when your choice could affect my child's safety. It is unfortunate that our governor, legislature, and school superintendent do not prioritize the safety of our children. Please help our children stay safe and healthy - mandate mask wearing in school.

Thank you for your time, N. Cohen

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Cynthia Reynolds Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:37 PM COB mail Pima County Mask Resolution

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Thank you for addressing the current situation regarding the spread of Covid specifically as it relates to mandated masks in our schools. I am a parent of an incoming senior at Catalina Foothills High School. I recently contacted our district to voice my concern regarding a return to school with limited Covid protocols. Our district is maintaining that every family should be allowed to make their own choice on this issue, but that decision effectively eliminates the ability to choose for the rest of us. The message that I shared with CFSD16 is below. Please include this in your consideration.

1) My student has been learning remotely since the initial shut down in order to keep her AND us safe. We are now vaccinated and should be safer, but vaccines are only one layer of protection. Those families who do not feel at risk with this illness have sent their students to school in person. It is not right or fair for those families to continue to have access to the in person education of their choice while my student has to choose between her education/emotional well being and a very real infection risk;

2) To the argument that we can choose to go elsewhere or do whatever we need to protect our family, that is not a real option at this point. My daughter is going into her senior year. She has just spent a year and a half in some degree of isolation. She has lost her grandmother, her 25 year old cousin, and a close family friend to this illness. She cannot emotionally handle being forced to find a new school or stay on line for another year. There has been so much feigned concern over the mental health of students, but no one is acknowledging that a very high percentage of families and their students are incredibly anxious and struggling with the risk that they will face returning to school in the middle of a dramatic surge without that extra protection. The mental health impact for those students who suffer an illness or a death or pass this virus to their family will be significant. We know a 17 year old who is fully vaccinated who is just recovering from covid. She tested positive for 13 days. Just imagine how stressful 13 days of illness is to a young person, and now add on top of that the stress of missing coursework;

3) While I completely understand your point that CFSD would prefer not to break the law, I'm beyond disappointed that the district is prioritizing that political stunt over the actual lives of their students, teachers and the families that they return home to every day. I'm certain you realize that law has not actually taken effect. I understand that it is written to be retroactive, but this is a very unusual situation, quite possibly would not hold up legally, and should not be accepted without question. Other districts are following CDC guidelines. Salpointe and the Gregory School both have mask mandates. Our largest school district, TUSD, just returned to in person learning with a mask mandate. The lives of our students, teachers and all of their families deserve the same choice;

4) My student is not protected by her own mask. It may afford a small amount of protection, but that diminishes greatly after a short time in an indoor, group setting. She is only protected from others near her if they are wearing masks. Our educators should clearly understand the science of masks by this point and not

further the disinformation that students have a choice to protect themselves. They will be unfairly subjected to the decisions of those around them, whether they wear a mask or not;

5) With respect to CDC guidelines, they should be followed, period. They recommend masks in school. The Pima County Health Department recommends masks in school. To do anything less is a purposeful choice to put CFSD students/teachers/families in harm's way;

6) Masks are so simple, they do not hurt the people wearing them, and other countries have been using them for years with no damage to the people wearing them. Any mask mandate can be rescinded quickly just as soon as this surge subsides. They are easy to begin and end, and while not foolproof, they are a much more effective choice than to do nothing. We received a great deal of correspondence last year from CFSD touting how the mask policy was working to protect the students and staff. It was a good choice last year, and it still is.

We know that there is no way short of complete isolation to reduce risk to zero. It is a careful exercise in balance between meeting our family's need to stay safe and continuing to be productive and happy. We are taking some calculated risks to stay mentally/physically/financially well, such as a socializing with a small bubble of responsible friends, going to work, etc. But to put hundreds and hundreds of students and staff back into school buildings without this simple layer of protection is completely out of balance. This virus will have the choice to rage, unchecked, too quickly for any meaningful response plan. Please do not wait until CFSD has an outbreak of illness and/or death. The students, teachers and families of CFSD deserve better.

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Lisa Robinson Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:41 PM COB_mail Letter from CFSD Parent

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August 8, 2021

Lisa M. Robinson

4232 E. 6th Street

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you as a parent of a fifth grader at Sunrise Elementary School, to urge you to require all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to our CFSD schools to wear a mask. I was so pleased with the success that our school had last year with in-person learning; the protocols that were in place worked, keeping all members of our community safe.

My greatest concern as a parent regards our children's vulnerability to Covid-19 and the Delta variant. Our kids cannot yet be vaccinated, so the ONLY barrier of protection they have against Covid is the mask.

What we know from experience is that the Coronavirus is UNPREDICTABLE. Which means that some people get it but are asymptomatic, some people have minor symptoms, and some people end up in the hospital, possibly dying from it. It's literally Russian Roulette.

And as a parent, I'm not willing to take risks with the health or life of my child. I'm not willing to take risks with the health or life of any child. As a parent, I've learned to always err on the side of caution. It's an age-old adage that runs in my head, "Better safe than sorry." But there is so much truth to it!

The amazing thing we learned last year is how compliant our kids are. They WANT to be safe. They WANT to feel protected. And we, as the adults in the room, have a responsibility to do just that.

I encourage you to help us protect our children. There is no greater service that you could do than to save even one life.

Respectfully Yours,

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Bev Sutton Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:45 PM COB mail Writing in support of a mask mandate

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We have clear scientific evidence that masks work. We are facing the most transmissible variant to date, or cases are soaring, breakthrough infections are rising, worst of all children's cases are rising -- and yet we have fewer mitigations in place than in previous surges. This makes zero sense. I beg you to institute a mask mandate.

No need to read this part aloud but I beg you all to read it, an excellent primer by a noted epidemiologist that explains exactly why a mask mandate is vital.

https://medium.com/@EpiEllie/what-does-the-delta-variant-mean-for-youits-time-to-put-back-on-your-mask-d98df830376 RIG 0521#0302 FC CLUE ID

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For anyone who prefers, here is the Twitter thread https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1422595200615133189.html

Beverley A Sutton 4216 E Paseo Grande Tucson AZ 85711

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- WEAR A MASK!

