

April 30, 2021

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W Congress
Tucson, Arizona 85701

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DATE 5-4-21 ITEM NO. RA 10

Attention: Clerk of the Board

Re: May 4, 2021 Board of Supervisor Meeting Resolution 2020-96 Public Comment

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors

At what point do you follow the real science? There have been several studies on the effectiveness of Masks and Social Distancing. Most recently MIT released their study and determined mask and social distancing don't work. If you buy a box of masks, even the disclaimer on the box indicates the product does not protect against virus particles. There has never been an efficacy study on mask effectiveness. When you look at the States and other Countries that didn't apply these rigid control standards, they didn't suffer high rates of infections and deaths. Look at North Dakota, Florida, and Sweden.

How can you continue to justify these draconian measures when the death rate is .02 percent? Meaning a 99.88% survival rate. This information comes from today's Arizona Department of Health Services for Pima County (115,107 cases, 2,391 deaths). Why has Covid 19 been incentivized? Hospitals and doctors receive money for diagnosis, deaths, and injections.

You are faced with angry parents and citizens whose rights have been illegally subjugated by YOU. Resolution 2020-96 sets unreasonable ridiculous standards. Your Health Czars are placing an untenable conflict between their customers, students, parents, etc. The Arizona Revised States and the Arizona Constitution still protect parental rights and our right to make personal choices. Students have died and suffered from depression. Small businesses have been put out of business while large Corporations have reaped the benefit.

Now ask yourself, are you doing the right thing by requiring students, parents, Pima County residents to wear masks? Are you an accomplice to fraudulent overreaction? Worse are you an accomplice to a student's possible suicide or other adverse effects? How long will you pander to a political ideology that benefit from these unreasonable constraints on children and adults? When do you create irreversible damage?

It seems you represent an ideology rather than the welfare of the students and the public that you are elected to protect.

You work for the people. Be brave and do the right thing. Get rid of Resolution 2020-96... NO more mask, no more social distancing, my body my choice.

Regards

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Dear Supervisors,

I commend the Board for keeping Pima County's business mask mandate in place. With less than half of the county population vaccinated, and with our rates of Covid infections still high enough to fuel future outbreaks, the mandate is clearly still needed. I'm glad Arizona's attorney general has affirmed the county's right to keep it in place.

Now, I ask you to do something harder: to enforce your own requirements.

In recent weeks, we've all seen more and more customers who refuse to wear masks. There's a simple reason for this: more and more businesses are unwilling to ask that masks be worn.

These businesses cheerfully put up signs saying masks are required. But when told about actual unmasked customers, employees—and their managers—say their policy is not to approach unmasked customers, but to let them continue shopping. They still require masks, they explain; they're just not enforcing that requirement.

An unenforced requirement isn't a requirement at all. Customers know this, and so have become increasingly emboldened to ignore the county rules, confident local businesses won't stop them.

There's a reason businesses won't stop them, and that's the knowledge that, well, the county isn't really enforcing their own rules, either.

When I report businesses that don't require masks, the county's reply is always as polite as it meaningless. Time and again, the Consumer Health and Food Safety department assures me the mask mandate is still in place, and that, "The facility will be contacted and made aware of this information."

I doubt many business owners are losing sleep at the thought that they might "be made aware of" the rules. Faced with the choice between an awkward phone call from the county and an unhappy customer, it's no surprise many are choosing the phone call.

It's time for the county to do better. The mask mandate allows for fining businesses. I urge you start doing so, not just occasionally but on a regular basis. If concern for the public health is not enough to motivate a business to do the right thing, maybe financial consequences will be. I urge you to explore more serious consequences for repeat offenders, as well.

Masking up remains critical to our recovery from Covid, but so long as the county doesn't take its Covid requirements seriously, others won't take them seriously either, and indoor mask-wearing will continue to decline.

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It's time to do better. Please find the resources and the will to enforce your own requirements, in practice and not just on paper.

Thank you,

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