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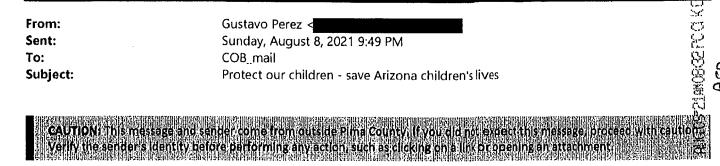
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- WEAR A MASK!
- GET VACCINATED!

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Gustavo Perez < Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:49 PM COB mail Protect our children - save Arizona children's lives



August 8, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three students in the Catalina Foothills School District to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

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Thank you,

Gustavo Perez, Ph.D Arizona Licensed Psychologist Phone:

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Michael Cohen < Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:51 PM COB_mail Mask Mandate in Pima County Please!

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Hi -

I am writing to implore that you re-Institute the mask mandate in Pima county, especially schools, in defiance of our governor who knows ice-cream and not science.

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My wife and I are both vaccinated and have done everything asked and that we are 'supposed to do.' My daughter is not old enough to get a vaccination and is in the Amphi school district. She spent most of last year at home doing on-line schooling and it was not adequate, both socially and academically. As she has struggled with **sector** we pretty much stayed at home, with little to no social interaction with family and friends.

My daughter is currently 1 of 3 students in a class of approximately 30 second graders who wears a mask. In addition to very few students wearing masks there are no measures being taken to mitigate the transmission of Covid-Delta, e.g. no hand washing, social distancing, or even air filters. These measures were taken in the spring when infection rate was much lower.

Our governor's stance, and law, claims freedom of choice. I do not enjoy wearing a mask (but do) and also believe in freedom of choice. The challenge here is that people not wearing a mask are making a choice that could make my daughter ill or die. I do not see how this issue differs from drinking and driving - it is my daughter's right to attend school in a SAFE environment.

Please do the right thing! Best, Michael Cohen, Ph.D.



From: Sent: To: Subject: Tiffany Ash Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:53 PM COB_mail Mask Mandates keep us all safe

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Masks must be mandated in Tucson's schools while COVID-19 cases are rising and children cannot be vaccinated.

We must keep our children safe...as well as the rest of our community.

Tiffany Ash Tucson resident, parent and teacher

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Tony Trinh Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:54 PM COB_mail Mask mandate for K-12

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Hello Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am in support of a mask mandate for K-12 schools within Pima County. This is vital to controlling COVID-19 and the delta variant given the large number of unvaccinated individuals, including the children below 12 yrs old. Anything short of a mandate will not work towards controlling the spread and mutations of this virus because it will be seen as optional to wear masks. Wearing masks has proven to work as seen by the reduced cases leading up to July 4th. With relaxation of masks recently, this has shown to have a negative effect with case rates increasing. It is because of these reasons why I support a mask mandate for K-12 schools within Pima County.

Thank you, Tony Trinh

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Tracee Perkins Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:55 PM COB_mail Mandate mask

It would be wise to mandate mask to keep our unvaccinated children safe until they are able to be vaccinated. Some of these parents that feel their child should not have to wear a mask are foolish for putting their children at risk!

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I am the mom of a kindergartener at Ventana Vista Elementary School within Catalina Foothills school district, and I am deeply concerned about the "mask optional" policy within the schools. I understand that this is our current law, but I've also read that it is "unconstitutional," and might be challengeable. This is not the time to play political games with our vulnerable children, who haven't had the opportunity yet to get the covid vaccine. Both the CDC and AAP are recommending that all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated, wear masks while indoors to prevent transmission of the delta variant at this time; it's more contagious and spreading like wildfire. I want my child to be in a stable school this year, not in a school which has to open and close constantly due to outbreaks from the virus.

I also do not want to see children suffer from "long covid," need to be hospitalized in the ICU, or worse die from this nasty virus. According to the CDC and AAP, all people need to be wearing a mask indoors to prevent transmission, unless eating or drinking. If some students or teachers in my daughter's classroom do not mask up, this infringes upon our rights by putting my family at more risk for contracting the virus and getting us sick. Doctors have learned that people with "long covid" suffer from MCAS & POTS(mast cell activation syndrome and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome), in addition to long term lung and kidney issues, which are all very serious and traumatic long term conditions. I've been chronically ill and debilitated by MCAS and POTS/ dysautonomia for the last four years after getting sick from a virus, and my daughter's pediatrician agrees with me that this puts my daughter at risk for these "long covid" symptoms as well.

With all of this being said, I'm requesting the board of supervisors to please mandate masks within the school systems to protect our families. It's a simple solution to keep students in school rather than in the hospital, and hopefully keep our Tucson families healthy and safe. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melanie Powis

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Ted Burhans Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:57 PM COB_mail

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I am writing as a concerned parent living within Pima County. Several Arizona school districts have taken the appropriate stance to defy Gov. Ducey's potentially unconstitutional order that prevents school districts from exercising authority and requiring a mask mandate. I applaud these districts and strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to also stand up to the governor and follow suit, by instituting a mask mandate to all K-12 schools within the county. Our under-12 kids, who don't even have the option to be vaccinated at this time, are at an unknown risk from the Coronavirus, and more specifically the Delta variant of the virus. In Arkansas, nearly 20% of the hospitalized cases are in kids under 18, 50% of those in kids under 12. I do not want to see Arizona, and more specifically our county put in the same position. We don't know the long-term impact of infections in our kids. Other districts who have started school already are seeing exponential growth in cases, community spread, and increasingly sick kids.

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Kiri Carini Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:00 PM COB mail Support for resolution on mandating face coverings for K-12 schools

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Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you, Kiri Carini Tucson AZ 85750

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Veronica lordanova Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:02 PM COB mail **Face Coverings in Schools**

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Veronica Iordanova Mothers of Missouri DNA Project

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Members of the Board:

Thank you for your leadership during an ongoing public health emergency.

In order to continue our fight against a deadly virus, I welcome strong steps that mandate behavior for the safety of all Tucsonans. Please vote to mandate mask wearing in all county schools to send a strong, science-based statement.

I appreciate your work and understanding.

Hannah Glasston District 2 Constituent

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Christy Bateman Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:04 PM COB_mail Please don't mandate masks in our schools

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a parent in the Marana School District to elementary, middle school, and high school age children. I ask you to please continue to allow parents to choose what is best for their children rather than mandating masks at all K-12 schools. I understand you must be under a lot of pressure from all sides, however the Governor clearly said that mask mandates are not allowed in Arizona. It is confusing and causing much division and tension to see counties and school districts directly violating the law. The last thing we need is more division after the year we've had. I understand that COVID is a concern, but although our cases are up, hospitalizations and deaths are not. Wasn't that the goal all along? Case numbers shouldn't be a huge concern if cases are mild. I was compliant all last year with masks, remote and hybrid learning, and other mitigation strategies. I understood we were asking the kids to protect the teachers from what could be a serious disease. Now that the vaccine is readily available, we do not need such a heightened response as teachers can protect themselves. It says right on the CDC's website that the flu is more dangerous to children than COVID, so I don't understand the need for universal masking in schools at this time. This is a decision that should be left up to parents, as the governor has said. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Christy Bateman

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Amy Lee Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:07 PM COB_mail Support mask mandate

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my strong support for a mask mandate for K-12 schools within Pima County. Pima County needs to stand up to the Governor's unreasonable law. This is putting our children at risk for contracting COVID-19 and spreading it to the community through family members and friends. In particular, children below 12 cannot be vaccinated so they have no other means of defense. Masks have been shown to work as that defense and the entire community needs to stand behind controlling the spread. In addition, CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics recommends mask wearing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Pima County should follow these recommendations from the medical professionals instead of politicians. It is because of these reasons why I support a mask mandate for K-12 schools and I ask you for your support to keep our children safe.

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Thank you, Amy Lee

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As a parent of 2 young daughters, the Delta Variant is terrifying. Our family wears masks in public and does everything we can to keep the girls safe. We were very worried about sending them back to school. They were adamant that they didn't want to attend virtually and we feared that they would be among the minority in masks when they went in person. In a move of bravery and courage, TUSD made a last minute decision to require masks. This has given us peace of mind that we didn't have before. All Tucson parents regardless of district deserve the chance to safely send their kids to school. All Tucson children deserve to have as much protection as possible before they are able to be vaccinated. Thank you for considering a mask mandate in all schools. It is absolutely the right, safe decision.

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Sincerely, Elizabeth Skeggs

From: Sent: To: Subject: Britte Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:24 PM COB_mail Mask Debate

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

We live in a wonderful community with deep roots and a sense of togetherness you can't find everywhere. We want to help protect the citizens who live here. We especially want to keep safe the young children who do not have a choice as of yet to get vaccinated.

It doesn't matter to us what side of the political aisle you sit on. We want everyone to thrive and be healthy and right now the best way to do that is to be ensure the youngest members of our families are wearing masks at school. If we can prevent people in our community from getting critically sick, potentially having lasting affects or god forbid lose their lives from COVID, by something as simple as wearing a mask we should do it.

Our 9 year old son is in a classroom all day with 31 students. Social distancing is not an option and our schools were not built with adequate ventilation systems to tackle this virus.

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We would much rather wear masks and be able to attend in person schools than to be sent home with so many unknown circumstances outside of a schools control.

Please help to keep us safe.

Sincerely,

Jason and Britte Stumm Pima County Residents for over 17 years RK 0521#03CC CLK (F II) AFS

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Thank you for your time, Jacqueline A Kuder National VP, Risk and Quality, United HealthGroup ALCOP 21#0864 FC CLK (F II) ACC

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Shannon Grabau Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:32 PM COB_mail PLEASE help protect kids by mandating masks in schools MAGOYZI MOGAPI CLK (FB)

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Thank you, Shannon Grabau

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Barbara Wayne Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:39 PM COB_mail Mandated Mask Wearing in Schools

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I urge you to vote for continuing the mandatory wearing of masks as long as recommended by the CDC. The latest variant, and the next one to follow, are extremely dangerous, particularly for children who are not old enough to be vaccinated. The best thing to do is to be safe rather than sorry later. Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Amy Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:39 PM COB_mail K-12 Mask Mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you today as a concerned parent and public school teacher. I am urging you to vote in favor of universal mask usage for all students, staff, and visitors in the K-12 setting. Last year, schools were able to successfully mitigate transmission with multiple layers of precautions, with the primary being mask usage. Without mask usage required, one of the strongest mitigation tools has been taken out of the school's tool box. Please help to keep our children and community safe and vote in favor of mask usage on K-12 campuses.

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Jennifer Wesley **Sector** > Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:52 PM COB_mail Please issue mask mandate for all Pima County schools

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As parents, we are desperate for someone in this state to be the voice of reason during this global pandemic while the COVID virus is mutating and becoming more contagious by the day. Our children's lives are at stake. (As are the lives of their teachers, family members, and friends.)

Please issue a mask mandate for all K-12 schools in Pima County. Someone in Arizona needs to take the protection of our children's lives (and human life in general) seriously, and the governor's actions have incredulously tried to *prevent* protection from COVID-19.

Many of the children in Pima County don't have access to any of the COVID vaccines yet because they are under age 12, and virtual schooling isn't an option for many of those students anymore, even if those who had to attend virtually for the last year-and-a-half.

We are pleading with you to be on the right side of history with this issue, and to take our children's health and safety seriously. Thank you for your consideration.

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Manya Lempert **Sunday**, August 8, 2021 10:54 PM COB_mail Please pass the resolution to require face coverings in our schools!

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Greetings,

I'm a concerned community member — Tucson, 85705, professor at UA — who supports this resolution to require and enforce masking in our K-12 schools.

I don't have children at present, but I'm horrified that any little ones would be on school premises without masks. Masking substantially helps to protect children and their families from the delta variant.

We urgently need mask mandates, as well as vaccine mandates in schools, for those old enough, alongside air filtration and ventilation — the whole range of mitigation tactics available, in order to tamp down these rising case numbers.

Governor Ducey's ban on masks in schools is wrong and negligent. We all know that both vaccinated and unvaccinated folks can spread this covid variant, even asymptotically. Death and debility are real outcomes. Universal masking can compensate for delta's higher transmissibility.

This resolution is sensible and right.

And as delta-induced hospitalizations and hospital visits rise, everyone in Tucson suffers from diminished access to medical care.

Unmasked school truly endangers the entire region. Please, please have all students, teachers, and staff masked in this congregate setting.

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Ashleigh McGill **2009** Sunday, August 8, 2021 8:41 PM COB_mail K-12 masking

Hello,

I have been very anxious about my children being back in school without a mask requirement. They are wearing masks, but the majority of students and many teachers/staff are not. The best mitigation practice in combating this virus is masking, and that has been taken away from our tools to keep everyone safe. As a parent of 2 elementary kids in public school, I'm begging you to please require masking of all K-12 students and staff. The lives of our children may depend on it. No students should die or get lifelong complications because they didn't wear a mask. Thank you,

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As the mother of a 14-year-old high-schooler and a 7-year-old second-grader in TUSD, I implore you to pass the mask mandate for Pima County K-12 schools. We need to use all the means available to protect everyone, particularly students who are too young to vaccinate and individuals who are immunocompromised or otherwise need additional protection. Masks are an important part of this equation.

Many families, like ours, have parents who must work outside the home. We do not have the option of remote schooling and we cannot afford private education. We believe in public education, and we believe that inperson schooling is the best place for our children to learn both academic lessons and social skills. It is the responsibility of the public education system to maintain a safe environment for children to learn. Please, help keep our children and educators safe by mandating masks for everyone on K-12 campuses.

As a parent, I am already worried about having my too-young-to-vaccinate child in school. Like other families, we live in a multi-generational home with elders in their 80s who may not survive COVID even though they are vaccinated. There is no way to avoid all risk, but we must do everything possible to protect our community's most vulnerable people. Please help protect our children, educators, and family members by giving teachers and administrators the legal capacity to require masks on their campuses.

Thank you,

Kelley Merriam-Castro Pima County resident TUSD parent

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The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,² doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Rebecca Garcia

² The Network for Public Health, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-Subject Rule" JULY 28, 2021 see,

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Dia Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:02 PM COB_mail BOS Agenda 8/10/21



Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent and community member to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Kccp our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

Our elementary students are not yet eligible for the single best protection against COVID-19: vaccination. Mitigation measures that include masks, encourage the use of outdoor space, and accommodate physical distancing guidelines are all they have.

Throughout this pandemic there has been a vocal minority protesting masks, vaccines, and repeatedly citing inaccurate information. Please do not allow that vocal group to push you away from doing what is right. I know that does not make it easy, but we are counting on you to stand up to them to protect children and their families.

If you do not adopt this resolution you are choosing to leave them unprotected. I know that this resolution potentially violates the state law banning masks. When it comes to protecting our children we need to do what is morally right above all else. By requiring masks, Pima County can be on the right side of history.

I urge you to do what you can to protect Pima County's children and their families. Protect our community by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

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Sonia Watts < Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:20 PM COB_mail Mandating Masks

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I have 2 children in the SUSD district and many family members attending and working in the school district. One of my kids is vaccinated but my other daughter is not old enough to get vaccinated. They started school last Wednesday in the morning and evening my daughters are praying they don't get covid and bring it home to their elderly grandparents whom we all live in the same household. If they do bring it home they are afraid my father (their grandfather) who helps take care if his elderly father 2-3 nights a week will take the virus to him. These children are our future and we need to do better and protect them. I have to put on a brave face everyday and pretend that they will be okay when in reality I'm worried. I would love to keep them home but Our children need to be in school in person so they can interact with other kids, get the education and experience we all did. So please I am asking for you all to mandate masks and make schools safe for our children.

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Thank you,

Sonia Watts

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Justin Carroll < Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:22 PM COB_mail Comments on Resolution 2021-____ - K-12 Mask Mandate 99 H) X (H 19)

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Masks have done nothing to stop the spread of COVID-19. SARS-CoV2 is spread via aerosol - a 0.06 micron pathogen to be specific. No cloth mask will stop particles that small from leaving or entering a garden variety mask worn by the general public over the last 18 months. Case curves and hospitalization rates have been unaffected by mask mandates across cities, states, and countries around the world. This respiratory virus comes in waves - as most do - rising and falling in the space of roughly 6-8 weeks. Arizona is likely seeing another peak in cases now on the eve of this vote as positivity rates flatline along with CLI data. There has been no appreciable difference in how the Delta variant has affected kids under 18 - they are not being hospitalized at a greater rate and their mortality rate, thankfully, has remained statistically insignificant. If there are kids in hospital ICUs right now it's far more likely to be caused by RSV which has made an early and significant return. This ailment is far more dangerous to children than SARS-CoV2 but no one has clamored for the pointless interventions this board is proposing now to mitigate that illness before. Why?

This line, in particular, is jaw-dropping: "WHEREAS, it is widely understood that K-12 students need to be physically back in school this year in order to progress academically, and just as importantly, to preserve their physical and mental health..." Mandating the use of unregulated devices being hyped as sufficient medical grade PPE that provides more good than harm is unethical and dangerous. The disclaimers on the packaging of nearly all of your run-of-the-mill cloth masks that the vast majority of us have worn for months on end even says so:

- PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a medical-grade mask and is not intended as a replacement for medical-grade equipment or other recommended measures to stop the community spread of any viruses, including social distancing, washing your hands and refraining from touching your face.
- USA: This is not an FDA-approved product. This product makes no claims of antimicrobial protection, antiviral protection, particulate filtration or infection prevention or reduction. This product is not intended for use in a medical setting.

What is your response to that?

More than just being ineffective in stopping COVID-19 spread, the harms to kids in particular have been dismissed and ignored. Bacteria and germ buildup over the course of a day at school is obvious. Masks are touched incessantly, dropped on the floor, worn into public bathrooms where fecal matter is trapped in them and other germs are inhaled thanks to plumes from flushed toilets and hand dryers. Nevermind the psychological, social, and learning impairment issues that are legion from so many months of mask wear by our youth.

Why the Pima County BOS insists on targeting our kids AGAIN - and only our kids - when there's allegedly such an emergency at hand speaks to how unserious and derelict that you are. I'll let others debate the merits of this board claiming higher authority than the State Legislature and Governor of Arizona and whether this is even legal. All I know is that when my son starts school tomorrow, he will be attending without a mask.

Parents have the right to decide what is best for their children. That's where it begins and ends.

Sincerely, Justin Carroll Tucson, AZ

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August 8, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am am extremely concerned parent and teacher who just returned to the new school year with my two young children and find it very concerning that masks are not required - yet made optional - for all the students, staff and teachers at our preschool through eighth grade charter school. Thank you so very much for adding <u>Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21.</u>

I recognize that being at school for learning and socializing is important to my own children and my students. That said, the amount of students, staff and teachers choosing to wear a mask while indoors at my school is alarming. I am urging Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution to use a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. With no online option and less strict mitigation plan for some reason, schools are not practicing social distancing while also so many not wearing masks.

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Please consider this mask requirement in our schools to keep children safe while covid numbers are so high.

Thank you,

A Very Concerned Mom and Teacher

From: Sent: To: Subject: jessica D Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:31 PM COB_mail Call to the public

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As a high school teacher, the mother of a kindergartner and an infant, and a concerned Pima County resident, I implore Pima County to require face masks in all public preK-12 schools. Masks are recommended by both the CDC and the AAP, and are one of the few mitigation strategies available to protect children under the age of 12, who are not yet eligible for covid vaccination.

I want the children of Pima County, including our youngest in daycare and preschool settings, to be protected by the adults around them. I want our children to safely attend school, in person, where we know students learn best, and where they will also benefit from social interactions with their peers and teachers. Universal masking in school settings is an evidence based practice to help prevent disruptive outbreaks, guarantines, and remote learning.

Lastly, the stability of our local healthcare system and economy depends on successful covid mitigation in schools. School outbreaks ripple outward into the community, disrupting the work of parents and caregivers, including many healthcare and essential workers. At a time when the delta variant is causing surges and overwhelming hospitals across the nation, we must utilize all strategies available to prevent the worst outcomes in our community. Requiring masks in preK-12 schools is essential to the well being of Pima County as a whole.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kristi Broderick Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:35 PM COB_mail Mask Mandate for K-12

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School districts and the Pima County Health Department in Arizona are violating state statute and abuse our children with impunity.

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We also demand that you face us in person and not hide behind virtual meetings! You should have made arrangements as per Open Meeting Law of the State of Arizona to accommodate the public to face you IN PERSON at a different venue! You violated that as well!

We have a right to face you and be heard!

Regards,

Kristi Broderick

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Solana Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:40 PM COB_mail Mask Mandates

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing as a concerned parent. I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. All schools! The numbers of covid cases are dramatically increasing once again due to the Delta variant at an alarming speed. I am very concerned because my daughter is only seven and has not received the vaccine obviously due to her age. I really hope Pima County officials take this seriously and realize the huge risk by not having mask mandates in school. This could very well jeopardize life once again for all of us and even put us further behind than we already are. Please vote in favor of mask mandates for schools. For the safety of our children and everyone else too. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely, <u>Solana Kihl-Jessu</u>p

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Carissa Sipp Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:45 PM COB_mail K-12 Mask Mandate needed now: Pima County Schools

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To whom it may concern,

Pima County has had an explosion of cases with the new, extremely contagious and highly efficient Delta variant. The positivity rate is rising greater than 10% indicating not enough testing and possibly more cases out there we are not reporting.

With these numbers, more young people are ending up hospitalized and since some schools have started (including public charters) without masks, the variant is spreading fast and creating an environment for the next variant to wipe out what is left of our vaccine shield. We have already had outbreaks in the county that are shutting classes down. When is enough enough?

Our kids are undergoing a public health crisis. We are asking them to attend school in AZ with a gun pointed to their heads daily by forcing them to school without enforcing a mask mandate to try to protect them. Under 12 cannot be vaccinated until potentially later this year or early next depending on approval and trials of the vaccine dosage.

We know that the kids who show up to school without masks are the same ones whose families don't believe the science and don't believe in vaccines or masking this makes them the biggest risk factor in this pandemic. Why are we deciding that they have the right to endanger our lives? Our children's lives? Where and why did their 'freedoms' and 'choices' become ok to infringe on my child's safety? We don't enable folks to drink and drive without penalty and enforcement. We know the dangers. Why is there not the same enforcement to protect society for risky behavior with COVID?

I implore you, enforce a mask mandate and make all public schools including public charter schools to enforce a mask mandate. And do it now before more children and put in risk from the careless actions of our Governor and state legislature in order to score political points but risk lives, children's lives.

Carissa Sipp

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jaspreet Chahal Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:59 PM COB_mail Requesting mask mandate in schools

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Hello

My son is a part of the Catalina Foothills School District and I'm incredibly scared for him as this school starts. I am a physician in Tucson and have firsthand seen the significant rise in hospitalized Covid positive patients. The majority of these patients are unvaccinated adults and children. Children as young as my son are one of the most vulnerable groups right now because they are not eligible for vaccine. Please please please help protect my child and by extensions his siblings and all of children by implementing mask mandate in schools. Masks save lives, no doubt or question about it. It is a easy solution to a big problem. I support mask mandates and I know do so many of my physician colleagues in Pima County as well so many people I know with school age children. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely, Jaspreet Chahal

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Sussman, Amy N - (asussman) <asussman@arizona.edu> Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:59 PM COB_mail Mask Mandate

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Please reinstate the mask mandate for K-12 - our children <12 years are not yet vaccinated, those of us who are, are still becoming infected and thus spreading to others (although they are generally not hospitalized when vaccinated). We are seeing a surge in our hospital. I was shocked to see 50% of parents walking into our primary school without masks, children without masks, and desks face to face -

Please, please do the right thing and help us reduce the spread of COVID 19. As a healthcare worker, I will be at my breaking point if another significant surge comes (that could have been prevented).

Please keep our children and our community safe. This is why we live in Tucson instead of Phoenix (because Tucson is a community that cares).

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Sussman, M.D. Associate Professor of Medicine Program Director of Nephrology Director, Internal Medicine Student Clerkship Associate Chair of Education, Department of Medicine University of Arizona Health Sciences Center Tucson, AZ 85724-5022 Email: asussman@arizona.edu

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Emily Heal August 9, 2021 12:01 AM Monday, August 9, 2021 12:01 AM COB_mail Give parents a choice when it comes to masks!

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent in the Marana school district and I'm appalled and very concerned in hearing that Pima County is voting on a mask mandate on Tuesday. Not only does it go against state law but you yourselves said at the end of last year that you are not "education experts" so please stop interfering with our children's education. Parents have a right to choose to send kids to school with or without masks. Parents have a right to govern themselves and their family. The only thing that will come of all of this is cause fearmongering when there doesn't need to be, as well continued distrust in Pima County Board of Supervisors among the community.

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Sincerely, Emily Heal

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Chelsea Barton Monday, August 9, 2021 12:09 AM COB_mail Board Meeting letter

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To the Pima County Board

I am writing to you about not mandating masks. Actually I am begging you. My daughter just started kindergarten and has a Not only is it extremely difficult to understand her with a mask on and she becomes self conscious because no one can see her mouth and hear her. But she relies on SEEING her teacher use words correctly. She needs to SEE her classmates move their lips and tongue so she can mimic and practice saying words correctly. Mandating masks would hinder developmental progress she has been making. As you know getting a head start on interfering when it comes with development in children. This is just one of the many examples why mandatory masks would do more harm for children than good. We have put our children through enough. They have put the adults needs ahead of their own for the last year and a half. Now it is time to do OUR job for our children and allow children and parents to make the decisions themselves if they wear a mask. Because I believe in following the law no matter what ends up happening through the county, we will abide by the law the governor of Arizona has passed in NO MASK MANDATES FOR SCHOOLS and my children will keep attending their school without a mask.

Thank you

Chelsea Barton

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Guillermina Gracia Monday, August 9, 2021 12:21 AM COB_mail Support for Mask Mandate in Pima County Schools

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Attn: Pima County Board of Supervisors

I wish to express my strong support for a mask mandate in K-12 schools in Pima County. My five year old granddaughter just started kindergarten in Sahuarita where currently masks are optional. I have a nephew who started 4th grade at that school also after having had to do third grade online at home. COVID-19 is not eradicated yet and it is our responsibility as adults to protect our children from contracting this serious illness since they are not eligible for a vaccine as of yet.

I strongly urge you to keep the best interests of our children and implement a mask mandate at all Pima County schools

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Thank you for your consideration.

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David Hogan Monday, August 9, 2021 12:27 AM COB_mail Public Comment for Board of Supervisors Meeting on 8/10/21

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David E. Hogan, Ph.D. 5842 N Orangetip Dr. Tucson, AZ 85741

August 8, 2021

Ms. Sharon Bronson Chair, District 3 Pima County Board of Supervisors 33 N Stone Ave., 11th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Resolution #2021-49 Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Bronson and Pima County Board of Supervisors:

As a parent of a first-grade student in Amphitheater Public Schools, I was disappointed and frustrated with Superintendent Jaeger's recent letter in which he declines to implement a masking policy for Amphitheater schools. Due to the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and the clearly emerging threat that is the Delta variant, it is unconscionable he opted to **not** implement one of the most basic and effective tools for slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

Our children have suffered greatly during this pandemic, and we owe them the stability, predictability, and continuity provided by implementing the measures necessary to ensure they can learn in enriching, emotionally engaging, inperson environments. This is especially important for our young children who are ineligible to be vaccinated, and thus, directly in harm's way during in-person instruction.

In Superintendent Jaeger's letter justifying Amphitheater's policy, he states: "We will not violate the law." History is littered with examples of laws that were unjust and immoral, and House Bill 2898 is the epitome of one such law. By binding the hands of local leaders from doing what is needed to protect our children, our neighbors, and our communities, Gov. Ducey and the Legislature are derelict in their duties, and they are showing callous disregard for the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens: our children.

I fully support Resolution #2021-49 to implement a mask mandate for K-12 schools in Pima County. Furthermore, I implore you to challenge the constitutionality of HB2898 for the protection of children and communities beyond your jurisdiction. I ask that you follow the science. Listen to our public health experts. Send a message to state leadership that the health and safety of our children, our community, will not be impeded by ill-advised, obstructionist, and dangerous legislation.

Please, be the leaders our children need. Stand with those school districts that have already chosen to do what is right, and protect our children with a mask mandate.

Respectfully,

David E. Hogan, Ph.D. Professor of Environmental Microbiology

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Marci petti < Monday, August 9, 2021 12:28 AM COB_mail Mask mandate for schools

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To whom it may concern,

I am the mother of two asthmatic children who are not yet old enough to be vaccinated. They go back to school on Monday and I am scared. I am scared not only for my children, but also for their friends, classmates, teachers, school staff, parents, grandparents and our community. I feel like we, as parents, have been put into an impossible situation. We want our children in schools, but their health and safety needs to come first and schools without mask mandates are simply not safe for anyone right now. Our children, especially those under 12 have slowly become the target of COVID-19. I read articles daily about the increase of child cases. The virus is hungry and it does not care who it's next host is, but we should. We should be doing everything in our power to protect our children, our teachers, parents, grandparents, immune compromised, and our community. We can get passed this, but that only happens if we work together. My children will go to school in masks, but I am scared and I am so tired of being scared. I have watched my children is not something I watched my youngest getting watched and I am so tired of being scared. I have watched my children will go to achool in componies to getting is not something I would wish on anyone. Please

protect our children. Please protect our community. Mandate masks for schools before we lose more people to this terrible virus. This is not about politics. It is about science. We know masks work, but they work best when everyone wears them. Please stand up and protect our children.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sent: To: Subject:

Monday, August 9, 2021 12:37 AM COB_mail Mask in school

I am the mother of 3 kids in school, 2 in TUSD, one in CFSD. None of them feel comfortable going to school unmasked. All of them, even the youngest, age 8, understands the basic concept of excess of caution during a pandemic.

This is not a political issue. It is an issue of public health, and our Governor is willing to risk the lives of children to look good to his cronies.

Ducey's entire defense of the anti mask mandate is that we have access to a vaccine if we want it so what's the problem? Is he not even aware of how many thousands of AZ students are under 12?

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Josh and Amanda Leavitt < Monday, August 9, 2021 1:13 AM COB_mail Student Mask Mandate

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Dear Supervisor Heinz,

I am writing to express my strong objection towards your agenda items related to mask and vaccine mandates. By imposing these mandates you are violating the civil rights of all members of this community. What gives you the right to force EXPERIMENTAL substances on anyone?

First of all, any decisions I make regarding any medical treatment is between me and my doctor. With all due respect sir, you are not my doctor.

Are you willing to take responsibility and liability by giving me a prescription to be injected with the experimental substance? The answer is NO.

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Will my Workers Comp. Insurance compensate me for any injury derived from an adverse reaction to the substance that could prevent me from working? The answer is NO.

Am I giving you my permission to participate in such a trial? The answer is NO. Then, remember one of the basic principles of the Nuremberg Code - 1947 (Please find the complete document attached to this email) "... 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". There are no morals, there are no ethics, there is no scientific evidence that justifies your abuse of power by pretending to impose a vaccine mandate, when the CDC has already admitted that vaccinated people also contract and SPREAD the virus, and when data shows that many people have been harmed by this experimental substance.

Second, terrorizing children by forcing them to wear masks which provide little, if any protections is despicable. Children can't learn when they have headaches from oxygen deprivation! Children can't learn when they are filled with anguish and fear! There is no study to support the benefit that a DIRTY mask offers in containing an airborne virus. Yes, masks become dirty and TOXIC when our children are forced to wear them for seven hours in a school. Virtual learning? No, thank you. Our children have the right to receive education in person, in schools and buildings that we are paying with our taxes. You are overruling a State law! I hope you cite the scientific data you are using to make these draconian decisions. I have yet to see any data that would

support these measures. In fact, reports from VAERS show the increased number of serious adverse reactions and deaths these so called "Covid-19 Vaccines" are causing in our country. Meanwhile, **our children are suffering anxiety and depression. Who is quantifying their emotional damage?** They want and desperately need social interaction with peers and teachers, face to face, **their natural defense is a SMILE and they use it quite often, with NO masks involved!**

Last, I recently saw Pima county advertisement to recruit drivers to transport illegal aliens to various facilities. Your ad noted that this included Covid positive individuals. Why aren't you focusing on the millions that are flooding in to this country with Covid and causing this spike in cases? Why aren't you doing your job and getting to the root cause of this recent spike? This criminal invasion of our country is directly correlated with this most recent spike.

The last I checked the United States has a constitution! I will NOT comply!

Miran T.

BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL No 7070 Volume 313: Page 1448, 7 December 1996.

Introduction

The judgment by the war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg laid down 10 standards to which physicians must conform when carrying out experiments on human subjects in a new code that is now accepted worldwide.

This judgment established a new standard of ethical medical behaviour for the post World War II human rights era. Amongst other requirements, this document enunciates the requirement of *voluntary informed consent* of the human subject. The principle of voluntary informed consent protects the right of the individual to control his own body.

This code also recognizes that the risk must be weighed against the expected benefit, and that unnecessary pain and suffering must be avoided.

This code recognizes that doctors should avoid actions that injure human patients.

The principles established by this code for medical practice now have been extended into general codes of medical ethics.

The Nuremberg Code (1947)

Permissible Medical Experiments

The great weight of the evidence before us to effect that certain types of medical experiments on human beings, when kept within reasonably well-defined bounds, conform to the ethics of the medical profession generally. The protagonists of the practice of human experimentation justify their views on the basis that such experiments yield results for the good of society that are unprocurable by other methods or means of study. All agree, however, that certain basic principles must be observed in order to satisfy moral, ethical and legal concepts:

1. 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 latter element requires that before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment.

The duty and responsibility for ascertaining the quality of the consent rests upon each individual who initiates, directs, or engages in the experiment. It is a personal duty and responsibility which may not be delegated to another with impunity.

- 2. The experiment should be such as to yield fruitful results for the good of society, unprocurable by other methods or means of study, and not random and unnecessary in nature.
- 3. The experiment should be so designed and based on the results of animal experimentation and a knowledge of the natural history of the disease or other problem under study that the anticipated results justify the performance of the experiment.
- 4. The experiment should be so conducted as to avoid all unnecessary physical and mental suffering and injury.
- 5. No experiment should be conducted where there is an a priori reason to believe that death or disabling injury will occur; except, perhaps, in those experiments where the experimental physicians also serve as subjects.
- 6. The degree of risk to be taken should never exceed that determined by the humanitarian importance of the problem to be solved by the experiment.
- 7. Proper preparations should be made and adequate facilities provided to protect the experimental subject against even remote possibilities of injury, disability or death.
- 8. The experiment should be conducted only by scientifically qualified persons. The highest degree of skill and care should be required through all stages of the experiment of those who conduct or engage in the experiment.
- 9. During the course of the experiment the human subject should be at liberty to bring the experiment to an end if he has reached the physical or mental state where continuation of the experiment seems to him to be impossible.
- 10. During the course of the experiment the scientist in charge must be prepared to terminate the experiment at any stage, if he has probable cause to believe, in the exercise of the good faith, superior skill and careful judgment required of him, that a continuation of the experiment is likely to result in injury, disability, or death to the experimental subject.

For more information see Nuremberg Doctor's Trial, BMJ 1996;313(7070):1445-75.

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I am writing to let you know my family and I oppose your creation of an existence of an emergency, mandating vaccines for all county and healthcare workers and mandating the use of face masks in K-12 schools, which is against state law, even though you don't believe it is. There are many of us who are awake and know that this is not about the virus. This is about you losing what power you had and grasping at any way to hold on to it. Just let us live our lives freely, like we are supposed to be able to do in America. Let us choose what is right for ourselves and our families. We reject your overreach of power. We will not stand for it any longer.

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I am writing to express my outrage regarding your agenda to institute another mask mandate for children K-12 and the vaccination mandate for any healthcare worker and their staff with a County license. You're far reaching past your legal authority to force vaccinations or institute a mask mandate. I stand in solidarity with all those in opposition of these mandates! This virus and it's variants will be circulating for years to come and will not dictate my life.

Rebecca Jones

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Please find the attached letter to be read into the record at the Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday morning August 10th.

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August 8, 2021

Pima County Board of Supervisors Members:

I am a psychologist and mother of a 4th grader and 6th grader who attend CFSD 16 schools, both of whom are not eligible to be vaccinated. Given the delta variant and the recent changes with the uprise in Covid-19 infections, some of the things that may have made sense months ago are no longer in step with the realities of the current situation. I am advocating for a universal K-12 mask mandate regardless of vaccination status and that the PCHD and schools have the ability to contract trace and communicate with families whose children may have been exposed and require those children to guarantine and test to return to school.

The pandemic has already taken a toll on our children socially, emotionally and academically. We don't want to have children contracting this virus with potential long-term effects because two of the main protections against the virus, masking and maintaining six feet distance, are not possible at this time in the schools. When visiting the classrooms on Friday I realized that the children may be inches away from another student for an entire hour as the schools are at full capacity. So even if a student is very careful and wears a mask, that child may be endangered if the person sitting next to him or her has chosen to exert their "individual rights" by being unvaccinated and not wearing a mask in the school. This is not freedom. Individual "rights" are infringing on the safety and health of others.

The schools are better able to stay open and the children remain physically and emotionally healthy in the classrooms when there are layers of protective measures. I advocate for teaching in open, well ventilated areas like in outside corridors and under canopies. There was a large sum of federal money given to the schools to help in the fight against Covid-19. Maybe some of the money could be used to purchase mists and evaporative cooling, HEPPA filters with ultraviolent lights and humidifiers to keep the humidity between 60-80%. Additionally, that money could be used for a PCHD representative to be assigned to the schools to do bi-weekly nasal swabs or saliva testing every Monday and Wednesday on all the students and faculty with rapid results like the BinaxNOW test.

Please consider these recommendations and enact emergency measures for all of Pima County requiring masks and implementing safety measures to keep all of us, especially the most vulnerable young children, safe during these tumultuous times.

Thank you.

Necoe Otto-Parkinson, Ph.D.

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Hello,

Please consider reading my letter at your Tuesday meeting. Thank you so much for your time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Melanie Powis

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am the mom of a kindergartener at Ventana Vista Elementary School within Catalina Foothills school district, and I am deeply concerned about the "mask optional" policy within the schools. I understand that this is our current law, but I've also read that it is "unconstitutional," and might be challengeable. This is not the time to play political games with our vulnerable children, who haven't had the opportunity yet to get the covid vaccine. Both the CDC and AAP are recommending that all people, vaccinated or unvaccinated, wear masks while indoors to prevent transmission of the delta variant at this time; it's more contagious and spreading like wildfire. I want my child to be in a stable school this year, not in a school which has to open and close constantly due to outbreaks from the virus.

I also do not want to see children suffer from "long covid," need to be hospitalized in the ICU, or worse die from this nasty virus. According to the CDC and AAP, all people need to be wearing a mask indoors to prevent transmission, unless eating or drinking. If some students or teachers in my daughter's classroom do not mask up, this infringes upon our rights by putting my family at more risk for contracting the virus and getting us sick. Doctors have learned that people with "long covid" suffer from MCAS & POTS(mast cell activation syndrome and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome), in addition to long term lung and kidney issues, which are all very serious and traumatic long term conditions. I've been chronically ill and debilitated by MCAS and POTS/ dysautonomia for the last four years after getting sick from a virus, and my daughter's pediatrician agrees with me that this puts my daughter at risk for these "long covid" symptoms as well.

With all of this being said, I'm requesting the board of supervisors to please mandate masks within the school systems to protect our families. It's a simple solution to keep students in school rather than in the hospital, and hopefully keep our Tucson families healthy and safe. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melanie Powis